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FREE!

## IC student assaulted by gang of thugs

A member of the Imperial College Dramatic Society was brutally assaulted by a gang of four youths during the early hours of last Sunday morning. The incident took place opposite Gloucester Road tube station as the student was making his way back to Evelyn Gardens.

### Pushed against barrier

The student, who had been working late designing sets for Dramsoc's Christmas production; 'The Captain of Kopenick', was deliberately pushed against the pedestrian barriers. He picked himself up after crashing to the ground and muttered something to the youths as he walked away.

### Beaten severely

Two of the youths, who were still within ear-shot, then chased him and caught him. They then proceeded to beat him severely about the face and body. He was kicked several times in the ribs and stomach.

### Youths challenged

Eight foreign young men who happened to be passing by challenged the youths who promptly ran off in the direction of Cromwell Road. Five of them gave chase, but lost the gang at the junction of Gloucester Road and Cromwell Road.

### Police called

The IC student, who by this time was bleeding quite heavily from the nose and mouth, then made his way back to the Union Building. He was met by Riz Shakir, ICU Deputy President, who had just returned from a late excursion. The police were called and the student taken to hospital for an X-ray and treatment of his bruises.

### Case dropped

The police who have been investigating the case have now dropped it. This is due to the fact that they have not got a good enough description of the youths and thus cannot put out a 'wanted' notice for them. The student involved has decided not to prefer charges after meeting with police officers yesterday to discuss the matter.

## W2 burgled

Twenty-seven calculators, which were chained to desks in room 215 of the new Huxley Buildings, were stolen last Friday evening. The calculators are made by Advance Electronics Ltd. and are of the Executive 16/R range. Their total value has been put at £3,039.

The calculators, which are bigger than the Hewlett-Packard 45, were discovered missing at 10.45pm. by a security guard who was doing his rounds. The doors to room 215 had been forced and the chains securing the calculators to the desks had been cut.

That the burglary took place between 7.00pm. and 11.00pm. is certain because the security guard who discovered the theft had checked and locked the door to room 215 at 7.00pm. It seems obvious from the mode of entry that the burglar or burglars knew the building fairly well and the burglary itself would have taken no more than five to ten minutes.

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# WOTZON

## FRIDAY 17th

Ents Disco in the Union Lower Refectory at

8.00pm. Adm. 10p.

IC Kung-fu Club giving a demonstration in the Union Gym at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Chelsea Disco in the Lightfoot Hall at 8.00pm. Adm. 10p.

IC Film Soc present "THE RULING CLASS" in the Great Hall at 7.15pm. Adm. by membership card £1.50.

## SATURDAY 18th

IC Ents present Horslips in the Great Hall at 8.00pm. plus Jonathan Kelly. Adm. 90p. (IC students adv.); £1 adv. and £1.10 on the door.

Chelsea: Rocky Sharpe + Razors and Wild War Disco in the Lightfoot Hall at 8.00pm. Adm. 60p.

Ewan MacColl + Peggy Seager, Singers Club (folk), Union Tavern, Lloyd Baker St. (opp. Mount Pleasant Hotel). Nearest tube Kings Cross.

## SUNDAY 19th

IC Cat Soc: "The State of the World" by C.P. Snow preceded by BAR SUPPER at More House, 53 Cromwell Road. 7.30pm. All are Welcome.

QEC Disco:

Chelsea: "Every Home Should Have One" (Film) Adm. 15p. 7.00pm. Lightfoot Hall, Manressa Rd.

IC Kung-fu Club: Training session in Union Gym. 4.30 - 6.30pm.

## TUESDAY 21st

Associated Studies: Wartime Reputations: Who Survives? 2. The Generals a talk by BRIAN BOND, Dept of War Studies, Kings College. Theatre B, Sheffield. 1.30pm.

Musicians and their Instruments: 3. The Clarinet in the Orchestra. Dr. GAVIN PARK. Reader, Dept of Physics, IC; Conductor of IC Orchestra. Theatre A, Sheffield. 1.30pm.

Career Opportunities Talks: A Career in University Administration. A talk by Mr. M.J. Davies, Secretary, IC. 1.30pm. in Lecture Theatre 408 Elec. Eng.

## WEDNESDAY 22nd

IC Folk Club present NIC JONES in the Union Lower Refectory at 8.00pm. Adm: members 25p. non-members 45p. Membership 60p.

IC Jewish Society: Hebrew classes at beginner and intermediate level. Elec. Eng. 1009 at 1.00pm.

Chelsea: Bar night. Free. 8.30pm. with JONATHAN KELLY. Manressa Road.

## THURSDAY 23rd

Commemoration Day. 2.30pm. in the Albert Hall Special Visitor: LORD ROTHSCHILD.

Commemoration Ball: Sheffield Building. 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Dancing until 2.00am.

## Council Report

The 195th IC Union Council meeting chaired by Pete Teague, began just before 6.00pm on Monday.

There was no major news. Mr Downs had received a letter from Mr Mohindra, Chairman of the Overseas Students Committee, tendering his resignation due to personal circumstances.

The President's report included news on halls and refectories. The advice to students to eat elsewhere appears to have been heeded, judging by Mr Mooney's quote: "Refectories have never been this empty at this time before". As regards halls, the rent will be reviewed and put to the Governors at a meeting on Dec. 18th, to be implemented after Christmas. However, objections were raised over having mid-session price increases, whereas grants are reviewed only annually.

There was also discussion as to how many

observers to send to future NUS conferences, as it is normally three, but the cost per head is £35.

ICWA: The FLATSHARE scheme run in the last two weeks of the vacation proved to be a great success, with not only female students being catered for as was the original idea. The problem of residence this year was aggravated by the fact that the Residence Officer failed his exams and consequently the position was left vacant. It is hoped that the scheme will be run next year on a larger scale.

In AOB, Mr Abraham, acting PGAO, proposed that writing-up students (PG's staying on after their time for about three months to finish writing their theses) should be given the status of registered students for the purpose of using Union facilities. This was accepted.

The most noteworthy fact about this meeting was that the meeting had only taken two hours and forty minutes- the shortest Council meeting ever held in IC.



# Education Cuts—the way to cure inflation?

by Peter Teague, ICU President

## The History of Education Cuts

The present Education Cuts must be seen in the context of the overall Public expenditure cuts, as one of the main government tactics for dealing with the high rate of inflation. Firstly much of the public expenditure is non-productive and does not generate consumption, and secondly it is often financed on credit which of itself is inflationary. The present series of cuts began in 1973, reducing current spending by 10% and capital programmes by 20%. As a result many educational institutions had less money to spend in 1974-75 than in 1973-74, despite large increases in the cost of equipment etc. In the Budget presented by Denis Healey in April 1975 a further £86 million was lopped off the expenditure on education, arts, science and libraries. Since then the Chancellor has revealed that he plans to cut a further £1250 million from Public Spending. According to the "Times Higher Education Supplement", this would entail cuts of £500 million in education spending, spread over the next four years. This will mean that education spending will only increase by 1.6% this year, and will actually decrease by 1.3% next year. Remember that with about 25% inflation this means that the real value of the money spent on education will fall by 23.4% this year, and 26.3% next year, if the rate of inflation is sustained.

## The effects of the cuts

The form which the education cuts take varies considerably from area to area as the implementation of the cuts is largely a matter for decision by Local Authorities. The following are some examples:

- \* Teacher Training supply targets cut by 54,000 places.
- \* Closure of 13 Colleges of Education.
- \* Reduction in the number and value of discretionary awards. eg Some authorities are not issuing any more discretionary awards.
- \* Shelving of plans to replace school and college buildings.
- \* Cuts in effective grants to Universities.
- \* Plans to employ less than their quota of teachers in some 20 local authorities, hence increasing the size of school classes.
- \* A complete standstill in the provision of Nursery Education, despite the fact that we have the worst provision in Europe.

As you can see from the items listed above which do not cover all those things being cut, this amounts to a direct attack on the standard of education that we have at present.

## Should Education Be Cut ?

Educational spending is a particularly easy field to cut since the cuts in spending produce no drastic results immediately, as cuts in say the health service would. Cuts in the Education Services are a particularly short-sighted way of attempting to solve an economic crisis. They necessarily involve a diminution of future prospects for economic growth. When the economy begins to get on the move again we will need educated people at all levels to man the economy. These people will not be available if we continue to cut spending on education as we are cutting both the numbers of people that can be educated, and also the level of education. It is easy to condemn cuts in education spending and provide no alternative philosophy. Cuts in other areas of public expenditure are favoured in some quarters. The National Union of Students subscribe to the lobby which favours increased public spending, lower unemployment, free collective bargaining, and import controls, as the solution to our present economic crisis. I do not wholeheartedly subscribe to this view.

## What relevance to IC?

Having read this you may be asking what relevance do the cuts in education spending have to I.C.? The effects in any one college are difficult to itemise. College has not received as much money as expected from the government, and because of this the departments and administration were subject to two separate cuts each of two per cent. This money has to be saved somehow. In the administration appointments of replacement staff are being 'frozen' where ever possible. This means either a heavier burden on the remaining staff complement, or that work becomes delayed. In the departments a large proportion of expenditure is also committed to salaries and the areas easiest to cut are demonstrating and the allocation for hospitality ie. the social side of the department. Thus far the College has managed to bear the cuts exceedingly well due to considerable hard work in financial planning and strategy. How much longer this can continue is a question of pure conjecture.

## The National Campaign.

One of the central points of the campaign organised by NUS is to ally with the Labour and Trade Union movements. These groups are both very powerful and as the cuts affect every person who is in education, or who has

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a child in education, they are seriously affected. It is hoped that these movements together with NUS will be able to exert sufficient pressure on the government to direct it away from public expenditure cuts. It is also the intention of NUS to give the issues as much publicity as possible and try to engender a response from the general public. To this end, and also to educate the NUS membership to the full consequences of the cuts, weeks of action are being organised between 27th October and 7th November. This may include some form of national demonstration. The first major event taking place on the cuts issue is the "Save Education" Rally, March, and Lobby of Parliament on 21st October. This has been organised by the South East Regional Council of the TUC. The assembly point is at "Reformers' Tree" near Speakers Corner at 2pm. The rally will move off at 2.45pm.

This demonstration is followed in the evening by a "Rally for Education" organised by the Council for Educational Advance in the Central Hall Westminster from 7pm. till 9pm. No tickets are required just turn up.

Further details on both of these are available from me in the Union Office.

### **Conclusion**

The Education Cuts issue is one that should be of interest to us all. I hope to be able to provide some more information as how the campaign is progressing. Any reaction to this article will be most welcome.

# **Mutters Arising**

Having crawled out of my death-bed, I now find myself recovering from the shock of a council meeting finishing at 8.45pm! I think I'll go back to the Health Centre. Be that as it may, here are a few tender morsals for your perusal

### **UGM.**

The next UGM is on Tuesday next. The elections for a large number of Union posts will take place, and if you're at all interested in helping the Union this year, have a look at the notice board in the Union Lower Lounge, and see which posts are up for election.

Also, the UGM will see the re-emergence of the Union Policy Statement. This document should have been presented at the AGM last year, but it was missed out. For the benefit of Freshers, this document is a chronicle of all Union Policies from 1962. It is especially

useful at NUS Conference, etc, for delegates to use as guidelines when voting. Copies are available from the Union Office. At the meeting you will be asked to accept it as a true record of Union Policy at the present time. If you disagree with the contents, then present a motion to a UGM to change it.

### **Hall Insurance**

The present policy covers theft by any means, acts of God, etc in all College Halls, Houses, and Flats. It only covers belongings in your room. If you want additional cover, say for a calculator which you carry with you, go down to Endsleigh on Old Brompton Road, and get an "All Risks" quotation.

### **Parking**

The committee has met, and allocated places. If you haven't collected your permit yet do so today, as the appeals committee meets next week to allocate the remaining spaces.

### **NUS Mail Order**

A new NUS Service has started; a mail order company. It is very much "in embryo" at the moment, but it has pursued the policy of getting "quality products at enonomic prices". Have a look at the sheets spread around college for further details. If you want to buy a calculator, come up to the Union Office, and get put on the list, as they prefer bulk orders. Also, if anyone has any ideas for expanding their range, let me know, as they seem very anxious to please at the moment.

That is it for now, toute va bien and all that. See you around.

**John Downs.**

## **CROSSWORD**

The winner of prize crossword number 22 was David Pinless in Physics 3. He wins the prize of £2.

### Answers to crossword no. 22

ACROSS:- 2. Instigate 3. Moon 9. Vega 10. Cop 11. One 12. Mesh 14. Nigh 17. Protege 19. Nadir 20. Bleed 21. Ace 23. Accused 24. Rat race 25. Ore 27. Ocean 29. Ditto 31. Texture 34. Yeti 37. Pass 39. Die 40. Due 41. Cool 42. Opal 43. Extension.

DOWN:- 1. Zone 2. Inch 3. Super 4. Idiotic 5. Among 6. Even 7. Agog 12. Mandatory 13. Sod 15. Ice 16. Hedgerows 17. Present 18. Ebbtide 21. Ado 22. Ere 26. Ratteen 28. Eat 30. Tea 32. Event 33. Radii 35. Eton 36. Idle 37. Peon 38. Span.

### DESPARATE FEMALE

requires single room in flat reasonably near College.

Contact:- Carole Burt, Woking 71305. •



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## W 2 BURGLER

At the time of the burglary there were several students and other persons in the building and the Security Officer, Mr. Dawson, would like to interview these people in the event that they may have witnessed anything of a suspicious nature while they were in the building.

The calculators (which are insured) all have serial numbers and Mr. Dawson would request anyone who comes across one of these calculators to contact him immediately. Their serial numbers are:-

27024	26786	25526	56052	25793	56051
56053	27258	27054	24540	27023	56050
31147	31148	31149	31150	31151	31152
31153	31154	31156	31157	31158	31160
31161	31162	31163.			

## Price increases necessary-Mr. Mooney

In an interview featured in STOIC's new programme "Lunchbreak", shown last Thursday (Oct. 9th), Mr Mooney, catering manager for IC, defended the recent 40% price rises in the refectories. He said that since 1967 there had been a 200% increase in the staff's wages, while prices had gone up by only 98%. When asked to comment on the charge of poor food quality, he replied that this was a subjective matter, and opinions of what tastes good vary from one person to another. He said he would welcome the enquiry which was demanded at the last Union meeting. He added that the last three enquiries had given the refectories a clean bill of health.

Peter Teague, however, in replying on behalf of the Union, said that while it is possible that the refectories might be favourably reviewed by an enquiry, the last one had been more than five years ago, and conditions may have changed since then.

### IC RUGBY CLUB

#### SWEEPSTAKE

Following the success of last year's sweepstake, this venture will be continued, to finance an Easter tour. The sweepstake operates by taking the first 20 rugby results from the 'Sunday Express' and numbering them from 1 to 20. Each participant in the sweepstake is allocated three of these numbers. The person with the numbers corresponding to the highest aggregate of points each week, wins £5.

The weekly entry fee is 10p and for the 25 Saturdays of the College season the entry fee is £2.50. ALL club members are urged to participate to ensure a good profit to finance the tour.

For details see John Smith, Civ. Eng. 3; Mike Gibson Physics 2; Paul Robins Maths 2 or Adrain Williams Physics 2.

## NIGHTLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

### WHO ARE THE VOLUNTEERS?

Ordinary students - scientists, musicians and artists - from all the colleges in the area who have an interest in people. The characters and temperaments of the volunteers are diverse so there isn't one who is typical.

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

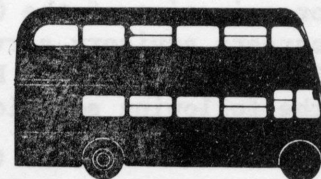
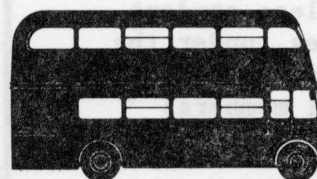
Talk to people, as you do with friends, either on the phone or in the flat. This involves finding useful information from our files on legal advice, emergency accommodation, local hospitals, late night shops etc. Also talking confidentially with someone about anything that concerns them or just giving them an opportunity to put their ideas in perspective.

### HOW DO THEY DO IT?

About once a fortnight they spend the whole evening and night at NIGHTLINE in South Kensington. They have a comfortable flat with beds, kitchen unit and at least two other volunteers.

### HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED?

Phone 581 2468 and arrange to meet a volunteer and talk more about it. Then come on our introductory weekend on 24th October.



### SIR ARTHUR ACLAND ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE

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1. The object of the competition is to encourage good writing of English.
2. The competition is open to all registered students of the College.
3. Essays must reach the Registrar not later than 1 March 1976.
4. A total of £50 is available for the award of up to five prizes.
5. A successful candidate may not compete again.
6. Prize essays may be published subject to the permission of the College.
7. A candidate must submit an original English essay of about 3,000 to 5,000 words in length on one of the suggested subjects listed below or on any topic of his choice. All essays should be readily understandable to the non-specialist reader.

The future of television

Education and propaganda

The role of technology in amateur sport

Tourism and international relations

Is the increased price of oil good or bad?

Should scientific research be limited on ethical grounds?



The Rag Mag Editors  
are pleased to  
announce  
the arrival of  
**IMPERIAL  
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**Future of College  
Appointments Services**

The College Appointments Board has set up a Working Party to consider the future organisation of the College student careers advisory services, under the Chairmanship of Sir David Huddie, with the following additional members:

Mr M. Campbell  
Dr L.E. Culver  
Dr V. Croft  
Mr E.H.K. Dibden  
Mr P.R. Teague  
Mr R.S.H.G. Thompson

Anyone wishing to submit evidence to the Working Party is invited to write to the Secretary of the Working Party, Mr J.F.D. Lauwerys, Room 537, Sherfield Building.

**NOTICE**

To anyone who sympathises with the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

There is a girl called Ann from South Africa who stands outside South Africa House in Trafalgar Square every weekday from 9.00am till 5.00pm.

If you should be in the area, please stop and have a chat with her and help boost her morale.

What with being arrested and continually insulted she feels a bit lonely.

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**PROF. BREMSSTRAHLUNG**

Hey Prof! There's a letter here from Mr Mooney!

He wants to order some of your synthetic food!

Good man!

But Prof! What about the students who are going to have to eat this vile stuff?!

Don't worry!

They'll never notice the difference!



## RCSU Skin-diver arrested!

Last Saturday, during their rag collection, one member of RCS was picked-up by a policeman. Besides this incident, the collection was fairly peaceful with a few tourists taking pot shots at the multitude of umbrellas.

The rank and file of RCS started their outing with a Kangala and proceeded to wake-up Southside. After arriving at the Harrods area, the crowd spread out and in no time all exits from Harrods were covered. As usual, the scrooges were out in force, so collecting was not too easy. The weather did not help either; by 11.30am most collectors were half-frozen. There was competition too, as the collectors from the mentally disabled group came to town as well, which sort of saturated the area. However, when people tried the British Heart Foundation approach as opposed to the Underwater Brolly Con, they received donations of up to 50p! One tourist, obviously annoyed at the collection, decided to take it out on the poor defenseless umbrellas, at least one umbrella was slightly bent afterwards.

By 12 noon, most people had decided to call it a day. Most; but not one David Rawnsley, who ventured up to Oxford Street in his wet-suit and proceeded to collect from the ones who donated so kindly a fortnight ago. While he was persuading a few persons at a bus-stop near Marble Arch, he was picked-up by a plain-clothes policeman. This was at about 12.50pm.

The policeman told Mr Rawnsley that he was obstructing the Queen's highway and took his collecting can away from him. In doing so, the label blew-off the can while in the policeman's hand. He was then taken to the police station where he was told that he could be charged with obstruction, not having the label on his collecting can firmly affixed and not having a proper licence (the licence he held was a house-to-house one as opposed to a street one).

After being held for an hour, he was told that the charge of obstruction had been dropped. He was not charged with either of the remaining two offences. However, the police said that they would check with the RCSU on the labels and the licenses.

### STUDENT WELFARE CENTRE

This is open in Room at the Top, at the top of the Union Building every lunch-time between 12.30 and 1.30pm. (Mon-Fri)

If you have any problems or would like to have a chat with someone please do not hesitate to come up to the Centre.

# Editorial

## FELICITY

This week, due to our varytypist Gill having fallen ill, we are only producing a mini FELIX called FELICITY. We hope to bounce back with a bumper issue next week. I should like to apologise to all contributors for not being able to include their articles this week. Also, I would like to thank Pat, the Union typist, for her help in typing material for this issue.

## Education Cuts

Next Tuesday sees the first major action to oppose the Public Expenditure cuts which the government has implemented as part of its measures to curb inflation. The Education sector, being an easy target, has borne the brunt of these cuts in public spending and in the short term, many people might think this to be a good move. However, in the long term, when hopefully the economy will have revived, there is no guarantee that these cuts will be restored and an increase in education spending will take place.

On the contrary, we are faced with further government proposals to slash another £500 million over the next four years from the educational budget. The form the cuts have taken are outlined in the President's article devoted to this very crucial topic. These include a 50% reduction in new building programmes for universities. This has an immediate local consequence for every student in this College. It means that the College does not have the money to build new halls of residence or to provide alternative accommodation for IC students.

This example illustrates the need for every student at IC to fully understand the nature and implications of the government's policy as regards education, not only at a local level, but at a national level. It is therefore up to you to begin to question these abortive steps which in the long run can only lead to a massive lowering of educational standards.

Thus I would urge you to attend the rally and lobby of Parliament on Tuesday, 21st Oct. It may not be the best way to pursue the fight against the cuts, but it is one way and only by your participation can a better and more meaningful resistance be built-up.

**COPY DEADLINE  
IS MONDAY  
AT 2.00PM**

## **Imperial College Union General Meeting**

**Tuesday 21st October  
at 1p.m.**

**IN THE GREAT HALL**

**ELECTIONS**

**REFECTORY ACTION**

**Union Policy Statement**

**I.C. U.G.M.**

**TRADES UNION CONGRESS  
South East Regional Council**

## **SAVE EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, 21st October, 1975**

in conjunction with the Council for Educational Advance

SUPPORT THE MASS LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST AGAINST  
THE EDUCATION CUTS

**2 p.m. Rally in Hyde Park** (by Reformers' Tree)

TRADE UNION LEADERS WILL ADDRESS THE RALLY

**2.45 p.m. March to Millbank** (Tate Gallery)

BRING YOUR BANNERS AND POSTERS

**Then Proceed to House of Commons**

Lecture Hall of Central Hall, Westminster open as Report-back and Briefing Centre  
2.30 p.m. onwards.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. CEA RALLY FOR EDUCATION, CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.

## **ENTERTAINMENTS**

Sat 18 Oct

**HORSCLIPS**

& JOHNATHAN KELLY

90p I.C. adv.  
£1.00 Adv.  
£1.10 on door

Sat 25 Oct.

**SAILOR**

90p I.C. adv.  
£1.00 Adv.  
£1.10 on door.

Thurs 23 Oct - Robert Altmann's  
(MASH + NASHVILLE)  
Starring ELLIOTT GOULD

**THE LONG GOODBYE**

In ME220 6-30

Thurs 30 Oct - Mel Brooks' BLAZING SADDLES

FRIDAYS - DISCO Union Lower Refectory 8.00pm 10p.