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FRESHERS' FAIR
TOMORROW

UGM THURSDAY

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FREE!

Refectory price bombshell

Any hope that IC students might have entertained about an improved standard of living due to the new level of grant took a severe blow when at the last Governing Body meeting of the 1974/75 session, it was announced that refectory prices were to be increased by 40%. This increase together with the 16% increase in hall rents; 17½% for Hamlet Gardens; not to mention the increase in the cost of books and stationery are just a few of the increases to be met from the £155 increase over last year's grant of £655.

The increase essentially stems from the UGC's (University Grants Committee's) ruling which requires that refectories and halls of residence be run on a self-balancing basis. The size of the increase was determined in view of a catering deficit of £78,000 incurred in the financial year which ended last July. Theoretically, this increase will enable the objective of self-balancing to be achieved assuming there is no decline in the number of customers using the refectories.

Increases opposed

Student representatives on Governing Body strongly opposed the magnitude of the increases. In addition they expressed the view that termly reviews of refectory prices and hall rents were totally unacceptable unless student grants were to be similarly reviewed.

When asked to comment on the increases and the reasons behind them the Deputy President, Riz Shakir said, "I cannot foresee the refectories enjoying the same level of custom, since for the poor quality of food, such high prices can only be described as unreasonable. This will mean that a further round of increases will be needed at Christmas and a snowballing effect will set in. The only thing that can result out of this charade, is the downfall of the present catering system and in process causing a lot of hardship to students." This view is also endorsed by the other members of the ICU Executive.

Formal dinners up 60%

This is going to hit particularly hard at CCU Freshers Dinners since the amount allocated to these

dinners has not increased by any substantial amount. To aggravate an already desperate situation, it appears that these dinners will in fact cost up to 59% more than they did last year. This seems to contradict the Refectory Committee's decision, on June 5th, recommending to the Governing Body that internal formal dinners be subject to an increase of 40% whereas those for outside organisations should cost 60% more than previously.

UGM motion

A large proportion of a student's grant is spent on food therefore this will be a matter of great concern to them throughout the coming session. Indeed, a motion expressing this very feeling is being brought to the Union General Meeting being held on Thursday, 2nd October in the Great Hall at 1.00 pm.

"ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY OF SHEER LUNACY"

Only 14 per cent of all full time students receive the full grant of £740 Charles Clarke, President of NUS, revealed at a press conference given on the 11th September.

Referring to the effects of the educational cuts he said,

The whole of the education system is being starved of money. Massive education cuts are forcing all students to accept a reduced standard of education and excluding many from post school education altogether.

He urged LEA's to stand firm and opposed the cuts even at the risk of becoming "educational Clay Crosses". The NUS would be mustering all its strength to fight the cuts and central to their campaign will be working with the TUC, especially at a local level.

The NUS would also seek the cooperation of parent-teacher associations. A lobby of Parliament has been organised for Tuesday, 21st October, by the SE region of the TUC which they will mobilise students for. Also, for one week starting on the 27th October, 31 Polytechnics will be in occupation as a protest against the cuts in public expenditure.

Methods of pressuring LEA's included sending delegations to meet LEA officials, working in alliance with other pressure groups and through the Labour movement. There would also be direct action involving picketing and occupying LEA offices.

He went on to describe the government's economic policy as an "economic philosophy of sheer lunacy". What they should do is to abolish the £6 pay limit, enforce strict price and import controls and increase public expenditure. He also cast ridicule on the visits to colleges taking place soon. He saw no point in them if no money was being given to the colleges being visited.

President recovers- SCAB Chairman resigns

Peter Teague, the Imperial College Union President, is recovering from an operation he underwent ten days ago. The operation was to remove a hernia discovered early last January. Pete had been waiting since then to go into hospital for the operation.

He will have to take it easy for a few weeks but this will not however, prevent him from delivering his speech at the

Freshers reception this morning.

It was confirmed a few days ago that Alan Jones, SCAB Chairman and last year's RCS Ents officer had contracted glandular fever. It will be at least six weeks before he will be recovered enough to attend College. In the light of this, he has resigned his post as SCAB Chairman.

No one has taken over in an acting capacity as yet, but a SCAB executive meeting is being called to appoint someone to this position. A new SCAB Chairman will have to be elected at the second Union General Meeting of this term along with about 30 other Union officers. The need to elect so many new officers arose due to the fact that several of them failed their exams.

WOTZON

Monday 29th

IC Folk Club present **Mike Harding** and others in the Union Lower refectory at 8.00 pm. Adm; members 25p, non-members 45p. Membership 60p.

Tuesday 30th

Freshers Fair (2.00 pm - 5.30 pm). Union Bar and Lounge bar open from 3.00 pm.

QEC (Queen Elizabeth College): Free disco 7.30 pm - 10.45 pm in the New Common Room Bar.

Wednesday 1st Oct

IC Folk Club present 'The City Waites' and others - details as under Monday 29th.

QEC: Free group - details as under Tuesday 30th.

Chelsea College: Folk Night with Mike Absalom at 9.00 pm. Adm Free.

IC Film Soc showing 'Klute' starring **Donald Sutherland** and **Jane Fonda** in Mech Eng 220 at 7.15 pm. Adm free.

Thursday 2nd

STOIC: Mike Williams talks to the Rector in the first of a series. Chelsea: Film "Cabaret" starring **Liza Minelli**. Also Tom & Jerry cartoon. Start 7.15 pm. Adm 20p.

QEC: Freshers Ball with "Moon" and support. Also disco. 7.30 pm in Courtauld Hall. Adm 50p adv, 65p on the door.

Friday 3rd

IC Film Soc Showing 'Satyricon' in the Great Hall at 7.15 pm. Adm to members only. Membership obtainable at the door.

QEC: Free group - details as under Tuesday 30th.

Chelsea: Disco. 8 pm - 11 pm. Adm 10p.

Saturday 4th

IC Ents present "Greenslade" in the Great Hall at 8.00 pm Adm £1.10 (IC students only in adv), £1.20 adv (others) and £1.20 at the door.

Chelsea: Freshers Ball with 'Nutz' and Warren Harry and the Yum Yum Band. Food. 8 pm - 11.45 pm Adm .75p.

Sunday 5th

Chelsea: Showing "Straw Dogs" starring **Dustin Hoffman**. Adm 15p.

Much has been made of the London pub-rock scene in recent years. Below is a list of local taverns where you can sample live rock free of charge. For fuller details of attractions at these and other venues then 20p will be well spent on a copy of 'Time Out' - published every Thursday.

ROCK PUBS

Golden Lion, 490 Fulham Rd, SW6. (Fulham Broadway tube).

The Greyhound, 175 Fulham Palace Rd, W6. (Hammersmith tube).

The Kensington, Russell Gardens, Holland Road, W14 (Sheperds Bush tube).

Western Counties, 8 London Street, W2 (Paddington tube).

Windsor Caste, 309 Harrow Road, W9 (Westbourne Park tube).

Brecknock, 227 Camden Road, NW1 (Camden tube).

CLUBS

Dingwalls (Camden Lock, NW1 Camden Town/Chalk Farm tube). Open 8.00 pm - 2.00 am. Food and drink very expensive (lager 43p, Tankard 40p.) Adm £1 - £1.50 weekdays; £2 weekends. Good disco and bands are above average.

Marguee (90 Wardour Street, W1. Piccadilly Circus tube).

Open 7.00 pm - 11.00 pm, 7 days a week. One of London's top places to listen to up and coming bands. Drink reasonably priced (lager 36p, 'E' 28p). Main drawback is that it becomes a sweatbox when full. Adm. 50p - 75p. Students with SU cards get special reductions.

100 Club (100 Oxford Street, W1. Tottenham Court Road tube).

Open 7 days a week 7.30 pm - Midnight. The club caters mainly for jazz enthusiasts with rock nights usually falling on Tuesdays. Licenced bar and Chinese restaurant reasonably priced. Adm. 60p - £1.

Speakeasy (48 Margaret Street, W1. Oxford Circus tube).

The haunt of would-be superstars, past superstars and young ladies who years ago were known as 'groupies'. Expensive drinks and restaurant. Open 10.30 pm - 4.00 am most days of the week. Good groups. Membership required (£5.50 a year). Adm 50p - £1.

Nashville (171 Northend Road, W14. Next to West Kensington tube). This former 'Country and Western' stronghold has recently opened its doors to rock music and is fast becoming one of the best pubs in London. Rock groups play seven nights a week - most acts in midweek being free. The big name bands play at weekends. Adm. 75p.

Hope and Anchor (297 Upper Street, N1. Highbury Islington tube). Groups play in a small cellar which can become very cramped and sweaty when the pub is full, but on the whole a good atmosphere. Again, average priced liquor of reasonable quality. Adm 40-70p.

SLICE

Save Lighting and Imperial College Energy

Help to SLICE costs by using energy wisely in the College. In 1975 energy costs, mainly for heating and electricity, are estimated to increase by about 50% over last year. With no increase in the Government grant to the College, this means that YOU will have to make do with less - facilities e.g. laboratory materials, lecture notes, UNION grant, in order to pay the increased energy bills.

You can help by:

- *Closing all external doors and windows
- *Switching off all unnecessary lights
- *Using minimum hot water
- *Thinking twice before switching on power consuming equipment - even if you are doing a routine experiment.
- *Remembering to switch off as soon as you have finished.

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

Any suggestions for SLICING energy costs should be sent to

SLICE c/o Dept. of Electrical Engineering.

FELIX NEEDS YOU

This wot you're reading is **FELIX**, the weekly newspaper of ICU. Due to the untimely passing of some of last year's staff we still have a few vacancies left unfilled, viz:-

Sub-Editors
Features Editor
News Editors
Advertising Manager
Photographic Editors
Reporters
Reviewers
Secretary (female?)



Purveyors of scurrilous gossip hot from the depths of the Union bar or the upper echelons of the College admin.

And of course all news, articles, comments, features, and letters would be gratefully accepted, especially those with a high co efficient of readability.

Drop into the **FELIX** office, just inside Beit Archway on the right, during Freshers Fair (tomorrow). We are having special demos to show you how it's all done. See you!

Rector's welcome to Freshers

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all Freshers to Imperial College, whether they be undergraduates, postgraduates - or, indeed, staff. I look forward to meeting many of you during your stay with us, and in the meantime I wish you every success and happiness.

George Santayana, philosopher and sometime professor at Harvard, once wrote: "The function of dons is to expound a few classic documents and to hand down as large and pleasant a store as possible of academic habits, maxims and anecdotes." I doubt whether many present members of the academic staff of Imperial College would recognise themselves from Santayana's description!

Moreover, the staff are not here to lecture AT you, but to learn WITH you.

Although they still try to impart their knowledge and experience in as pleasant a manner as possible, they work much harder than may once have been the case to ensure that the courses you have chosen to follow are not only intellectually satisfying but are also relevant to your present and future careers. Your work will be supported by some of the most up-to-date equipment and methods available to the world. Moreover, the staff are not here to lecture at you, but to learn with you. That, at least, is the ideal to which we aspire, even if, through pressure of numbers and shortage of finance and human frailties, we don't always succeed. Don't expect to be spoon-fed, however: you are here to learn, and learning is not quite the same as being taught!

I have just mentioned shortage of finance. Inflation has hit universities even harder than most other sectors of the community because of the way we are financed. Imperial College is no exception, neither better off nor worse than the rest. Over the past few years we have had to pay for unprecedentedly high wage rises and have had to face a doubling in fuel and food bills at a time when our income has not been fully supplemented for the inflation over which we have no control.

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Most British universities are almost entirely dependent upon government funds. In our own case only about 12% derives from non-government sources, and at a time of industrial recession there is little hope of increasing that. We do not have extensive reserves either, and what we have are rapidly dwindling because we have been unwilling to pass



The Rector, Sir Brian Flowers

on the full effects of inflation immediately. However, as with Mr Micawber, where we have an annual expenditure in excess of income the result is misery, and so we must strive to bring them into equilibrium without sacrificing our high academic standards.

...only too well aware of them insufficiency of the present student maintenance grant, and I shall continue to press publicly for the restoration of its earlier purchasing power.

Although severe financial cuts are having to be applied, all areas of expenditure are therefore being carefully studied to make sure these cuts fall where they will do least damage. In two areas, however, we have little choice because of government regulations. I refer, of course, to the recent rise in refectory prices and, to a lesser extent, in hall fees, where the government insists that halls and refectories shall pay their way without subsidy. This means that when the costs of fuel, food and wages rise, prices are forced up too. We shall make every economy we can, and we shall welcome your views on how to do better. We are also only too well aware of the insufficiency of the present student maintenance grant, and I shall continue to press publicly for the restoration of its earlier purchasing power. In the meantime, however, there is no doubt that owing to the inconsistency of

government policies students are being caught between the Scylla of rising prices and the Charybdis of a grossly insufficient grant.

So not everything is gloomy; we are not yet digging up the croquet lawn to grow soya beans for the refectory!

We must also use every responsible means - and I stress the word "responsible"! - to urge upon the government a fairer treatment of higher education. As far as this College is concerned we have a good case. We pride ourselves on the later successes of our students and on the application of the results of our researches to the practical problems of a complex industrial society. We make great efforts to adapt to current needs and it is for this reason that we hope shortly to increase our efforts in such topical matters as energy studies, environmental technology and industrial hazards. While continuing to maintain the highest standards in scientific work we increasingly try to cater for those of you who wish to pursue careers in business or commerce or public administration, by providing joint honours courses which combine a scientific or technological subject with Management Science or Industrial Sociology. And when the economic circumstances are better we also have plans for improving and extending the campus, including the provision of more student accommodation.

I also hope you will contribute to its welfare as you would to your home, not least by playing an active part in the affairs of the Union.

So not everything is gloomy; we are not yet digging up the croquet lawn to grow soya beans for the refectory! I can assure you we shall do all we can to make sure your time here both profitable and pleasant. I hope you will use all facilities of the College to the full; for the time being it is your home. I also hope you will contribute to its welfare as you would to your home, not least by playing an active part in the affairs of the Union.

If I have dwelt rather a lot on finance in this article it is only partly because of the economic situation. It is no bad thing that universities should be forced by financial stringency to examine every aspect of their work and even to reconsider the essential purpose of their existence; we should not be afraid to subject our own institution to scientific scrutiny, whether it be the academic departments, the playing fields, the administration or the union. The end result might even be a more effective College.

RSMU for fun!

by Nick Brayshaw.
President of Mines Union.

On behalf of the Royal School of Mines Union, it is both an honour and a pleasure to welcome all the Mining, Geology and Metallurgy freshers to Imperial College and to the RSM.

Being the smallest Constituent College (by numbers), it is essential that we

maintain a high degree of participation to compete with and beat opponents, and it is largely up to you, as freshers, to assist by making an effort to play for, or support the RSM during the coming year.

If you do not get the chance during the first couple of days of term, you will have the opportunity of meeting myself and fellow officers (those who passed their exams, anyway) in the very near future at a Union Meeting (always great fun!), a Nite-Out (even better fun!) or your Freshers Dinner (the ultimate!!!)

After the scathing incisions made into our Union ranks following last terms exam results, many Union posts are now unfilled and so the first job of the new term is elections in order to find replacements for some of our dearly - departed colleagues.

Some of the posts are ideal for freshers to have a bash at, for example, Publicity officer and Newsletter Editor whilst some posts are strictly for "old lags", for example, Rugby Captain.

During the first few days of term, there is always plenty to do, but one event not to miss is the "Annual Freshers Pub-Crawl" on Tuesday, 30th September. Entry forms and plastic bags (for those of a nervous disposition) will be handed out at the Mines Freshers Meeting on Mon. afternoon or at the Freshers Fair on Tues. afternoon, with the crawl commencing at 6.00 pm in the Union Bar.

The maces for the best crawlers will be presented on the following Tues, which is the first Union Meeting of the year (always good for a laugh!)

The many faces of ICWA

Congratulations on being a student at IC at the start of another year whether you are a new comer or an exam wounded veteran. To introduce myself; I am Stella Godfrey, a third year (aspiring) Physicist and ICWA President for the coming session. I hope to have the opportunity of meeting you in the ICWA lounge at Freshers Fair tomorrow. Representatives from the various groups within ICWA will be present and refreshments will be provided free of charge.

ICWA is concerned with the welfare and social life of the women at College. With regards to welfare, the new post of Deputy President has been created especially to cope with the problems arising, peculiar to women. This year's DP is Dani Salvadori and she is a second year Physicist as is Alison Halstead the ICWA Honorary Secretary. They will both be present at the Freshers reception.

Directly linked with ICWA welfare involvement is the Women in Science and Technology Group which began its evolution during the last session. The aims of the group are to explore the difficulties they encounter in so doing.

The group meets during Wednesday lunch time and all members of ICWA are welcome to attend. In conjunction with these meetings, lectures by successful women scientists are being organised for the coming session. Karen Gadd and other members of the group will be present at the Freshers reception to tell you more about the agenda for next year.

ICWA has its own sports club captained by Anita Tellam from Botany 3. The sports club or ICWSC as it is known has enthusiastic rowing, hockey and netball teams to name but three. For those who would like to enroll or merely to find out more details about ICWSC, there will be the opportunity of meeting Anita tomorrow at Freshers Fair.

Socially, ICWA is one of the more active bodies in College organising a dinner, a ball, lunch-parties and more general events during the session. The first of these, the annual Dinner, takes place on Monday, October 6th. After the dinner there will be a cabaret and a bar extension until 1.00 am. Tickets can be purchased (yes! You've guessed it) at the Freshers Fair or later from myself in

Belt Hall, room 121.

We have as our Vice President, Lady Flowers. As well as being present (hopefully!) at the Freshers Fair tomorrow, Lady Flowers will be holding an informal 'Beer 'n' Bangers' tea in 170 Queen's Gate at 5.30 pm on October 16th. Anyone wishing to attend should contact either myself or Jen in the Union Office.

Lady Ann Thorne is the women's Senior Tutor and you will be able to meet her tomorrow at the Fair or certainly some time during the coming term.

Among the facilities available to ICWA members is the use of a typewriter and a sewing machine. The ICWA lounge, situated on the first floor of the Union Building, is where the Freshers reception will be held. The lounge is a common room for use from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm. It has coffee facilities and magazines and newspapers are provided.

Finally, (sigh) I have nothing more to say other than, see you at the Freshers Fair tomorrow or if not, at the Annual Dinner on Monday!

Stella Godfrey

Mutters Arising

This "Mutters" will be the longest on record. I can say that positively. So sit down, take a cup of coffee in the left hand, and read on ---

The first UGM of term will be this Thursday. As you must know by now, the principal business will be the Refectories issue. Elsewhere in this "FELIX", a motion is worded. Please read, and consider it. If you disagree with all, or part of it, by all means table an amendment.

Homeless?

If you're one of those unlucky enough to still be homeless, then, whilst you look for a flat, the Union will be operating a crash pad scheme where you can at least slumber to the early hours, and have a wash. If you want to take advantage of this service, which, incidentally is Free (gasp!), then come to the Union and get your name on the list.

Parking.

If you are the proud owner of a motor vehicle, then, to park in College, you must also be the proud owner of a mysterious piece of paper known as a "parking permit". These will be allocated by a Union Committee on Saturday 4th Oct., and if you want a parking place, then you must fill in, and return, the form available from the Union Office before that date. If you own a motor cycle, please see Mr Dawson in Security, Sheffield Building, and he will issue a permit.

Union Handbooks & Publications.

Three publications, all containing incredibly valuable information, that you couldn't possibly afford to do without, are now available; the ICU, ULU & NUS handbooks. To be serious these are of some relevance, especially the ICU one (unbiased view, here), which contains welfare & accommodation information, as well as the club lists, etc. Considering, that they're all free, they're excellent value for money. Please come and take one of each of them, from either the registration desks, or the Union.

Registration Cards.

This year's ICU Membership Cards will as with NUS Cards, need a passport

photo, and an authorising stamp. This has been done because many shopkeepers wouldn't take our previous cards as being proof of identity (for student reductions, etc.). The nearest photo booths are at Woolworths in High St. Ken., and Gloucester Road Tube Station, and before anyone asks, I'd better explain that when the "Photo-Booth people" were contacted several months ago, they said that they couldn't put a temporary booth in the Union until next week; i.e. 6th Oct. (utility coefficient - 003). Anyway, registration cards will be stamped in the JCR, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and after that (you guessed it) in the Union Office. NUS cards will also be available then.

Elections.

This place is plagued with committees, not that, in itself is bad, its just that it involves countless elections; and that is not, per se, a bad thing either, this being the democratic world that we live in. But the crunch comes when half the people elected fail their exams! "To lose one Council member might be regarded as unfortunate, to lose five looks like carelessness" to misquote a well known Victorian Playwright. So here follows a list of those places now vacant. If you are interested in either standing or just curious as to what some of the posts do, "come up and see me sometime" (ugh another quote).

1. External Affairs Officer;
2. Student Residence Officer;
3. Community Action Group Chairman.
4. Welfare Officer;
5. Floor Rep;
- 6a) External Affairs Committee:-
 - b) Publicity Officer;
 - c) USK Co-ordinator;
 - d) Public Relations Officer;
 - e) Secretary;
 - f) Plus four ordinary members;
11. Community Action Group (2 ordinary members);
12. House Committee (3 ordinary members)
13. Union Finance Committee (1 ordinary member);
14. Accommodation Committee (2 ordinary

- members);
15. Welfare Committee (2 ordinary members);
16. Academic Affairs Committee (3 ordinary members);
17. Union Haldane Library Committee (4 ordinary members);
18. Chairman, Union Haldane Library Committee;
19. Assistant Hon. Sec., Union Haldane Library Committee;
20. Union Publications Board (2 ordinary members);
21. ULU Representative.
22. Overseas Students Committee (4 ordinary members).

That lot, you may gather, contains some very important posts -- and the PGO has also to be elected! I regard it as damaging to the Union that so many posts are vacant at the start of term, and I intend to raise the problem at Council, and get some action on it -- for more exciting details see the "FELIX" report on the October 13th. Council Meeting.

Tittle Tattle.

I'm nearly finished, so award yourselves ten points and another cup of coffee for getting this far. One more point which I think needs making is that, in the Union office, all members have a very powerful focus for information. We have information about a host of things, from the addresses of legal aid centres (not to mention the Union solicitor), to direct lines with NUS at Endsleigh Street. I, personally, would be delighted to help anyone who is seeking information about Endsleigh, the Rent Act, good local pubs, or anything remotely to do with College. Indeed, I intend to run articles on such topics in future editions. So if you need information, I would hope that one of the places you'll come to will be the Union. For example, did you know that BR Travel Cards are available as from 1st October at the cost of £5.40p. (inc. VAT)? Well, never mind. That's about it for now; incidentally, I didn't start this article with a flowery 'Welcome Freshers' bit because by the end of the week 8 reckon that you'll have been welcomed quite often enough.

See you around,

John

John Downs is the very approachable and very witty Honorary Secretary of Imperial College Union.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Sat 4 Oct - GREENSLADE

IVAN
IDER
GRAF

GENERATOR

Tues
14 Oct

Good Habit - Union Concert Hall Fri 31st Oct

GONG

Sat 15th Nov

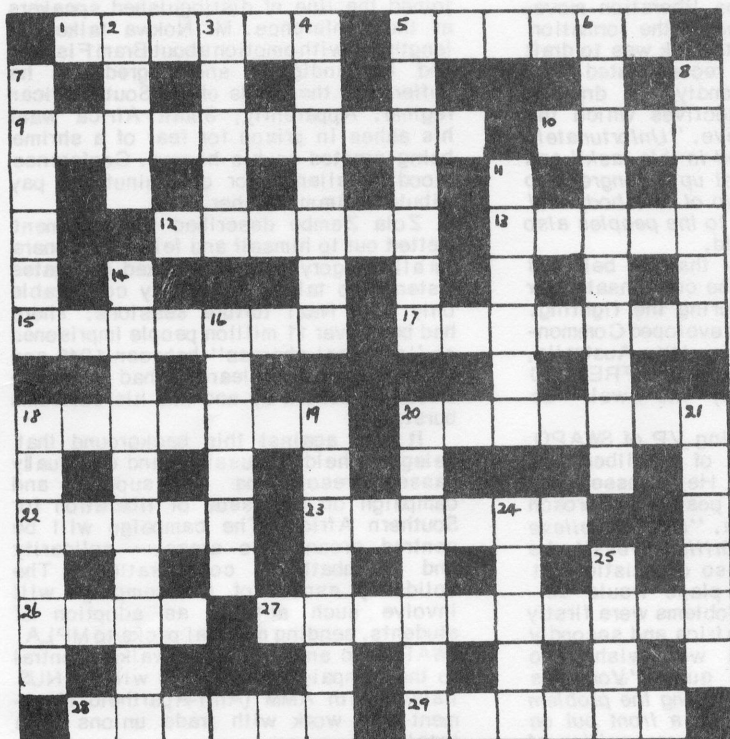
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SAILOR

Sat
25th Oct

PRIZE CROSSWORD No.21

MEG



Across

1. Shake up drab Rugby Union reception (6)
2. Costly kind of fowl? (6)
9. Ann and I get confused with this period (4,6)
10. A to Zed rearranged for carpenters tool (4)

12. Look out to the South for a channel between two sandbanks (6)
13. Make one mistake or another (5)
15. Spoonbender tucks into food to do this (7)
17. Eccentric in Spanish train

18. Hide the lid in ginger, the queen's gone flying (7)
 20. He alleges rude cad is deranged (7)
 22. King from Alamo Gulch (5)
 23. Sounds low, the German charger (6)
 26. See small number returning, ruffian (4)
 27. Miserable Egyptian organ? (5,5)
 28. Rough drawing of pointed vessel (6)
 29. Sailor to obtain objective (6)
- Down
2. Arm bone from a beautiful naiad (4)
 3. Wet the bed on both sides (5)
 4. Another game about Lucifer (7)
 5. Firearms very warm after this (7)
 6. Finish on professional vein,

7. Ruin cricketer's spectacles on northern desert (6)
8. John's 18 in the beginning for stream (6)
11. Permanent reminder of the heart of Rome in colour (6)
14. Adjusting implement for maximum efficiency? It should pitch correctly (6,4)
16. The college doubles up over the French make of a wintry sign (6)
18. Put one thousand in under roof for a flutter (6)
19. Local boy made good by crude oil in Gath (7)
20. Irascible number one is superior to insect (7)
21. Muddled night boots for 'base mechanicals' (6)
24. Air from Act one 'The Rheingold' (5)
25. Anger becomes pointless but still remains (4)

Answers to Crossword No.20

ACROSS: 1. Lies low
4. Homeric 9. Nose 10. Toc
11. Edison 12. Tight corner
15. Nylon 17. Mop 19. Sago
21. Robe 23. Tee 25. Catch
27. Address book 31. Astute
32. Nun 33. Bill 34. Malaria
35. Cypress.

DOWN: 1. Lunette 2. Ensign
3. Optic 5. Modern dress 6. Risk
7. Content 8. Acrer 13. Tam O'
Shanter 14. Nonet 16. Lob
18. Proud 20. Apt 22. Acclaim
24. Alkalis 26. Police 28. Rink
29. Sunny 30. Stol

The winner of Prize Crossword No. 20 was Ms J Piggott. She receives a £1 prize.

£1 Winner will be drawn from the Editor's Hat at noon next Friday. The Editor's decision will be final.

Imperial College Operatic
Society

SING

GILBERT & SULLIVAN
with IC OPSOC

7.30 every Tuesday at
53 Prince's Gate
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
No experience necessary

A report on the

4th annual Southern Africa Conference

The conference held at Salford University on the weekend of the first week in July (4 - 6 July 1975) was opened by Sue Slipman, the new NUS National Secretary. In a brief speech she laid down the foundations of what was to become a very interesting and very instructive conference. She was followed by Jen McClelland, AAM Field Officer and executive member. Ms McClelland outlined the tasks which AAM performs.

"AAM is basically an information distributor," she said. "Our main job is to raise with organisations who support the Liberation movements in Southern Africa." AAM also held seminars and could provide speakers for talks. "AAM is a membership organisation and I would ask those of you who have not joined already to do so", she concluded.

The introductions were followed by two films, one being the now famous "Last Grove at Dimbaza". The first film concerned Namibia and its liberation movement SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organisation for Namibia). It provided an historical background to the struggles in Namibia and also gave an insight to the activities of SWAPO. SWAPO was not only leading a revolutionary struggle, it was also educating its supporters and members politically in the process.

Throughout the conference, members of the liberation movement stressed the very high importance they gave to this aspect of their work.

Barry Minislow of CFMAG (Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea) showed slides taken earlier this year in Mozambique. FRELIMO having led the Mozambique to independence were strenuously trying to bring mass literacy to the country and so create political awareness amongst the mass of the population. One significant point to emerge is that FRELIMO did not fight to end white domination. It fought against a minority group (of whites and blacks) led by the white Portuguese upper class in Portugal who did not have the support of the Portuguese working class who were mandatorily conscripted to fight the FRELIMO guerrillas.

FRELIMO have set in motion an intensive and radical programme which will bring the country prosperity and result in the establishment of a peoples republic. The success of their task is regarded as of the utmost importance, since it would set a precedent in the trend in which revolutionary governments develop, especially in Southern Africa.

The second and longest day of the conference began with a speech by Joe Slovo, a South African barrister, who is now in exile. Mr Slovo is a leading figure in the liberation movement of South Africa and defended many political trials. In the Treason Trials of 1958-61 he was himself a defendant.

In a speech lasting nearly an hour Mr Slovo attacked, vehemently, Mr Vorster's regime saying, "The institutionalisation of racism in South Africa is what places apartheid oppression apart from any other form of oppression". He went on. "The view of the moral liberals that apartheid and white supremacy will die a natural death has been demonstrably shattered in the last three decades. Industrial progress

has forced the apartheid regime to suck in more and more blacks thus giving them rights that they would not otherwise enjoy ... the increasing dependence of the white colonialists on black sweat and skill makes the whites more jealous of their supremacy and in this context it can be seen that the apartheid regime is retreating - no matter how minimal this retreat is".

He also attacked the Bantustanisation and "detente" policies of Vorster declaring "Vorster is now fanatically seeking to create dialogue and institute a neo-colonialist system by the setting up of the Bantu homelands with puppet black officials." It is these very homelands which are now being used as dumping grounds for "pass laws" offenders.

"Armed struggle is the only way to bring down the apartheid regime and to counsel otherwise is to admit submission" he concluded as delegates rose to give him a thunderous ovation. This view is now the line which the OAU is adopting and with there being a real possibility of a "black liberation army being set up by them to help achieve this aim. All the speakers who followed also reiterated this in their speeches. There was no denying the increased militant attitudes of leavers of the liberation organisations.

Mr Johnson Ndhlovu, ANC (Zimbabwe) spoke next on the situation in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and the events that had taken place up to date. The unity agreement reached by the various liberation movements in Zimbabwe led to the formation of a joint committee. Its task was to draft a constitution for the reconstituted ANC (Zimbabwe) and secondly, to draft a programme of the objectives which the liberation had to achieve. "Unfortunately it (the committee) failed in this task" and further "attempts to set up a congress to formalise the leadership of this body and make them responsible to the peoples also failed", Mr Ndhlovu said.

He went on to say that he believed that FRELIMO should be compensated for any losses incurred during the fighting. Thus he welcomed the developed Commonwealth nations (Canada, UK, Australia, and NZ) proposal to assist the FRELIMO government financially as well as technically.

Misick Muyongo, acting VP of SWAPO, then took up the case of the liberation struggle in Namibia. He stressed the need to look at the positive approach being taken in Namibia. "Do not believe all you read in the British press", he commented. He was also optimistic that the infighting taking place would be overcome. Namibia's problems were firstly the presence of South Africa and secondly the foreign investors who wished to maintain the status quo. "Vorster's pretentious claims to wanting the problem of Namibia solved is just a front put on in the UN for international recognition of his "detente" policies," he said.

In his speech he made the point that UN were unable to take any constructive steps to try and resolve the problems of Namibia. This inability was the result of vetoes exercised by Britain, France, and USA in the UN Security Council. However, the UN was a good platform from which

SWAPO could receive international support for its fight to liberate and achieve independence for the peoples of Namibia.

The only remaining country whose problems had not been spoken of was Angola. Barry Munslow, member of the Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea (CFMAG), remedied this in an eloquent delivery. Angola occupied a unique position in Africa due to its richness in natural resources including oil and gold. This meant that huge amounts of foreign investment poured into the country.

However, some of this money was also used to back FNLA (National Front for the Liberation of Angola). FNLA, whose leader Holden Roberts is the brother-in-law of General Mobutu, is also backed by the Zaire government. Consequently, many of the FNLA troops are Zaireans and one can only communicate with them in French! UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) is the South African backed so called liberation organisation. Third, but by no means least, is MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) which has received communist backing. It represents "popular democratic power" involving nine million Angolans in thinking, participating and implementing the government in order to achieve economic and social independence.

Duma Nokwa, executive member of ANC (South Africa) and Zola Zembe joined the line of distinguished speakers at the conference. Mr Nokwa talked at length and with emotion about Bram Fischer and the indignity and degradation he suffered at the hands of the South African regime. Apparently, South Africa want his ashes in prison for fear of a shrine being erected in his honour. Conference stood in silence for one minute to pay tribute to Bram Fischer.

Zola Zembe described the treatment meted out to himself and fellow prisoners in all its gory detail. Shocked delegates listened to tales of brutality comparable only with Nazi torture sessions. There had been over 11 million people imprisoned on "political charges" between 1948 and 1975. His son, we learned, had just been arrested, beaten up and had his eardrums burst.

It was against this background that delegates held discussions and eventually passed resolutions to support and campaign on the issue of liberation for Southern Africa. The campaign will be centred around two areas - solidarity and combatting collaboration. The solidarity aspect of the campaign will involve such actions as adoption of students, sending medical packs to MPLA, SWAPO etc and sponsored walks. Central to the campaign as a whole will be NUS liaison with AMM (Anti-Apartheid Movement) and work with trade unions at a local level.

This, the fourth annual conference and attracted the largest number of delegates ever, from the largest number of constituent organisations. The conference also benefited enormously from the presence of prominent members of the ANC (African National Congress) and liberation movements such as SWAPO.

A Life in the Day of RCSU

by Steve Brightman, RCSU President.

Once upon a time, or yesterday to be precise, fresher Egbert found himself at South Kensington tube station with two suitcases, a budgie cage and a goldfish bowl, still wondering why he had turned down Cambridge. He meandered slowly along a seemingly endless, brick-built s***house tunnel, and after kneeling an over enthusiastic busker in the groin, found himself confronted by a block of luxury flats locally known as Southside.

Before he could say Sir Brian Flowers (he is the bloke speaking to you while you read this), he was whisked across to the gleaming new Union office in W2 where he met lots of interesting people and learnt some of the many things that he would be getting up to during his three year stay at IC.

What did Egbert discover? Was it the secret of the Universe? To find out, come to the Freshers Union Meeting at 2.30 pm today in Physics lecture theatre 1. Otherwise, drop into the Union office (along the walkway at the Maths department and) or come and meet us in the Union Bar any evening.

Having deposited his worldly belongings in one of the rooms

he hurried round the corner to find his department. Fifteen ever-so-boring minutes later he staggered out thinking "this can't be it".

And then...and then (repetition for dramatic effect - failed in the distance he espied a strange looking figure approaching. As the figure drew closer, Egbert could see that on top of a faded RCS T-shirt was a gown(!) and above that a top hat with a mouse stuck in the rim. Further investigation revealed this to be the president(?) of the Royal College of Science Union and furthermore, he was almost human!! (Sub-species Brightman SC.)

RAG

Rag week this year is to be Friday 7th Nov - Saturday 13th. Although events have not yet been finalised, we are hoping to start the week off with the rag and drag Competition Compared by "A famous national personality". Bar - B - Que, Social Clubs' evenings (incl. Blue films), Ents Concert, Drunk-a-pub-dry, Morphy day and so on will be occurring during that week and we hope to get another "famous national personality" for a final rag disco.

As 2nd and 3rd years will probably know, collections are not usually limited to Rag Week but continue over the first two terms with a frequency depending on the CCU Vice Presidents.

For once, the police in Kensington and Scotland yard have been really sweet ... we can have a rag procession and even collect on it! So far we have only got one lorry for the floats but I'm absolutely confident that we'll get offers of thousands more (hopefully one or two novelty vehicles (and Jez!) will be there).

This year we are organising a lottery. Prizes are coming in thick and fast; 'Guinness Pots Sets', lots of beer, assorted perfumes from Germaine Montell, Dorothy Gray, Christen

Dior, records (Duane Allman, Roy Buchanan, Art Tatum) and lots of other goodies too. Tickets should be available at Freshers Fair and on through the term until Rag Week when the draw will probably be held.

Last year Rag collected £8,500. This year £10,00 should be no sweat for fine chaps like you. Real men (and real women too please) are needed to 'stage manage' events, so please come to the Rag stall on Freshers Day and see our pretty displays. Also come to the first Rag meeting (will be advertised around college) at which there will be free beer. Cuddles.

John Kearns,
Rag Co-ordinator

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and

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HALL DINNERS - AUTUMN TERM 1975

Held on TUESDAY evenings in the Sherfield Building.
7.00 - 7.30 p.m. Sherry 7.30 p.m. Dinner

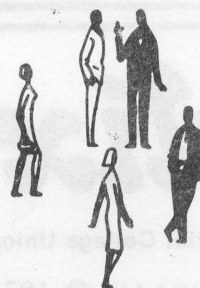
Charges:	Hall Dinner	£1 35p (plus 10p sherry)
	Wine Hall Dinner	£2 35p (wine & sherry included)
	Christmas Dinner	£2 60p (wine & sherry included)

Dates:

7th October
14th October
21st October
28th October

4th November - Wine Night
11th November
18th November
25th November

2nd December
9th December - Christmas Dinner



To book places for Hall Dinners see PAT in the Union Office,
DEADLINE - 12 noon, FRIDAYS.

Booking for Christmas Dinner will not be Accepted until
Monday, 10th November.

Dress:

Lounge suits, except for the last Wine Hall Dinner of
each term when evening dress (black Tie) will be worn.



Felix

This being THE freshers issue, I ought to and do begin by welcoming all the freshmen to Imperial College, and Imperial College Union. No doubt many of you are completely bewildered, confused and in some cases totally mused off by the charade that accompanies the beginning of each new session. I hope that from this issue of FELIX you can derive an insight into the running of the Union, its function and the way you can take advantage of the facilities it offers.

One of the main topics that we should and will be focusing our attention on is the staggering increase in Hall rents. These two things together with the deteriorating value of the pound have made utter nonsense of the 21.8% increase in students' grants. The end result is to further lower an already poor standard of living that students have to a level approaching destitution.

The situation is bad enough if one receives a full grant but recent research by NUS (National Union of Students) has shown that only 14% of all students receive the full grant. Some of the worst hit categories of students include the means tested students who do not receive their parental contribution; married students; self financing or mature students and postgraduate students. The latter are particularly badly done by, due to the fact that they have to be at college for almost the full year.

The shortsightedness which the college hierarchy have shown on their part, leaves one absolutely cold. In my view increasing refectory prices is a false economy and it fails to get down to the roots of the problems, that the catering service at IC is now facing.

It is about time that students in this college took some positive action to ensure that reasonable quality of food is made available at prices they can afford.

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The news of Alan Jones's illness comes as a blow to those of us who know him well and is magnified by his resignation from the post of SCAB (Social Cultural and Amusements Board) chairman. He has always been a very active and friendly person; full of ideas and has contributed greatly to the social life of RCSU (Royal College of Science Union) as chairman of RCSU Ents Committee, and would have been an invaluable asset to IC Union.

I am sure all of you would join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

I would also like to welcome back Pete Teague, the ICU President, on behalf of all IC students after his operation.

To those of you who are not familiar with the production of what you are now reading, I would like to extend an invitation to come and visit us at the Freshers Fair, tomorrow. When you will not only be able to join us in the next issue but will also be able to buy FELIX T-shirts and be able to acquire a FELIX badge free. I look forward to seeing you.

Pingpong



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RIZ LA READ

ICU Deputy President by Riz Shakir

A lot of you have probably come from small towns, villages or at the most a city of a million inhabitants and you are used to secondary schools of a size that in proportion to IC is like a dot on the map of Great Britain. So it is only natural for you to feel a bit lost in this city of over 12 million and an institution of 4600.

You can help to relieve this situation by mixing with those people who are already here and taking advantage of such opportunities that may arise through functions organised for the beginning of the session.

In the following paragraphs I'd like to introduce the Freshers Fair and a few aspects that my job entails.

As the name implies this particular event is for your benefit so that you can familiarise yourself with the choice of clubs and societies which are available to you. However, as has happened on most occasions of this nature there are those people who misuse it and indeed some clubs and societies or should I say, some of their officials, will try to use this as a means of extorting money from you, 'the poor defenseless Freshers'. So BEWARE of those black-sheep (after all, there are one or two in every flock).

The warning having been given I would like to point out that a great many of the clubs are very sincere and would only like you to draw the enjoyment from their functions as they have done in their membership with the club.

The choice of clubs is varied greatly and all the various tastes and preferences are catered for and I am sure each and everyone of you will find some sort of social, cultural, athletic or such other field as may interest you in this spectrum of over a 100 clubs and societies.

Therefore, I'd advice you to go to the Fair, look around, try out for a few days what the club has to offer then if it is your cup of tea, join it.

The Fair will be held between 2.00pm and 5.30 pm tomorrow in the Union Building.

House Committee

This is a committee which is responsible for the upkeep of the Union Building. The Deputy President (me) is the Chairman of this committee and as such, I am responsible for redecorating and maintaining discipline within the Union Building. I am also responsible

for its security.

A massive redecoration programme has been in progress during the vacation. This entailed a total redecoration of something approaching half of the Union Building. This has cost a great deal of money hence I must ask you to take as much care as possible to preserve its present state of cleanliness since it will be seven years before such a programme can be undertaken.

I would like to appeal to you to refrain from putting posters on the walls. May I add, as a note of warning, that any club, society, or individual for that matter, found guilty of this disagreeable practice will be heavily penalised.

Notice boards will be provided to meet the needs of displaying posters to advertise such events as may require this.

Bookings

During your stay at College the need may arise for you to book a room be it for a twenty-first birthday party, concert, a disco or even lunch parties. All you do is approach me or Mrs Jen Hardy-Smith in the Union office and we will do our best to provide you with the necessary type of room required. By the way, there is no charge as such for IC students. However, a deposit is charged which is returnable on your leaving the room in a reasonable condition.

I have very recently managed to acquire the usage of a suitable party room in the Sheffield Building which will allow you to make a great deal more noise than if you were to have a party in the Beit Quad area. To book this room you must approach me personally not less than ten days in advance of the date on which the party is to be held so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

I hope your stay at Imperial College is a happy one and that you will not hesitate to come and see me if you encounter any problems in your college life. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming session.

COPY DATE: TUESDAY 30TH BEFORE NOON.

All articles missing this deadline will be zapped to smithereens.

Peter Patter

by Peter Teague, ICU President

Welcome all you that have sojourned to this establishment of academia in search of knowledge, truth, and a degree. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and successful time here in this, one of the true Bastions of science and technology.

One of the problems that many of you that are at University for the first time, will face, is to achieve the correct balance between the time that you spend on your academic life and social life. At Imperial College there are over eighty clubs and societies offering a wide range of activities. You may never have had the chance to take part in some of these activities in the past. I would warn you to be careful, and sensible. Do not commit a great deal of the time which you have to the activities of clubs and societies until you at least know what demands your academic work is going to make on you. It is easy to over-commit yourself when you first get to college, I know. I did. On the other hand, however, I would urge you to take part in at least some of the clubs and societies that the Union provides. I feel that you will have definitely missed out on a very important facet of University Education, if you do only academic work and take no part in the social life of IC.

We must remember however, that we are the Union...and the Union should be doing those things that we wish it to do.

The Union plays an integral part in life at IC. We must remember however, that we are the Union. Every student here, is automatically a member, and the Union should be doing those things that we wish it to do. For the Union to do such things it is important that you all make feelings known. So take part in Union General Meetings, talk to your Departmental Representatives, or come to the Union Office and talk to any of the Officers.

Accommodation has been causing many people problems over the past few weeks. Apart from the difficulties in finding accommodation in London, there are also those problems which can arise out of the plethora of complex legislation which covers the accommodation field. The 1974

Rent Act, the question of licences instead of Tenancy Agreements, and Security of Tenure are all difficult questions. If you have any problems over accommodation, please come to the Union Office and see either John or myself. We will give you all the help we can. The same holds for other legal problems, grants problems, in fact just about anything. We will always try to find the solutions.

It is in the interests of all in College to have a relatively cheap, good quality and convenient catering service on the campus.

Another problem of immediate concern is that of refectory prices. The refectory prices were increased by forty per cent on September 1st in an attempt to increase takings by a similar amount in order to cover a large deficit expected in the coming year. The price increase is, of course, driving people away from the refectories. Instead, they are bringing sandwiches, or eating elsewhere. It is in the interests of all in college to have a relatively cheap, good quality and convenient catering service on the campus. In order to see whether or not this is possible, given the constraints placed on the refectories, I hope that the Union will set up a small Working Party to investigate if it were conducted correctly. The question of refectories will be discussed at the first Union General Meeting and I hope that ALL of you will come along.

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A major feature of the coming year is going to be the NUS Grants and Cuts Campaign. Following its policy of cutting Public Expenditure, as a means of dealing with the present Economic Crisis, the government is expected to cut another £520 million from the education budget over the next four years. This follows cuts of £465 million over the last two years. These cuts mean that next

year the expenditure on education will have only increased by 1.6% and with inflation running at something over 25% this means that in real terms the education budget has been cut by some 23%. What effect will this have? Well with the places in Teacher Training Colleges being halved we will soon see a steady increase in class sizes in Primary and Secondary Schools. The Inner London Education Authority says that it will have to 'lose' about five hundred teachers next year, and hopes that it can do this by natural wastage. In the Higher Education sector the effects are difficult to estimate.

This means that universities are having to begin 'freezing posts'...

Universities usually have about 97% of their budget committed, on salaries etc., and the room for flexibility in the budget is very small. This means that Universities are having to begin 'freezing posts', that is, not replacing staff that leave. How quickly this will effect lecturing and demonstrating is hard to tell. The problems which some institutions face as a result of these cuts are very complex. The policy of cutting educational spending is very short sighted. When the economic crisis is over we will need well educated, intelligent people, particularly scientists and engineers, to ensure that the economy gets onto its feet again quickly. I hope to be able to give you more information about the Education Cuts, and their effects in subsequent issues of FELIX and in leaflets distributed around College. We can then decide whether or not we want to take any actions against these cuts, and what form any possible action could take.

The policy of cutting educational spending is very short sighted.

In concluding this Peter Patter I just want to say that I hope the Fresher's Events go off well, and that we all have a good year. If you have any problems, or just want to say hello, I shall be at Fresher's Fair and Fresher's Tea. I hope to see you all then.

Refectories Motion

IC Union Notes:

(i) The Increase in Refectory Prices of forty per cent, which was approved by the Governing Body at its June meeting, and put into effect on 1st September 1975.

(ii) That this increase is severe in comparison with the increase of twenty-two per cent in the student grant.

(iii) That Refectory Prices are now to be reviewed termly, despite the fact that the student grant is fixed on an annual basis.

(iv) That the price increase has not been accompanied by any improvement in the quality of the food served in the refectories, which ranges from the tolerable to the totally inedible.

(v) That the price increase means that many local cafes and restaurants now have comparable prices to those in the refectories, and food of a better quality.

(vi) That the refectories are run on an entirely self-balancing finance system, although many other institutions similar to IC have decided that this is impossible in a time of high inflation.

IC Union Believes:

(i) That the College, when accepting students, must also accept responsibility to provide reasonable food, at a price which

is consistent with the student grant.

(ii) That the situation in the refectories at present, is such that each student should seriously consider whether the food offered, for the price which must be paid, makes the refectories the best place to eat.

IC Union Instructs:

The Executive to investigate alternative places to eat, both in and around College, and to urge people to make use of any such alternatives.

The Union Representatives on Refectory Committee to communicate the content of this motion to the Refectory Committee at the earliest opportunity, and to press strongly for the Refectory Committee to set up an independent inquiry, to find those areas in which improvements and economies are possible within the catering system at Imperial College.

Motion proposed by Peter Teague

Seconded by Riz Shakir

DRAMSOC TOUR REPORT

by Thomas Stevenson

For the third year in succession the Imperial College Union Dramatic Society (known familiarly as Dramsoc) chose to tour in the south of England during the first two weeks of July. By way of a change from our established pattern of plays out of copyright, we selected two modern works — "Hands Across The Sea" by Noel Coward and "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard. The latter play was a new presentation of part of our December production whilst the former has never been publicly performed at IC.

So it was that we loaded two large vans with enough theatrical equipment to keep our technicians happy for a fortnight, and enough food to keep the actors replete for a few days; for it has been observed by generations of Dramsoc tourists that whereas Lymington has an ample supply of cheese, Branston pickle and bread, the chance of finding a P817 valve or a circular gobo are remote.

Our first port of call was the Lord Mayor Treloar College for handicapped boys at Alton. They were particularly enthusiastic when an actor in a wheelchair attempted to run down a fellow thespian. Having negotiated various one way streets, new forest ponies and so on we found ourselves at Lymington. Now clearly, if you are an ambitious yachtsman Lymington is the place to be, for it is

delightfully situated on the Lymington River and is convenient for the Isle of Wight ferry. However the inhabitants are not keen theatre goers and it was only with a great deal of cavorting up the high street in our costumes and purchasing large numbers of St. John's Ambulance Brigade flags that we were able to get the hall 20% full, (confession - the total capacity of the hall is only about sixty), for the Friday night performance. Saturday's performance fared better as large numbers of loyal fans motored down from London to give us support-swalling the audience to twenty. Perhaps next year we should return to our earlier practice of performing period pieces since people tend to notice you in the market on Saturday morning if you are dressed as a Roman centurion whereas they think nothing of someone wearing evening dress.

Our next stop was in Beaminster, Dorset. Here the only thing of note was the remarkable midnight thunderstorm and gale force winds. Fortunately a house was provided for our accommodation and we had ample time to strike our tents by the light of the prolonged flashes of lightning. Apart from this one night, the weather was remarkably good though, of course, we were not to know of the heat wave to come.

Finally we reached Dorchester and its Corn Exchange (where, Hardy fanatics will remember, Bathsheba Everdene saw Sergeant Troy, whom she thought drowned). The initial audience response was disappointing, despite the profusion of posters and handbills distributed among the locals. We were saved by the local carnival procession which we entered and two hectic days were spent preparing eye-catching posters and decorations with which to adorn our van. In the space of half an hour we disposed of one thousand hand bills and the following night saw them flooding in to witness our final night. It was a pity that we marred such a successful publicity exercise by our natural exuberance in the final performance. Our return to London was without incident - surprising considering the merry-making that had gone on the previous night.

Our thanks are due to so many people that it would be impossible to name them all here. Despite the apparent hectic nature of the tour much time was found for drinking, swimming, fresbeeing and sun-worshipping.* If this sounds like your glass of cider why not join us? Our storeroom on the 2½ floor of the Union Office is open for talk and coffee until quite late each evening. Our plans for the session are not entirely finalised, so that you still have a chance to plan our future.

The Alternative Article

The summer haze clears slowly and the leaves that were green turn to brown, while my hair, which was brown, turns to gray as the new session staggers towards us ever more rapidly.

The autumn finds me back in the Union office, now wearing my AAO (Academic Affairs Officer) hat and surrounded by the new executive. It is amusing to see the good, the bad and the ugly watching Jen and Pat wind-up the Union machinery ready for the new year. I have just noticed that our dear president is at present replaced by a cardboard cut-out Teague while the real thing is apparently undergoing major structural repairs and redecorating (rumour has it that he is having a BBC voice transplant).

Enough of this gay banter, I must get on with Academic Affairs before my vocabulary is expended and I am forced to resort to tautology.

Looking thro' my newly acquired files I find that until last year academic affairs consisted of throwing darts at newspaper cuttings of Lord Murray or even further back, Sir Eric Ashby — but times are a changing. My predecessor set an unfortunate precedent by doing a lot of work and

getting AAC recognised as a body which could be useful in the running and structuring of College academic life.

There are two major issues on the AA files at the moment. The first is an attempt to combat falling student numbers by producing an Alternative Prospectus. The College 'glossy' tells everyone how many Nobel prize winners we have as well as useful information like the number of course units carried by the Etruscan Archeology option (very few). It is hoped that the Union produced prospectus would compliment and not compete with the official prospectus by providing information on accommodation, how to find flats and student opinion of courses. This might dispel many of the myths surrounding IC and London which exist in the minds of many prospective students.

The academic standing of the College is no longer the sole concern of a prospective student. The possibility of a hall place, the social life and the difficulty of finding alternative accommodation, all weigh heavily on such a student's mind. I am sure that if we can provide a realistic picture of life at IC this will

Union bar to open Sunday lunchtimes!

The Union bar will, as of this term open during lunch time on Sundays. That is the news for regular customers of this once male dominated bar.

Mr Brendan Clements, who runs the bar, said he hoped to provide food at these times.

This would consist mainly of pies and other suitable foods which could be kept heated in the bar.

Residents of Beit Hall requiring a snack lunch on Sundays will thus not have far to go in search of their lunch. Prior to this the bar never opened on Sundays during lunch time.

There are also no refectory services available in the Union on Sundays hence the idea to provide snack lunches in the Union bar.

attract people, not frighten them off as some academic staff seem to fear.

The second issue concerns the expansion and development of associated and general studies. At present most departments only allow associated studies in the third year — if then. We would ideally, like to see associated studies available for at least a half unit per year and timetabled to prevent clashes with departmental courses. This would enable study of a language as part of a degree course for instance.

It is time many departments realised that the sole purpose of undergraduate teaching is not to produce research students and that university education should not be entirely concerned with self perpetuation but also with an education useful to themselves and society.

Just before I fall out of the bottom of my column, may I say that you have academic year representatives, a department representative and CCU AAO ready and willing to help with any problems you may have, but please feel free to see me at anytime.

Rick Parker, AAO

NUS Travel

NUS Travel will be open from today and throughout the term from 10.30am till 3.30pm.

You can obtain British Rail Cards from NUS Travel Office in the Union Lower Lounge.

They cost £5.40. You will require a passport size photograph and a registration card. Also available is the new

'STUDENT TRAVELLER' plus details of all winter holidays

HEALTH

HEALTH CENTRE
14 Prince's Gardens

1. The Health Centre is open and a Nursing Sister is in regular attendance at the following times:

Term	Monday to Friday	09 00 to 17 00
	Saturday	10 00 to 11 00
Vacation	Monday to Friday	10 00 to 17 00

2. Consultations with College Medical Officers are arranged by appointment: urgent cases will be seen without appointment.

'Phone Receptionist Internal 4271 / GPO 5895111 ext.1892

3: Inoculation and vaccination can be arranged at the Health Centre. NB Have your inoculations well before you travel.

4. The College advises all students to register with a local doctor in London. Students living at home should remain registered with their family doctor. The College Physician is willing to accept registrations from students who live in a Hall of Residence or in lodgings in the following Postal Areas:-

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5. The Health Centre is **staffed at night IN TERM TIME ONLY**. During Vacations, a Doctor is on call (for emergencies only).

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DENTAL SERVICES

Routine dental care can be obtained through the National Health Service. The Medical Officer strongly recommends that all students should have **twice yearly** Dental Inspections (which are without charge) as dental caries is prevalent in the student age group. The following dentists have Consulting Rooms in the near neighbourhood and have expressed willingness to provide treatment to any College Student. **Appointments should be made by Telephone.**

New students requiring dental treatment please contact:-

Mr RG Morris, BDS, LDS, RCS,
10A, Thurloe Street,
London, SW7. Tel: 584-1773

Mr IR Beider, BDS Lond.
10A, Thurloe Street,
London, SW7 Tel: 584-1773

Mrs EGM Rose, BDS, LDS, RCS,
20 Hereford Square,
London SW7. Tel: 373-8610

Treatment for emergencies for their own patients is usually available outside office hours.

In the event of an emergency such as an accident or abscess, treatment can be obtained from the Resident Dental House Surgeon, **St. George's Hospital**, Hyde Park Corner, SW1, or from:-

University College Dental Service, University St., WC1E 6JJ.
Monday - Friday 0900 - 1100. Afternoons:
1345 - 1530. Saturday: 0900 - 1100.

Royal Dental Hospital, 32 Leicester Square, WC2H 7LJ.
Monday - Friday 0900 - 1700.

The Astrological Looking-glass

Three of the most important factors contributing to the interpretation of one's natal chart are the positions of the Sun and Moon (the signs and houses they occupy) and the Ascendant which is the sign rising at the eastern horizon. The Sun represents the Self or one's essence whereas the Ascendant is the image presented to the immediate environment. The moon rules one's emotions and inner nature as well as the response, imagination and personal habits. However, the positions of the other planets and their aspects play just as an important role.

A person's Sun sign is a reasonable off-the-cuff guess about his general character and traits. Anything more is a pretty rough cuff. Anyhow, guessing sun signs makes an interesting parlour-game.

ARIES—♈ (22 Mar-21Apr): Ruled by Mars, Arians' basic nature is to be first. Enthusiastic, energetic, impetuous impatient and ardent. Can initiate and foresee the end of big projects but often misses details. Full of vivacity and spontaneity. In love, adventurous, romantic and passionate.

TAURUS—♉ (21 April-21 May): Ruled by Venus, the Taurean's nature is practical, well-balanced and calm. Industrious with a slow tempo and patient. Peace loving. Often too fixed in ideas and habits. In love, affectionate, passionate and possessive.

GEMINI—♊ (22 May-22 Jun): Ruled by Mercury, the Geminian has a versatile character. Shrewd, ingenious, lively, witty, adaptable and quick minded. But usually excitable and nervous. In love, enjoys flirting and playing games.

CANCER—♋ (23 Jun-23 Jul): Ruled by the Moon, the Cancerian is emotional and sensitive. Impressionable, intuitive, shrewd and artistic nature. Kind and loyal to friends and loved ones. Attached to memories. Home loving. Romantic and tenacious in love matters.

LEO—♌ (24 Jul-23 Aug): Ruled by the Sun. Hence the Sun in Leo has a strong influence. Endows a powerful character. Forceful, conscientious, proud, generous, full of authority. Ambitious, clear minded and possessive, often ostentatious. Dislikes being criticised or ignored. In love, generous but may be selfish.

VIRGO—♍ (24 Aug-23 Sep): Ruled by Mercury, the Virgin is a perfectionist. Practical, analytical, alert, prudent, punctual and honest. In business, dependable and exceptionally hard working. Aware of the faults of others and often too critical. In love, the head rules the heart.

LIBRA—♎ (24 Sep-23 Oct): Ruled by Venus, a Libran has an attractive outlook. Charming, sociable and diplomatic. Peaceful and harmonious nature. However, often indecisive. Gifted with a mind for comparisons. Good appreciation of arts and nuance. In love, romantic but usually in love with love.

SCORPIO—♏ (24 Oct-22 Nov): Ruled by Mars and Pluto. An intuitive and perceptive nature. Penetrating mind. Controlled exterior but deep inner emotions. Magnetic personality. Sometimes sarcastic and resentful but often a good sense of humour. In love, intensely passionate and jealous but faithful.

SAGITTARIUS—♐ (23 Nov-22 Dec): Ruled by Jupiter, the Archer is thoughtful, trustful, loyal, honest and generous. Has perceptive intelligence. Often more philosophical than practical. Truthful and outspoken nature may lead to bluntness. Sense of justice. In love, adventurous and must be free.

CAPRICORN—♑ (23 Dec-20 Jan): Ruled by Saturn, the Goat is reserved, disciplined, calm, ambitious, cautious and patient. Rational mind and objective but usually unoriginal. Good with details and administration. Like the Virgin, dependable and hard working. In love, shy and calculating but faithful.

AQUARIUS—♒ (21 Jan-19 Feb): Ruled by Uranus. Charming, unconventional, sensitive and idealistic nature. Inventive and original. Seeks progress, reform, and new ideas. Sometimes detached. Enjoys exchanging ideas and challenging established ways. In love, independent, friendly and generous.

PISCES—♓ (20 Feb-21 Mar): Ruled by Neptune, the Fish has a kind, sensitive and adaptable nature. Impressionable, imaginative and creative with artistic and poetic tendencies. Loves glamour. Vague about money and often betrayed by the memory. Sometimes daydreaming. In love very emotional and generous giving many presents.

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REVIEWS

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

A SWEET TRANSVESTITE FROM TRANSEXUAL TRANSYLVANIA; that's how Frank N. Furter (Tim Curry) announces himself to an unsuspecting couple (Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick) who have arrived at his castle at the time of the Annual Transylvanian Convention. They witness the creation of Rocky (Peter Hinwood), a perfect male specimen, from a tank of refrigerated chemicals. Then Eddie (Meatloaf) the victim of one of Franks earlier experiments breaks loose from a large refrigerator. Clad in T shirt and denims and astride whilst singing the Rock'n'Roll number "What ever happened to Saturday night", vintage Harley Davidson he terrorizes the Transylvanians.

Upset by this outburst, Frank kills him and makes good use of his carcass the following evening. No, this is not a cheap porn movie, it is a straightforward adaptation of the stage musical "The Rocky Horror Show" with book, music and lyrics written by Richard O'Brien who incidentally plays the part of Riff Raff, a hunch back handy man, in the film.

The stage play has been running since January 1973, this obviously speaks well for the music. It is '50's style Rock played with '70's techniques. The rhythms are simple and very very catchy. One might expect the transvestite theme to immediately evoke an X Certificate but the well rehearsed musical numbers and the total improbability of the plot reduce Franks sexual exploits to a strange innocence. Intentionally reminiscent of Edgar Lustgarten, Charles Gray makes a skilled narrator imitating successfully the somewhat pretentious style of those 'B' movie narrators. In a lighter vein, his instruction of the steps during the dance routine "Time Warp", aided by Jim Sharman's crisp direction, is little short of hilarious.

The film obviously lacks the intimacy and spontaneity of the stage version, but to my mind, this is adequately compensated by the spectacular sets and more elaborate musical backing. It is perhaps a little ironic however, that a stage play that gently mocks the cinema should end up as a film.

Mark Caldwell

Mark Caldwell is the chairman of STOIC.

Orson Welles, Tuesday Weld:

A Safe Place.

Modernist trends in films today regularly fail to impress, and this film is no exception. It's a total pain in the groin from beginning to end.

Orson Welles meanders aimlessly through this flick as a hack magician whose lifelong ambition is *really* to make something disappear. Poor old sod, someone should have told him. His relationship with Tuesday Weld is never really put into any meaningful kind of perspective. She's a mixed up wierdo who persistently resorts to visions and images of childhood in order to bring any meaning into her life. She has the loonie idea that when she was a kid she actually flew. Into the air. Crazy. Yes, that's what I thought.

Whoever edited the film was either a blethering idiot or just slightly blotto because the scenes change with such incoherence that much of the dialogue just becomes meaningless.

The garbage handed out by the film distributor implies that you have to read between the lines to make any sense out of the film. Sheesh. I prefer simply to enjoy a film rather than risk a nervous breakdown trying to permutate the rash of allegorical nuances which seem to destroy this particular whimsical piece of celluloid.

Roger Moore and Susannah York, the duo from 'Gold' star in what is a typically silly British comedy called **That Lucky Touch**. Roger Moore plays the smooth talking womanising arms dealer who sells "protection". Susannah York is the conscience stricken reporter from the Washington Post.

Both are in Brussels for the NATO wargames for very different reasons that involve using General Steedeman (Lee J. Cobb), American representatives in NATO.

The film really attempts to get going when Micheal (armsdealer) meets Julia (reporter) outside her apartment from which is advertently locked out. He doesn't get her, despite falling off the ledge of a window.

The whole film is full of missed opportunities and its only saving grace are the performances of Lee J Cobb and Shelley Winters as his peanut brained wife.

Gene Hackman again plays the role of "Popeye" Doyle in John Frankenheimer's direction of **French Connection Number 2**. This, the follow-up to the first film, is completely different to the original in character and totally outstrips it as well.

Set in the teeming streets of Marseilles, it shows "Popeye", with the help of the French narcotics squad, in his final bid to sever the "connection" at source.

This is a psychological thriller of the first kind, with a slow, nail-biting suspense. It is a quest which in its triumphant ending succeeds in challenging the glib assumptions left unanswered the first film.

Hackman's portrayal of Doyle excels even his previous Oscar winning one and he is most ably supported by Bernard Fresson and Fernando Ray as Charnier, otherwise referred to as "Frog One". Definitely a film to see if you haven't done so already.

Paul Ekenyong

RECORDS

George Thalben Ball Plays the Allen Computer Organ at Chichester Cathedral.

"IN A remarkably short time Allen's Digital Computer Organ has won the enthusiastic praise of scientists, clergymen, church and concert musicians the world over." So says the album cover and I have no reason to doubt it, but having made extensive enquiries, admittedly only at the pub, I have decided that the majority of the populace know nothing of the wondrous machine in question. In my ignorance all I can say is that, forcing technology into music can only be justified if it produces new musical development. It should not just be done as a scientific exercise to prove technological omnipotence. For example I've heard synthesisers used to excellent effect but "Your Top Ten Hits on Moog" doesn't turn me on.

I can now reveal that the computer organ sounds precisely the same as any ordinary organ and I couldn't even hear the cards being read or the print out spewing forth. The record consists of eleven church pieces, (including works by Roger, Stanely, and CPE Bach), and it inspires a diversity of moods. Indeed this contrast of styles is what spoils the record because it lacks continuity which is especially important for background

music and I would guess that church music in one's front room is rather an esoteric taste, except in a background context.

But perhaps I was disconcerted by the very thought of a computer organ. Will computers now start reproducing? Where did all those pocket calculators come from?

Andrew T Osborne

Yvonne Elliman - Rising Sun (RSO)

The second solo album by Miss Elliman is hardly likely to win her more admirers than those who got off on her previous effort, and in fact will no doubt succeed in confusing many would-be converts. Although almost faultless in terms of production, (Steve Cropper), musicianship and to a large extent material, the album doesn't exactly catch you by the proverbial "short and curlyes".

The confusion arises from the fact that this is a complete departure from the work she is currently engaged in (ie the rock context of Eric Clapton's band) and is, in fact, so commercial that it could almost fall into the easy - listening category (almost sure at times) - which is fine I suppose, but the fact that in having a foot in each camp as it were, she ends

upgoing nowhere fast.

People who have picked up on her singing rock-blues as part of the 'Eric the C' outfit, will probably be disappointed with this album. But as previously stated, as an out and out commercial record the album is, well, pretty good. On the whole she has selected her songs with much care and thought. The only track that comes amiss is the bland rendition of the well-known "Walk Right In", which is in stark contrast to the usually terse arrangements of the other music tracks. Particularly worthy of mention is the Eagles "Best Of My Love", Todd Rundgren's "Sweeter Memories" and the Charles/Danko song "Small Town Talk", each of which are executed to their full commercial potential.

It will be interesting to hear her next album and perhaps in so doing, find out what fork she will take from the musical crossroads she now finds herself.

Stan Getz - Captain Marvel (verve)

Basically - Stan Getz plays Chick Corea. Five of the half-dozen tracks included here are Corea compositions, most of them already recorded by the pianist on his initial Return to Forever albums, they include 'Five Hundred Miles High', 'Day Waves' and the title track, 'Captain Marvel.'

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RECORDS & THEATRE

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Recorded in 1972, but only now seeing the light of day, the band comprises most of RTF as it then was, plus Tony Williams on drums. Anyone familiar with Corea's work at that time will not need me to tell them that all the tunes are latin-based, the sort of 'cocktail jazz-rock' he was preoccupied with at that time.

A rhythm section comprising Williams, Stanley Clarke (bass) and Airtio Moreira (percussion) lay down the solid, inventive foundation you would expect, (Clarke's bass playing as always, a highlight) and in so doing, provide the ideal vehicle for the Getz tenor. Corea plays with his usual dexterity, never putting a finger out of place, yet not really stretching himself to the limits everyone knows he is capable of. Which brings us to Getz himself. Well what can one say about his playing that hasn't been said before? His technique is as sure and fluid as ever, his tone clear and full. When he lets loose in a latin environment probably there's no one more capable of interpreting the South American idiom, as far as the saxophone goes, save for perhaps Gato Barbieri, who's really a different bag of balls anyway.

Definitely worth a listen for Getz fans/anyone interested in Chick Corea's work of a few years back.

Ian Morse

JINGO—by Charles Wood

Charles Wood's play *Jingo* is somewhat confusing and shouldn't be confused with other 'Jingo's produced to date. It is however, a good play which unfortunately runs out of jokes about halfway through. The play is set in Singapore during World War II.

The confusion arises out of several things, two of which are the bombing of Pearl Harbour and the invasion of Malaya by the "little yellow men". That's how George (*John Standing*) refers to the Japanese invaders. George is a rather frail and myopic Major who is in fact not really a Major but a BBC broadcaster and is an expert on Japs.

Gwendoline, played by Anne Massey, is George's wife who has had them all. The army officer's that is. She bumps into, or vice versa, her ex-husband who tries immediately to capitalize on the chance meeting. However, the war hots-up, the British crumbles noisily and a wreck of a brigadier gets in the way.

Despite the rather devious plot, the play is well produced with good sets and slides of Singapore during the war. Well worth watching out for is Peter Jeffrey's performance as Percy, the brigadier. The play is also liberally sprinkled with orientals for authenticity.

Paul Ekpenyong

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Football Preview

Well, with the new season well under way, we are presenting here a searching in-depth analysis of the players, of IC All-Stars, who are helping to make this year's team even more successful than previous ones.

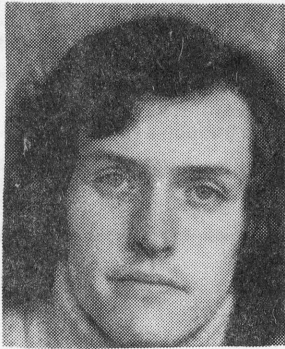
IC All-Stars

Pete Teague (Captain). Slippery right-winger recently transferred from third division RCS for an undisclosed one-figure sum. Self-styled most popular man in the division. Doubts, however, about his tackling ability when up against tough opposition. Occasionally loses head and sometimes shoots at own goal. Taking over captaincy from Trev Phillips who occupied both right and left wing positions last year.

John Downs. Fast talking sweeper from Mines. Previous form unknown except that he has strong right foot. Owns a chain of boutiques in Oldham but doubts about his management potential with his having spent several seasons with non-leaguers, Mines. However, his lack of a brain does make him the ideal player for this position.



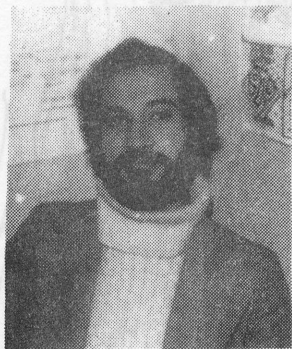
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Pete Teague



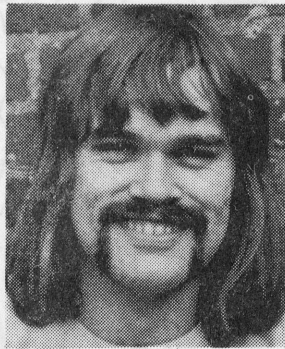
ICU Hon Sec,
John Downs

Riz Shakir. Imported from abroad to make this a truly international squad. An undoubted improvement on last year's occupant of this position though regular spectators at the All-Stars may not think this is saying too much. Should play up the centre and may improve as the year goes on.

Steve Brightman. Temperamental, moustachioed wizard of the dribble who plays slightly to the left of centre. Wants to be captain next year and thus follow in the steps of PT. Police record may count against him, however, and also the unfortunate tendency to miss vital training sessions.



ICU DP,
Riz Shakir



RCSU President,
Steve Brightman

Keith "Clockwork" Ahlers. Biggest drunk in the league. Plays as far out on the right as possible and sometimes not even on the same pitch as everyone else. Not one of the games greatest thinkers and as a result was almost left out of All-Stars plans for this season!

Nick "BR Special" Brayshaw. Second biggest drunk in the league. Has supported "Union Bar" all his life. May find actually playing difficult. Ambition: to become biggest drunk in the league.

Banned for Life. After certain unsavoury incidents in a night club in West Wickham, the FA has no alternative but to ban the following players from ever donning an IC shirt again:- R Kill, M Kessler and J Mortimer.

Left Wing. Position unoccupied this year.



Guilds President,
Keith Ahlers



Mines President,
Nick Brayshaw

Opposition

Brian "Bites yer legs" Flowers. This elegant, polo-necked, ageing maestro knows every trick in the book and needs to be watched all the time. May be less closely marked this year than last.

Victor "Cockroach" Mooney. One of the all-time greats who shows no intention of giving up his place, fried or otherwise, to any up-and-coming youngster. One of the league's most expensive players, he has been known to hit hard both in the stomach and in the pocket. Plays in shirt number 40(%)

Chief Groundsman: Carl Seaford. Has unfortunate habit of declaring pitch unplayable at short notice. However, he allows most people the use of the ground as long as they can prove they're not students. Has right attitude and should go far.

Ron "We'll take 'em to the cleaners" Parker. (Striker)

Plays down the left side. This man can be inconspicuous for 89 minutes then whom, he strikes and there is very little the opposition can do about it. Indeed, there is very little his own team can do about it either and this has led, in the past, to disputes with the manager and to requests for transfer to the other side.

A. Pathy (Midfield dynamo). All-Stars jinx player, this is the man who may just make the difference between the two sides. For as long as these games have been played, his paralysing influence on Stars has been a significant factor in deciding the result. However, more enthusiastic support from the touchlines would encourage All-Stars heroes to chase and harry, and keep him out of the game.

NIGHTLINE EXHIBITION

An exhibition is open in Nightline each afternoon 29th September to 3rd October. It is a chance to talk to a volunteer about what happens there or just have a look at the rooms and display of useful information.

Please come, we are in the same building as the University Accommodation Bureau next door to the swimming pool at 8 Princes Gardens.

Of course we are still open every night 6 pm till 9 am or you can phone 581-2468 (int 2468). The first week at college can be totally confusing and disorientating. If we can help you put it in perspective or tell you where to go for what you want, please phone or call round. Nightline is an informal confidential student problem centre, run by students with plenty of time to talk.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE RADIO

Invite you to their Annual General Meeting
on FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER at 12.45 in
the Senior Common Room, Union Building.

The election of the officers and managers of the station for the coming year will be held at this meeting. Nomination papers have been posted outside the IC Radio room in Southside.

Please note that only Full members of the station are eligible for election, and that only full members may vote. Details of membership may be obtained from The Secretary, IC Radio, c/o Union Office, or from the stand at the Fresher's fair at the start of term.

GLIDING CLUB

PJV Verkroost reports on the activities of the Gliding Club over the summer holidays.

The gliding club has just completed one of its most successful summers in its history. Our three gliders have totalled about 600 hours between them and there is no end to the list of great things done. Three ex-students attained their gold distance and diamond goal (a flight of 300Km declared beforehand). The list of silver legs is endless, a lot of them from students who only started last October. Last year's captain, Nigel Leak, finally completed his silver C badge with a flight to South Cerney though he did have to live at Lasham for over two months to get used to the idea. Last year's star fresher is no doubt John Chapman.

He started training last October, went solo on the Christmas course and has not looked back since. He has now done over 60 hours solo, obtained his silver C badge, almost been impounded for landing at Compton Abbas, almost been pounded for running the skylark into the back of my and when he attempted to roll the Dart trailer (and my car!!) over one of Her Majesty's letter boxes we gave up.

Pete Verkroost, who is doing the favourite IC trick of staying on and on and on, flew the Dart in the Lasham Regionals competition. He would have done a lot better if he had managed to get round the task on one or two days but he did get plenty of field landing practice!! The tally for the week was one ploughed field, one grass field, an airfield and a short can. The distances covered — well perhaps not.

The Dart, Skylark and the syndicate Dart are, at present, up in Scotland on a fair week expedition attempting some wave flying. We worked furiously on the Dart trailer after the Regionals' episode to get it roadworthy for the trip north only to have Tony Porter, this year's captain no less, attempt to emulate John's catastrophe (fortunately with a less disastrous effect — there wasn't a letter box in the way). The Dart was therefore a couple of days late in getting to Aboyne.

This year promises to be even more successful than last year. At the Freshers Fair on Tuesday we shall have our early K8 machine in the quad to show budding pundits what a glider looks like. Gliding is the cheapest form of flying and at IC we are subsidised by the Union so that it is within the financial means of all students. We shall be taking parties of freshers down the first two weekends for joyrides and showing you the various facets of gliding. Flying membership for the year costs £9.50 whilst social membership costs 50p. Flying fees are naturally on top of this. It is advisable, if you are not convinced that you want to join as a full member, to pay the social membership, go down to Lasham one weekend, have a joyride and then decide whether you want to continue. Flights on social membership will not be subsidised unless you subsequently join.

Please visit us at the Freshers Fair if you are at all interested. Full information about the club will be available. If you do not manage to find us (because you don't know what a glider looks like) and are still interested in joining, our first meeting is on Thursday, 1st October in Aero 266 at 5.45 pm, when we hope to have a film and arrange transport to Lasham for the weekend. After that we meet every Thursday at 5.45 pm. in Aero 254. Any further enquiries should be made to either A Porter (Maths III) or N Leak (Aero III).

IF Only..

**by Margaret Slimming,
President of L'Institut Francais Students Union.**

To all those who have come to the bright lights of the 'big city' to join the thousands of fellow students in the lovely suburbia of South Kensington, may I, on behalf of the Students' Union of the Institut Francais (don't tell me you have forgotten all your French already?) wish you a very big welcome.

We have all felt the pangs of anxiety and trepidation, coupled with the thought of finally cutting the apron strings once and for all to come and live in the great unknown. All I can say is that thousands of others have survived several years here — even enjoying themselves at times (though as several past and present students, both at IC and IF, know, this is not to become the general rule!) — so why a few thousands should not escapes me.

IF (Institut Francais), for those who are new or still unaware of the fact, is a small-holding of young ladies (!) who have decided not to break into the male world of Science and Technology (sorry Germaine), but submit themselves to two years' training to become 'bi-lingual secretaries'. For many years, the image of the 'secretary' or 'personal assistant' (different name for practically the same thing!) was that of a dream

girl — blonde and beautiful, seated on her employer's knee, with only very limited skills (at least, as far as secretarial ones were concerned!). Even today, many people tend to think that girls who become secretaries do so because, frankly, they are incapable of doing anything else. This is far from true in many cases. A secretarial post envelopes various roles, besides the obvious ones such as typing and taking dictation.

A secretary is not only the boss's buffer at all times and during all his moods, good or bad, but she is also the backbone of the office and, therefore, to a large extent of the firm. Her work and appearance must be faultless, as must be her with clients, since she is her boss's envoy.

Are you still there? (No — Ed.) Come back! Honestly, it is not that bad and if in your case it is, then it is up to you to do something about it. As members of IF Union, we are able to use the facilities at IC, including the swimming pool, squash courts etc. Whatever your interests — sport, arts or scientific — there are facilities available for you to follow them. Do so! University life does not cease at 5 pm — nor need yours!

INVITATION



Lady Flowers, assisted by members of the Imperial College Wives Clubs, welcomes students to a free BEER 'N' BANGERS nosh-up, at 170 Queen's Gate, on Thursday, 16th October, 1975, from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. Names, please, to Jen, Union Office, by not later than Monday, 13th October.

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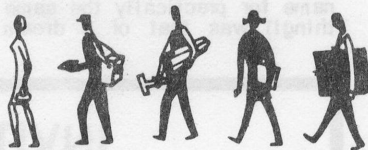
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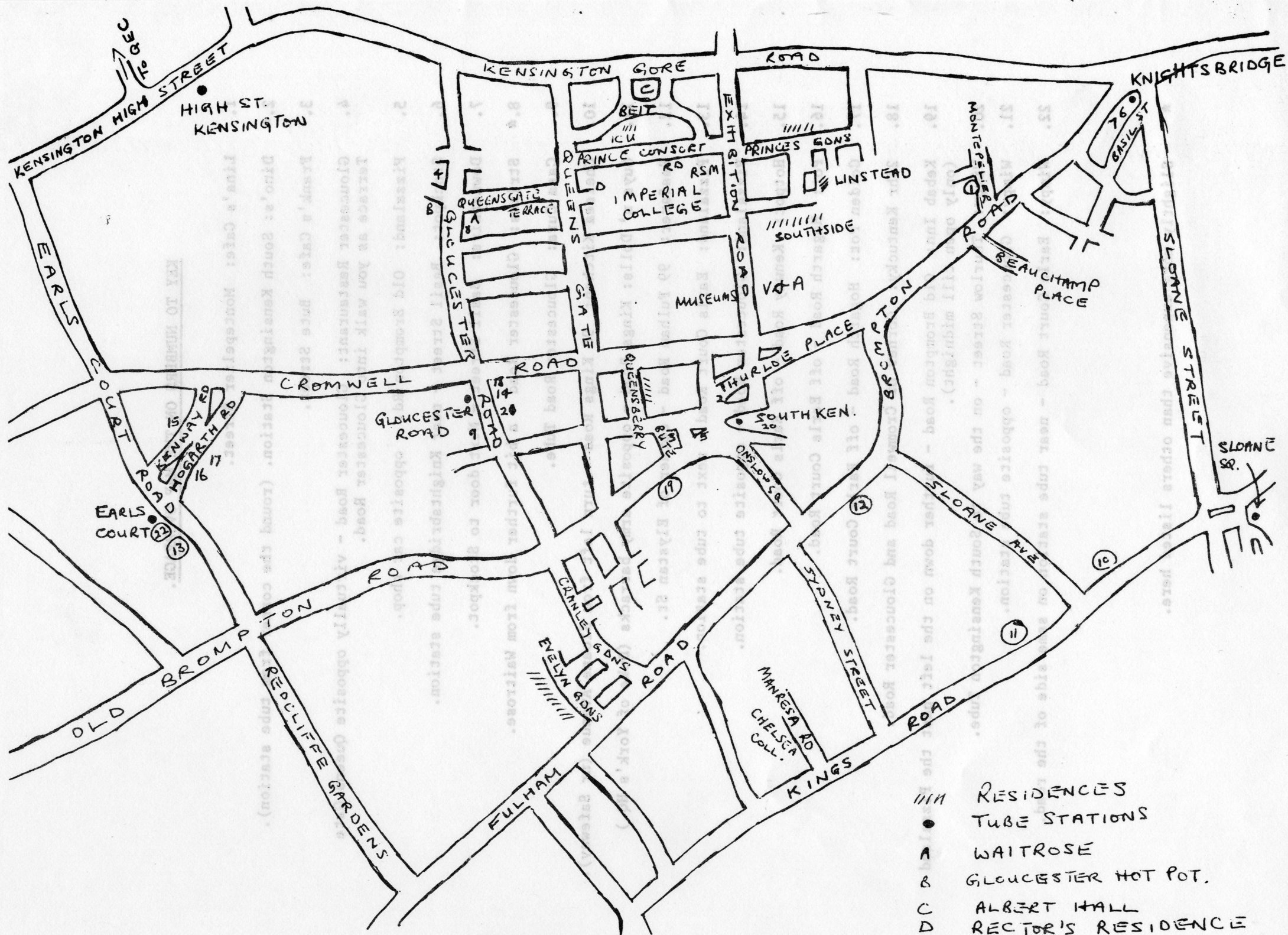
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3. Frank's Cafe: Bute Street.
4. Gloucester Restaurant: Gloucester Road - virtually opposite Queens Gate Terrace as you walk into Gloucester Road.
5. Pizzaland: Old Brompton Rd. - opposite car shop.
6. Stockpot: Basil Street - near Knightsbridge tube station.
7. Downstairs: Basil Street - Next door to Stockpot.
- 8.* Strikes: Gloucester Road - a bit further down from Waitrose.
9. Casa Cura: Gloucester Road Tube.
10. Chelsea Kitchen: 98 Kings Road - turn left from Sloane Avenue (nr Safeway).
11. Guys n' Dolls: Kings Road - opposite army barracks (Duke of York's HQ.)
12. Seafarer: 99 Fulham Road - corner of Elystan St.
13. Pizzaland: Earls Court Road - next to tube station.
14. Pizzaland: Gloucester Road - opposite tube station.
15. Hotpot: Kenway Road - off Earls Court Road.
16. Pot: Hogarth Road - off Earls Court Road.
17. Golden Pot: Hogarth Road - off Earls Court Road.
18. 24hr Kentucky: Corner of Cromwell Road and Gloucester Road.
19. Kebab Inn: Old Brompton Road - further down on the left past the Pizzaland (only open till midnight).
20. Wimpy: Thurlow Street - on the way to South Kensington Tube.
21. Wimpy: Gloucester Road - opposite tube station.
22. Wimpy: Earls Court Road - near tube station on same side of the road.

* Slightly more expensive than others listed here.



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- TUBE STATIONS
- A WAITROSE
- B GLOUCESTER HOT POT.
- C ALBERT HALL
- D RECTOR'S RESIDENCE