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FREE!

Girl raped

Police seek witnesses

LAST MONDAY night, between 10.30pm and 11.00pm, a student was forcibly raped at knife point in the ladies toilet in the Union Building opposite the ICWA Lounge. Police are anxious to interview two young ladies who visited the toilets during this period.

They also wish to interview a man of the following description: Age 20 - 23; height 6ft; of West Indian or African origin; medium build; medium brown complexion, hair - Black Afro style; deep set eyes; small nose and soft spoken. The man was wearing a light tan raincoat, a light brown V - neck jumper with a green stripe around the neck, a light coloured shirt and a pair of dark coloured corduroy trousers.

Will any person (including the two ladies mentioned above) who was in the vicinity of the toilets at the material time, or who has any information at all, please contact the Security Officer immediately on Internal Telephone 2741 or call at the Security Office.

Ms Cowell to visit IC

The Senior Catering Adviser to the Department of Education and Science and the University Grants Committee, Ms Cowell, is to visit Southside refectory next Tuesday, 18th November.

It appears she will be conducting a one day enquiry into the running of the refectories. She will also attend a special Refectory

Committee meeting being held over a snack lunch in the Penthouse dining room in Southside.

When Ms Cowell undertook a similar enquiry for Kings College she twisted her ankle slipping down a set of stairs. She subsequently wrote a report based on her two hour stay there until her mishap.

Cuts Action

In the next few weeks students will be stepping-up action against education cuts in their own areas. Action will involve picketing local authority offices, rallies, marches and holding conferences and the cuts.

London students are demonstrating on 20th November against the ILEA's proposals to cut down the number of overseas students in London's colleges. The effect of this, would in some cases, lead to closure of that particular college and in others, the slashing of courses.

The NUS is calling on

all students to lobby parliament on 26th November in support of the North West Region of the TUC against unemployment. A second lobby on 28th November, is being held to protest against the cuts in the number of teacher training places.

Colleges facing closure will be taking wreaths with them to the lobby and a funeral service is planned. In addition, a petition will be presented to the DES protesting at the cuts and a deputation will go to the ILEA to protest against rationalisation measures for the inner London area.

Heroine foils City raid



Last Friday five 'heavies' from the City University made an unsuccessful bid to relieve the Royal School of Mines of their mascot Davy. However, the unlucky raiders were not only thwarted in their attempt, but were in fact trying to make-off with the defunct mascot which had been left in the window of the Mines Union office. It was this exhibitionism which the City raiders thought to tame.

The saga began at about 5.00pm in the evening when a non descript student arrived in the RSMU office to enquire if there were any Rag Mags for sale.

Martyn 'Norma' Levy who was holding the fort, the Mines brain cell and a Flash Gordon comic at the time, then sold a Rag Mag to the student. Having the transaction, the student asked if the Davy on display was heavy and was

rewarded with a positive reply (after all, it is full of concrete!)

The student left only to return five minutes later, this time accompanied by four others and asked for more Rag Mags. As Norma turned to find the Rag Mags, he was pounced on by two of the group whilst the other three made off with Davy.

Norma being an experienced voyeur reacted quickly to the situation. He smacked one of the raiders in the teeth and broke free from his bondage. He then rushed out of the office and immediately came face to face with another one of the five raiders. Without batting an eyelid, he sank the raider with a 17½ degree Arkwright - the raider didn't bat an eyelid either.

In two bounds he had caught up with the self-appointed Davy bearers, deftly throttled one and checked the others' bags with his mining boot. Thus the attempt to steal the Mines ex-mascot was foiled.

WOTZON

Friday 14th

City and Guilds Carnival: 'Viv Stanshall & Greysers', 'Roger Ruskin Spear' plus 'Andy Thunderclap Newman'. Jazz Band, Disco and Film show. 8.00pm in the Union Building. Adm: £1.50. Tickets from C&GU office.

QEC: Rag Ball with 'GONZALES'. Fancy dress. 8.00pm in the Courtauld Hall. Adm: 80p adv, £1.00 at the door.

Saturday 15th

Rag Procession: Meet in Imperial Institute Road at 10.00am.
Rag Concert: 'GONG'. 8.00pm in the Great Hall.

Sunday 16th

Chelsea: Films: 'Day at the Races' and 'Marx Brothers Go West'. 7.00pm in the Lightfoot Hall. Adm: 15p.

Monday 17th

IC Union Council meeting at 6.00pm in the Union SCR.

Tuesday 18th

Careers Opportunities Talks: 'The Graduate and Accountancy' by Miss S Dunn, Institute of Chartered Accountants. Elec Eng 408 at 1.30pm.

Associated Studies: The Industrial Archaeologist at Work: 3. The Sound of Industrial Archaeology by Denis Smith, Chairman, Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society. Theatre B, Sheffield Building at 1.30pm.

What is Baroque? Mrs Helen Langdon of the Central School of Art and Design talks about Baroque Painting. Theatre A, Sheffield Building, at 1.30pm.

Hall Dinner in the Sheffield Building. 7.00 for 7.30pm Dress: Lounge suits.

Wednesday 19th

IC Folk Club presents 'Magic Lantern' in the Union Lower Refectory at 8.00pm. Adm: members 25p, non-members 45p. Membership 60p.

Thursday 20th

ICWA General Meeting in the ICWA lounge at 12.30pm.
ICWA Social evening for overseas and Postgraduate students at 6.30pm in the ICWA lounge.

Associated Studies: Lunch-hour Concert. The Library, 53 Prince's Gate.

Films: One Man's China; 3. 'The People's Army', 4. 'Eight or Nine in the Morning' in Theatre A, Sheffield Building at 1.30pm.

First Steps in Science: Jesus or Archaeology? Prof Don Wiseman, Professor of Assyriology, UL. Theatre B, Sheffield Building at 1.30pm. (IC Christian Union).

Friday 21st

IC Film Soc presents 'Ivan The Terrible' in Mech Eng 220 at 7.15pm. Admission by membership card only. Membership £1.50.

IC Ents 'Almost' Free Disco in the Union Lower Refectory starting 8.00pm. Great sounds - Adm: 10p.

Saturday 22nd

IC Ents present 'George Melly' plus Burlesque in a super entertaining concert designed to blow your mind?! Great Hall. 8.00pm. Adm: IC adv 70p, adv 80p, at the door £1.00.

Chelsea: 'Magna Carta' in concert in the Lightfoot Hall, Manressa Road SW3. Start 8.00pm. Adm: 60p.

Essay Competition on Fruit Juices

The Eighth International Fruit Juice Congress will take place in Merano, Northern Italy, from May 17 to 22, 1976. In order to stimulate interest in the Congress and in the field of fruit juices, the organising committee of the International Fruit Congress invites students of departments of food science or similar departments of universities, technical colleges and polytechnics to participate in an essay competition. Papers submitted must deal with one or more aspects of fruit juices (eg chemistry, technology, economics, nutrition, legal aspects etc), may not be longer than 6,000 words and must be typed in one of the Congress languages (English, French, Italian or German) on one side

of the page only, using double spacing and having a wide margin at the sides. The jury is composed of members of the Scientific-Technical Commission of the International Federation of Fruit Juice Producers and its decisions are final. The six best papers will be published in the Congress Proceedings. The authors of the three best papers will be invited to attend the Congress.

Participants resident in Great Britain, who must be younger than 25 on May 1, 1976, are invited to send their papers to Dr FW Beech, Research Station, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AF, before January 15, 1976. Successful candidates will be notified individually before March 1, 1976.



Felix

Refectories

"Speciality of the house: vast piles of grey, mushy chips". That is the opinion of the Sennet reporter, John Ryan, when he visited the refectories at IC. In fact, in the survey which covered four other colleges and ULU, we come out bottom of the list.

It is for this very reason that the refectories are suffering from a decrease in turnover thus making it almost certain that there will be a further increase in refectory prices at Christmas. Or will the College take the drastic step of closing one of the refectories? If so which one? The Union Lower Refectory?

There has been a lot of talk, most of it sensible, if somewhat impracticable, on the ways we might try to solve the refectories problem. One such idea, was put forward by Mr Williams (see FELIX no. 399). I agree that if there existed an air of mutual co-operation between the opposing factions then we would have a basis for progress.

I further agree that the Union, in the person of Mr Teague

appears to be defeatist in its attitude to the problem. However, I would contend that Mr Teague and other leaders of this Union enjoy grass-roots support. Where were the grass-roots at the first UGM of this session when the refectories problem was being discussed?

I feel that a solution to this problem would be for the Union to take over the running of the Union refectory. It could then employ an outside catering concern to run it and charge prices that would compete with Mr Mooney's prices. This would thus break the monopoly that Mr Mooney has on the catering in this College.

I look forward to seeing some reaction to this idea.

Halls of Residence

Mr Teague in his 'Peter Patter' last week asked for some reaction to his comments on refectories and halls of residence cleaning. I am glad to see that there has been some response (see letters to the editor, page 6), albeit only a meagre one. Although I would lend my support to the suggestions put forward by our two correspondants this week, the matter is not so easily resolved. The suggestion that we cut down on cleaning would mean a reduction in cleaning staff and as far as I am aware the other Union involved, NUPE, has not been consulted as yet regarding this. But this does not detract from the fact that students in halls of residence get it too damn good.

Pingpong

The Girl Next Door

PROFILE : Cynthia Rogers, Nightline Director

CYNTHIA ROGERS is the kind of girl we all wish lived next door during our childhood: vivacious, fun to be with, always with a willing ear and an almost titillating sparkle in her eyes. She is this year's Coordinator of Nightline, the confidential organisation which is run by students from all over London for students who are in trouble, lonely, board, fed up or just finding it difficult to cope with things. Running Nightline is a full-time job and the post therefore carries a sabbatical year. The work is not easy, but she enjoys the immense satisfaction which the job gives her because she gets to meet "...lots of interesting people: not only the callers, but the Nightliners whom I work with and the Student Unions in the London area which I have to approach to get them involved in Nightline".

Cynthia is twenty-two, unattached, comes from Boreham Wood in Hertfordshire, got her BSc in Nutrition from Queen Elizabeth College, London, in June 1974 and instinctively jumps at the sound of a telephone. Before becoming the Nightline Coordinator she spent a year at Garnett Teacher Training College.

She speaks genuinely and sincerely and avoids using tones more suited to either a confessional or a passionate crusade. There is no feeling of exaggerated friendliness run amok to the point of gullibility or dogmatic fervour ranting up its own orifice. But so much easily recognisable than definable and definitely warrants more than a quick thumb through Roget's

Thesaurus in an attempt to crystallise the blend of honesty, dedication, patience, understanding and mischievous gorgeousness.

The origins of Nightline go back to 1971 when it was felt that the College's student suicide rate was becoming a major cause for concern. Stories of students jumping out of Southside, leaping off Queen's Tower and taking poison were fast becoming a moribund folklore. A similar scheme was being run by students at Essex University, so Imperial College was quick to realise the potential behind the idea of providing premises in Prince's Gardens with an external telephone. Whilst IC's was only the second Nightline to be set up, today similar schemes are run by students at nearly all the colleges, universities and polytechnics throughout the country; but it is only in the London area that a sabbatical is provided by all the colleges actually subscribing to the scheme. This was considered necessary because so many previous Coordinators had failed their exams due to their Nightline commitment.

How many Nightline volunteers do you have helping you? "About sixty-five students drawn from all over London."

How many calls do you get per night? "On average, about three a night."

Do you ever get any abusive callers? "Rarely."

Do you ever have any hoax callers? "Never."

How much money do you receive to cover the costs of running Nightline? "It is run on a shoe-string budget."



Cynthia Rogers

How does one become a Nightline volunteer? "First off they have to contact us. We then have a chat to them to try and determine whether the person's motive for becoming a Nightliner seems reasonable. The person then has to be trained to cope with the multitude of different situations which can arise during an evening at Nightline."

What qualities do you look for in a potential Nightliner? "They have to be easy to talk to. Generally they are people who are not preoccupied with

themselves."

Just then the telephone rings. She dashes from where we are sitting into another room where the 'phone is, calling out as she goes, "If I'm more than two minutes, it could take some time". It does. I understand.

"Anyone wishing to contact Nightline, for whatever reason, should go along to 8 Prince's Gardens, or phone Int. 2468 or GPO 581 2468 between 6pm and 9am."

ICWA

The Balloon Debate

Picture a hot air balloon coasting high above the earth with four people in it. The balloon begins to tear itself away from the basket, the latter being too heavy. If the balloon is ever to reach the ground safely three of the people in it will have to be ejected, the person remaining being the one whose continued existence can be deemed most essential to the community in which he or she lives.

This was the situation in which Nick Brayshaw (RSMU President), Riz Shakir (ICU Deputy President), Ian Jowett (ICCAG Chairman) and myself

found ourselves last Tuesday evening during ICWA's second debate, a Balloon debate.

The first round of the debate involved slandering everyone else on the platform and projecting one's own role as vital to IC.

Riz saw himself as being most essential to Union members because — well let's face it — he's got the keys to the Union Building. Very few people were impressed by that line of argument, hence Riz was first to be ejected from the balloon.

Ian saw his job as one of helping people whether in

taking soup to the vagrants of Charing Cross or supervising adventure playgrounds. Yes, we thought, very nice too — but what about helping IC students? Thus Ian quickly followed Riz to an untimely 'death'.

That left Nick and myself, both of us having convinced those present during the first two rounds of our worthwhile contribution to the quality of life. In the final round I was called on to speak first and warmed to my task by numerous glasses of sherry, I portrayed my job of being one which had massive implication for the whole of humanity. It was a pity nobody else thought so as I too went tumbling out of the balloon leaving Nick Brayshaw as the balloon's affable and deserving captain.

The debate was lively, good humoured and witty (even if, thanks to John Downs, most of the wit did come from the

floor!) and our thanks goes to those who attended as well as those who took part.

Wednesday evening saw the staging of one of the zaniest parties in College — the ICWA 20's Revival Party. It was amazing to see so many people floating around in costumes which were pure Scott Fitzgerald.

Limbs were quickly loosened by the (almost!) copious punch and it was not long before the floor was full of enthusiastic charlestoners. Margaret Slimming (IF President), Margaret Slimming (IF President) and John Kearns (Carnival Co-ordinator) judged the Charleston competition which proved a hard task, the champagne finally being awarded to a gaily bedecked girl called Olivia who disappeared back into the crowd before we could discover

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The Balloon Debate

anything of her origins. The New Chelsea Ragtime Band continued to play whilst everyone adjourned to the Quad with sparklers, returning later to finish off what was left of the food.

The response to the idea was very encouraging and we would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening a success.

ICWA Diary

Tuesday, 18th Nov: ICWA Lounge 7.00pm. ICWA debate: 'This house believes that women who are raped ask for it'. Upholding the motion; Jack Gratus (author of 'The Victim' opposing the motion; Margaret Allen (features editor for 'The Times')

Thursday 20th Nov: ICWA Lounge 12.30pm. ICWA General Meeting
ICWA Lounge 6.30pm. Overseas and PG Social evening.

Meditation and Science: East meets West

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION (TM) was brought to the West 16 years ago by Maharishi Mehes Yogi. It is a simple technique of deep meditation which is practiced for 15/20 minutes twice a day sitting comfortably with the eyes closed.

As opposed to other methods of meditation or self development, it does not require any concentration or contemplation, belief, faith, changes of diet, standing on the head or any change in one's life style.

Over the last 5 years, there has been a great deal of interest in the technique among research scientists. Over 300 experiments have been published to date, which indicate that during TM a deep state of integrated rest is achieved. At the same time, brainwave activity, as measured by EEG (electroencephalograph), become more orderly. Research findings after mediation show a greater coordination between body and mind, improved health, improved social relations and an increase in learning ability and academic performance.

The transcendental Meditation technique can be learnt in seven easy steps, the first of which is coming to an Introductory Talk held by Soc every Thursday at 1.15pm in Room 407A in the Elec Eng department.

There are also regular meetings for members of TM Soc every Tuesday at 5.45pm. Any enquiries should be addressed to Charles Osborn (Elec Eng 3).

NUS Women's Conference

Political diatribe and lesbianism

Dani Salvadori

Moir Robinson

At six o'clock on Saturday morning, before the rest of IC had recovered from Friday night, two brave delegates set off for Bristol to attend the NUS Women's Conference. This was part of the NUS women's campaign which was set up in 1972 to promote both the awareness of women's issues amongst the student body, and hopefully provide some solutions to problems raised by these issues.

The conference, which was packed, was opened by Maria Loftus, the guest speaker from Islington Trades' Council, speaking on how the Trades Unions and the NUS could further the women's campaign. This speech was largely irrelevant since it considered only the case of the TUC and women workers. It seemed far removed from any aspects of student life, and the speaker did little to tie in the experience of the TUC with that of the NUS. In common with many politicians she also spoke for longer than was necessary. These ideas did not really come into the conference again. In fact the rest of the time revolved around two themes: the problems that women had setting up closed groups, because under the NUS, a financed group is not allowed to be closed, and the foundation of the Network. This was started in order to combine all the women's groups in colleges throughout the country so that they work towards a common ideal.

The first of these ideas was

brought out very strongly in one of the workshops we attended on 'Setting up a women's campaign in a small college'. Many women felt that they could not run an effective women's group with men present. This was a rationale that we did not really understand since ideas cannot be changed unless everybody is educated. Besides which very few men I know would enjoy sitting listening to 20 women discuss their problems for 2 hours. A common experience was that women's groups were most effective when tied to social activities, which made me think that perhaps ICWA is the perfect solution; an established body bringing women's issues to the fore!

After lunch, the session began with a talk on NAC, which raised the same points as the conference held in college a few weeks ago. These have already been fully reported in FELIX. There was then an attempt by the lesbians present, to throw the men out, which resulted in uproar (a common state during the conference) and 90% of the people there voting against them. The resolutions were then debated. These brought out vividly the two themes of the conference and in fact velws were split almost in half. The motions covered the network, the issues women face and the divisive nature of autonomous women's groups.

with many small colleges we felt that areas should have delegate status. This was narrowly defeated (after 3 recounts!) when it came to a vote. We also voted against autonomous women's groups feeling that it was an impractical and patronising view, especially in this College!

The business got through in the afternoon was continually being interrupted by the militant lesbians who challenged everything that was said and sung loudly through many peoples speeches. Feelings at the conference were very strongly against them, and for us, at least, their activities proved so boring we were on the point of walking out. Our overall impressions on leaving the conference were ones of dissatisfaction at the rudeness of many people present and the irrelevance of much that was said.

The main argument concerning the network was whether people sent from area groups should have delegate or observer status. This may seem a petty point, but in fact involves the question of small colleges who cannot afford to send delegates to a conference, and therefore must be represented by their areas. The points against this were that areas are not working effectively at present and that areas should pay for small colleges to send delegates. Coming from a part of London

WELLSOC

Crime, and how to get away with it

Alan Lodge

Here beginneth another advice-laden missive from WELLSOC, this time reporting on our meeting on Monday 10th November. We would have liked to have printed a full transcription of Dr Shaw's informative lecture, but they wouldn't let us. (And the editor of this learned journal wouldn't approve either.) But to help you, I will tell you as much as I think I can get away with.

If you want to go into crime, you have a reason. (If you don't, you're a psychopath.) These reasons are either fame or fortune. If you want fame, not getting found out is a bit awkward, as Al Capone could tell you. But in truth, most of us want the fortune side of crime, and with this Dr

Shaw, professional scientist and amateur criminal, will be able to help us. Dr Shaw gave us some definitions. A professional is a person who professes to doing a job (in the literal sense), while an amateur is someone who loves doing something, if you define the word from the Latin root. Thus, all criminals in the fortune group are amateurs. Q.E.D.

Now what branch of crime do you want to go into? According to the Home Office list (they're very obliging, are the Home Office) there are 107 to chose from, but there are only really three main popular types, namely Loot, Sex and drugs, and Sudden death. Even these three are subjects to occupy a lifetime of study, so only the first subject, Loot, was covered in any

depth. We are very lucky at IC if we are interested in this section, as not a hundred yards from here is a rather superb national art collection, the V & A. According to Dr Shaw, the thing to go for are the Chinese brass items, of which he considerably showed us photographs. He declined to be more specific about things like security guard rounds, which was a pity. Now if any of you have shares in Nat West, sell them. Although I didn't quite understand the details, but our speaker has a very good method for extracting money from the bank's computer.

I wish I could tell you more, but I have to go now. Don't forget the film next week: Phase 4 is coming! All right, officer, I'll come quietly.

POOH'S CORNER

Refectory prices : The Cynics are Defeatists

In my article on refectories two weeks ago ("The Refectory Price Syndrome: Trust is needed"), I suggested tentative proposals which, if endorsed by the College and the Students Union in a spirit of unprecedented cooperation, might ease the refectory price escalation (not "solve the refectory economic crisis at a stroke" as one 'silly billy' (if you'll forgive the pun) put it) and improve the quality of the meals and the service available in the refectories, especially Southside. I sketched out a rough embryo of an idea declaring that it would still need to be developed by both the College and the Union officials if it were to emerge as a mutually viable proposition.

I am pleased to record the groundswell of support for the idea amongst not only IC students (—some of those who approached me were total strangers) but also the College refectory staff, the Bar staff and the highest echelons of the College administration.

I further stated "Doubtless smug little cynics ... will point out the difficulties." Mr Peter Teague and Mr Bill Gerrard (see FELIX last week) have clearly identified themselves as such. Frankly, I am sickened by their defeatism.

Mr Gerrard's ambitious "repudiation" is a mockery of fact when he says "Mr Teague put the basic idea Mr Williams was suggesting to these people last summer! ! This is just not true. Did Mr Teague at that time offer to campaign to fill the refectories if the College kept the prices down? No. Therein lies the vital difference. Mr Teague and the other leaders of this Union have the power to do this because they enjoy the grass-roots support of this Union. It is therefore almost the ultimate carrot to dangle in front of the College. It's an excellent bargaining standpoint and I wonder if Peter realised this when he discussed the matter with the College last summer; I wonder if he realises this now. After all, in order to negotiate successfully one has to have something of value, to offer. It is up to the Union's leadership to recognise that it does have something to bargain with.

As for Mr Gerrard's ideological objections, I am unable to endorse his philosophical pretensions. When the whole of the education sector is under financial attack from the government, I believe that it is inappropriate to look at Imperial College as an Us v.

Them (ie Union v. College) kind of confrontation. "College provides the refectory service, so it's up to them to solve its problems" — this is an attitude I cannot support. The NUS is telling Student Unions to stand together with local Trade Unions so that they (the Student Unions) will be able to apply greater pressure to the Colleges and Universities. Has anyone ever thought of standing together with the Colleges and Universities themselves. For that is exactly what I believe this Union should be doing. Often in the past (take Norm Sayles' year as President, for example) the Union has approached the College practically cap in hand asking for this, that and the other. More often than not, College has coughed up the goods. So isn't it about time that this Union began to show its appreciation just a little, instead of spiking it with nails and recklessly perpetuating the refectory account loss?

Sorry, Mr Gerrard. I'm unconvinced. I must however applaud the fact that you are prepared to air your views explicitly and foster discussion on this controversial issue.

Mr Teague on the other hand appears to have adopted a disappointingly low profile on the subject. I am glad to see that he does not want the refectories to be closed. Pity he cannot recognise that he is accelerating things to that situation. We appear to agree that the first obstacle is the quality of food. Fair enough. But just because Mr Mooney refuses to admit that there is room for improvement in Southside meals does not surely mean the end of the matter. I believe that this Union is entitled to expect from its elected leadership some determination and a measure of negotiating ability. This Union should not have to tolerate such morbidity as "Well I'm sorry, but Mr Mooney refuses to admit that the food served in Southside is below par, so there's little we can really do." That is just shying away at the first fence because it looks a little high. If Mr Teague could convince the Rector that Southside food is substandard, do you believe that Mr Mooney would stick to his story? Try it and see.

When one of the refectories does close, it will be principally IC students who will suffer as well as the associated refectory staff who will lose their jobs. Today's defeatists will turn to the College, say "It is your fault for making excessive price increases" and waggle their fingers at Mr Mooney. He in turn will face this Union and say "It's your own fault for pinching my customers. You have succeeded in making staff redundant and seriously inconveniencing your own Union members." Give it some thought. Write and tell FELIX what you think.

And as for JJ Stuart of Maths 1, write on!

MIKE WILLIAMS

Mutters Arising

The Haldane Library and the Union

Did you know that the Union supplies the cash for the buying of "file under popular" records and fictional recreational books? You did not — oh dear! Well we do and so the moral of the story is — if you want a particular piece of plastic, fill in the request form which is available in the Library. That is the only way that our book and record buyers can find out what you want.

Xmas Hall Dinner

This mad extravaganza will take place on Tuesday 9th December. It is a DJ affair and for a mere £2.55, a five course special can be yours. Forms are available from Jen or Pat in the Union office and it is first come first serve! Oh yes! You will be limited to nine guests, so try not to bring the whole family along; just your father's side.

Floor reps

There is a certain motley crew who are supposed to represent the views of the Floor at Council, UGM's etc. This does not mean that they represent the maintenance department, but that if any of "ordinary" (horrible word) members feel that something should be discussed, the Floor rep, having no specified field of responsibility, should be the person to raise that topic with. They can then take it further if necessary. This year's elite are:-

UGM

This takes place next Thursday and our delegates to NUS conference must be elected at this meeting. Motions going to conference, especially those with amendments tabled by IC also have to be discussed.

Assuming that I can stagger through the rest of Rag Week, I hope that I will see you at the UGM — either that, or send me a wreath.

John

TOUCHSTONE

Can we afford our Architectural Heritage?
Guest speaker:

R.W. McDowall
on the
29th and 30th November
at

Silwood Park.

Those interested in going please forward your name to Miss Hilary Burgess in Sheffield 546B. Int. 4180.

IC amendments to NUS Motions

Due to lack of time and space, it has only been possible to print three key motions which ICU deem of high importance. However, all amendments tabled by ICU are listed below.

Last Wednesday, an open meeting of the Union External Affairs Committee was held to discuss amendments for the NUS Autumn conference. Attendance was rather disappointing, but six amendments were produced and most of the motions discussed. These amendments have now gone to the NUS.

Nomination papers for conference delegates (and for Union posts) are on the notice board in the Union Lower Lounge. I urge you to stand; and if you are interested in attending conferences, of which there are many, or in looking after relations between IC and other colleges, I suggest you stand for the External Affairs Committee. At present, we are especially in need of a secretary, a publicity officer and public relations (press) officer.

For those of you who do not already know, there are two general conferences organised by NUS every year, which determine the policies of the Union for that year. Another conference of interest is the Universities sectoral conference, which will be held in January.

The following motions will be discussed, time permitting, at the UGM next week:-

Amendments

(1) Motion 110 to be put as an amendment with 111 (NUS Constitution);

Delete conference affairs: "which is best..." to end.

Add under conference resolves that

(i) CO's should elect delegates to National Conference from a general meeting of the Union in order to ensure representative delegates;

(ii) discussion at some level on the content of NUS National Conference agenda should include the widest possible numbers within the CO. All students should be invited to present motions and amendments preferably at a UGM.

(2) Motion 119 (Overseas Students) to add our support.

(3) Motion 125 part 1 (Conspiracy Laws) delete instructions

(3) from "to distribute" to "and" change "anybody" to "any students"

(4) Motion 131 (Grants and Education Cuts) add under section A. 18. The paper from ILEA indicating massive cuts in the number of Overseas students allowed into London Colleges, add under Instructions

17 And to oppose cutbacks in the numbers of overseas students.

(5) Motion 136 Delete all and insert Conference notes

(i) That in the referendum of 1973 a large majority of the people of Northern Ireland voted to remain in the UK.

Conference believes

(i) That as long as the majority of people in Northern Ireland want to remain part of the UK, then Northern Ireland should remain so.

(2) That as long as Northern Ireland remains a part of the UK, the British Government is under an obligation to defend it.

(3) That no support should be extended by the NUS to terrorism in the UK whether committed by loyalist or Republican organisations or individuals.

(6) Motion (NUSS) add after "that school students", "over the age of sixteen years"

delete conference believes 1 and 5

under conference believes 6, delete "non-academic .. community".

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Editors are urgently required for the IC Union Handbook and Diary for 1975/76. Please contact John Downs in the Union.

ERROR

The Cross Country report was mistakenly titled the Rugby report.

Policy Heading NUS Democracy and Autonomy

10. Tabled by Strathclyde and Edinburgh Universities

Conference notes:

i). ' that NUS is a federal body within which each CO is an autonomous unit.

ii) that the body elected to implement national policy decided by COs is the Executive and that this is accountable to National Conference for all it does.

iii) the beginning of an orchestrated attack on SU funding by government both as part of education cuts, and as an attempt to limit the powers of students in opposing those cuts.

iv) that this attack is being complemented and made credible by accusations from some quarters that unions "mis-spend" money, because they are undemocratic.

Conference believes:

i) that direct democracy is the strength of NUS in that it is participatory and encourages the maximum involvement of membership in most cases.

ii) the significant gains that have been made over the past five years are a result of NUS actively campaigning on this basis.

iii) that at national level, in most cases union GMs are the sovereign body of the union, and that it is the alibi to become involved in debate and decision making which develops union consciousness and are the mark of a democratic union.

iv) that active participation and involvement are essential if students are to be successful in the campaigns which have just been launched.

v) the NUS is one of the most democratic organisations of its kind.

Conference affirms:

i) its commitment at all levels to direct democracy and active participation of the membership which is best served by all delegates being directly elected by all members of the constituent bodies.

ii) its opposition to methods which seek to by-pass mass involvement and which result in bureaucracy and careerism in union affairs.

iii) its commitment to two national delegate conferences a year in order to instruct and control the Executive.

Conference categorically declares: that in the fight to oppose cutbacks in the attacks on union finance, the traditions of direct involvement in decision making and action will be the critical factor.

Delete paragraph (b) of Clause 21B (4) and insert:

"If the vacancy should occur after the beginning of Ordinary Conference, but before the Executive changeover at the end of the Ordinary Conference, it shall be filled by the person who at the election was elected to that position but who has not yet taken office. A person so co-opted shall become a full member of the Executive".

In Clause 23(2) insert after 'elections' in the third line 'The regulations governing National Ballot in accordance with Clause 21A(i) although contained in the election regulations, shall be subject to change only in accordance with Clause 36 notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 34'.

3. That the Executive elections shall first take place in March 1977,

Conference instructs:

1. Elections Committee: to draft appropriate regulations and standing orders to provide for the following:

- a) A secret ballot of Ordinary members of the National Union, in the same manner as the N.U.M. pit head ballot.
- b) The distribution and circulation of electoral information and documentation.
- c) A system of returning officers and a national count to be arranged and approved by the Electoral Reform Society.
- d) A formal Declaration in accordance with Clause 21A of the Constitution.

Amendment 1

Tabled by St John's College Oxford

Delete all and insert:

"Conference resolves to add at the end of Clause 21A(1) of the Constitution the following:

'The Elections for the Executive Officers specified in Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall not take place until all reports to the Conference have been formally adopted or dealt with under Standing Order 40(i)(a), (b), (c) or (d)."

Amendment 2

Tabled by Brunel University

Add:

Conference moves;

1. NUS is for the benefit of Members.
2. The basic breakdown of communication between NUS and individual students.
3. The Minority Report on the Structure of the National Union which was submitted to Margate Conference 1974 and in particular the words:

"No political grouping should be scared of making the structure more representative, if they are it reflects a fear that the current position is unrepresentative of existing student opinion and fear of an inability to win students to a political position".

4. That elections to the Executive are carried out on a delegate basis rather than on a card vote basis.
5. That many delegates from COs to Conference are not elected in a secret ballot open to all members of the COs.
6. That individual student members of NUS cannot participate directly in the election of the NUS Executive.

Conference believes:

1. That while Constituent Organisations have been the constitutional membership of NUS, it is time to recognise the reality of the fact that individual students are the proper membership of NUS.
2. That any talk of democracy in Colleges through Student representation on Academic Boards and Governors' Boards is made nonsensical as individual students have no direct way of electing the most important student Committee of all - the NUS Executive.
3. That the majority of individual students have no confidence in the present structure of the National Union.
4. That the Executive as presently constituted does not represent the real opinions of individual students.
5. That direct democracy would strengthen NUS and direct elections of the Executive would encourage more involvement of the membership in the process of decision making in the National Union.
6. That active participation and involvement are essential if students are to be successful in preserving their rights and that this is best served by all delegates being directly elected by all members of Constituent Organisation.
7. That NUS is one of the most bureaucratic organisation of its kind and that taking office in NUS is regarded by many as a step towards a political career.
8. That the only way forward for the National Union is to have all the Executive elected in a secret ballot open to all individual student members of the NUS.

Policy Heading: Overseas Students

119 Tabled by NUS Executive South Bank Polytechnic, Bradford and Bath Universities

Conference notes:

1. The alarming increase in discrimination against overseas students as exemplified by
 - a) the recent increase in tuition fees.
 - b) the new interpretation of the Immigration Laws, which has resulted in larger numbers of students being faced with deportation.
 - c) the widening differential between hostel fees for 'home students' and overseas students.
2. The Report of the CVCP Study Group on Postgraduate Education.
3. The ILEA document which proposes that the number of overseas students in ILEA colleges be drastically reduced, and that this would mean the closure of at least one college, or several departments, and the termination of courses in every college.
4. The recent paper of 135/75 Standing Advisory Committee for Further Education Conference reaffirms its opposition to discrimination against overseas students.

Conference believes that:

1. The present attacks constitute a deliberate and systematic attempt to exclude from post-school education, overseas students who are not privately wealthy or backed by Government or business' interests, and that the consequence of this is to restrict educational opportunity to the ruling elite in those countries.
2. That these attacks are a reflection of the way in which the grants system and the cuts in educational expenditure are restricting educational opportunity in Britain.
3. That overseas students are being attacked because their isolation and the restrictions on their activities make it difficult for them to wage a campaign; and that these attacks are only precursors to attacks on the rest of the student body.
4. That the ILEA proposals demonstrate the need for unity between students, because discrimination against overseas students directly affects home students.

Conference further believes that:

1. The presence of overseas students in Britain is a particularly valuable form of overseas aid; and that that aid should be available to all sections of society in those countries, not just those with wealth and influence; that further discrimination only restricts opportunity more and more to the wealthy.
2. That overseas students contribute significantly to the broadening of the experiences of British students and to the building of a multi-cultural society in Britain.
3. That the Government's promise in the 1975 White Paper on Racial Discrimination that there should be no discrimination in education should be adhered to completely, ie that discrimination in tuition fees and hostel fees would be unlawful.

Conference calls on the Government to adhere to the spirit and provisions of the White Paper and to end discrimination against overseas students.

Conference condemns the view that the shortage of finance in education can be in any way solved by making students pay for that shortage, whether through discriminatory fees or any other manner; nor should the responsibility for that shortage be directed at a minority group like overseas students.

Instructions:

- Executive to co-operate with CCOSO, NCCL and JCWI to force the government to implement the proposals of the White Paper.
- COs, Areas to oppose further fee increases in tuition or hostel charges;

AMENDMENT 1 Tabled by Bradford and Bath UnionInstructions to NUS

1. to call a day of action on overseas students.
2. to co-ordinate a national campaign to actively oppose the discriminatory policy on differential fees.

Instructions to COs

1. oppose discriminatory fees in their institution.
2. support the NUS day of action.

Wardenship of the**Hamlet and Cambridge Gardens Flats.**

The present Warden of the Hamlet and Cambridge Gardens Head Tenancy Scheme is resigning with effect from 31st December 1975.

Applications are invited from students of the College to fill the position with effect from 1st January 1976.

The successful applicant will be a married postgraduate, who has been a student at the College for about a year. He should have some experience of handling student affairs, and be likely to be at IC for another two years.

Reht-free accommodation, and an entertainments allowance.

Application forms are available from the Union Office, and the Residence Office. Applications will close on 20th November 1975.

From 25 years ago...

From FELIX issue no. 12, 3rd Nov. 1950

22nd October 1950

Sir, - In accordance with your invitation for modification of the form for the letter home, may I suggest that the phrase 'your erring son' be changed to 'your erring son/daughter'.

After all, there are at least 42 daughters in the College at the moment and their interests should not be neglected.

Yours faithfully,

N Raged. (ICWA)

(Hear, hear! And if Miss Raged will let me have her 'phone number, I will see that her interests are not neglected - Ed)

Letters to the Editor

The Future

Sir, — Friday evening should have been restful, but then I read Lord Rothschild's speech in FELIX 400!

The kindest descriptions of it would be "silly", or "childish", or perhaps "naive". But can one apply such terms, without censure, to the public pronouncements of so important a figure in our establishment? I think not. For it is troubling to suspect such limited awareness in a man of influence. Let me summarise my reactions.

"The Future" (title of the speech) is a matter not just of interest, as it has always been, but of profound and fundamental concern on the part of a great many people. The prospects for humanity, or indeed the biosphere, seem bleak indeed, and a speech which failed to inject humour or compassion into the subject might at least have afforded it a more serious and mature consideration. As it was we were presented with various technocratic oddments, real imagined, such as "extasin", a pleasure drug, or (another travesty of a serious matter) a dabble in the implications of genetic engineering.

The major "focus" seemed to be population growth. While I am no great expert on this subject, I did participate in the World Population Conference in Bucharest last year, and in several preceding conferences on population, and I would at least claim to be familiar with the works of experts in this field, as well as with the feelings of activists in organisations concerned with population phenomena in Britain and abroad. From this viewpoint, Lord Rothschild's words seem nothing short of crass. Producing and caring for children is a most intimate and precious part of human life, and the problems of growth and distribution of the total population is not helped or clarified by dehumanising it through absurd and emotive extrapolations of growth rates.

In fact I would assert that the "numbers" approach is bankrupt, both morally and as a help in defining what is meant by a population problem, or even "the" population problem.

The rest of my reactions form a rag-bag of a set that seems finite but unbounded: the specious beginning — "The most important members of this audience have only recently started their adult lives"; the pompous vacuity — eg "...the H-bomb, which, incidentally, I predict will not intentionally be used in your lifetime" — whew!, thanks Lord R. and to think I'd been worrying about it all this time!; and so it goes on — these extracts are just from the first two paragraphs.

May I finish on the good Lord's level, by speculating that he'd taken a drug which he forgot to mention: "Nonsin", the effects of which are revealed by the speech. The question is, should it be banned?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SHADE,
Physics PG

Sir, — A number of people seem to entertain the idea that a solution to the world's population problem lies in the export of people to somewhere off this planet.

I was very glad to see that Lord Rothschild in his Commemoration day speech, The Future, printed in FELIX issue no. 400, strongly indicated the absurdity of this notion, at least for a long time to come. I would like to drive the point home with some simple calculations.

Let us be very optimistic and suppose that the growth of the present world's population of around 4000 million is reduced to 1% per year. That means 40 million, yes forty million, new people. In one year. That means 110 thousand a day or about 4600 chaps and chapettes born every hour.

Try getting rid of that lot; it's some logistical

problem!!

Yours faithfully,
DORI SCHMETTERLING.
Dept of Chemistry.

Cleaning

Sir, — Since Peter Teague is awaiting a reaction to his column of the 7th of November: here it is.

Having collected as many opinions as possible on the hall of residence matter, I feel that most students would be quite happy having their rooms cleaned only once a week and making their own beds, providing this would cut the cost of residence. The prices paid in our halls are not high by London standards; but it seems a pity to waste money on a function which is largely unnecessary, instead of leaving it in the students' pocket.

Yours faithfully,
1st year,
Division of Life Science

Sir, — I am writing in response to Peter Teague's article in FELIX No. 400 regarding the effect the cleaning staff's wages have on hall bills.

It seems to me that one cleaner per landing is a luxury most students cannot afford. I would suggest one cleaner per staircase per hall, thus cutting the cleaners and their wage bill to a third at a stroke. The cleaners duties should be reduced to polishing or-hoovering the floor of each of the three landings once a week. The three sets of toilets, shower and bath would still be cleaned daily as at present. The cleaners could also collect up dirty linen and distribute the clean ones.

Students would then dust their rooms, clean their sinks, and make their own beds. Once a week, dirty linen should be left folded on the corners of the bed ready for collection by the cleaners. The students would then remake their beds with the clean linen.

I do not think that any of the above suggestions would

either take much effort or take up much of the students' time, nor would the workload of the staircase cleaner by any greater than that of either of the present landing cleaners.

Yours sincerely,
RSL WILKS.
316 Falmouth Hall,

Bar prices

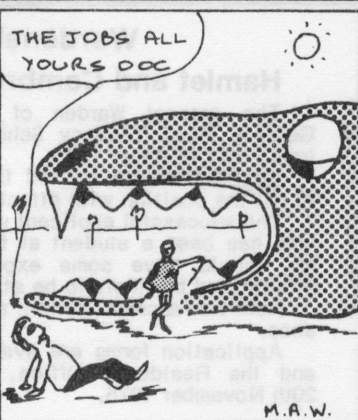
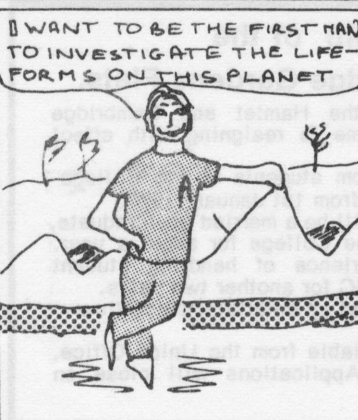
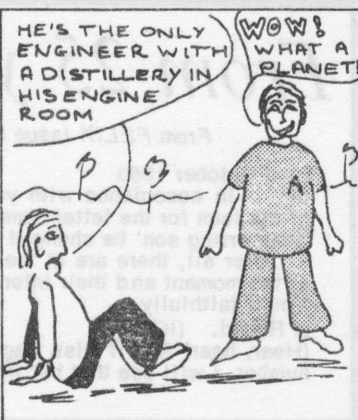
Sir, — It is with some concern that I note that the bar prices are about to be increased once again.

Over the past two years we have seen a steady erosion in the price differential between the College Bars and local Public Houses. This latest price rise has produced the situation whereby this differential has become negligible or even in some cases, non-existent. In an effort to maximise profits and thus offset any refectory deficit, the Bar Committee have opted for the laymans way out, missing the point that prices and turnover are inter-related. It is by no means certain that higher prices will produce a higher profit. Indeed sales are already down on the corresponding period last session. Students will no longer travel into College for a drink on the basis of price alone.

It is also time to point out that the large number of outside bookings going through the College enjoy the privilege of drinking at the normal IC rates. Surely if the profits are to be increased then the non-College persons utilising the bars should be called upon to pay a realistic price after dinner services.

I would urge the Bar Committee, and especially the student representatives to reconsider the pricing policies. By looking for increased profits from the students they are in danger of killing the bars and turning last year's small profit into a loss.

I remain Sir, your obedient servant,
KEITH N AHLERS
President C&GU.



Reviews

Stackridge and Sparrow in the Great Hall

After the Lord Mayor's Show comes ...Stackridge.

Bid adieu to the Stackridge of old. Last Saturday's gig in the Great Hall saw a mish-mash of the old and the new. The saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" sprang to my mind halfway through their set — it seemed appropriate at the time. All this was a pity, as the support band, a chirpy little outfit called "Sparrow", had done enough to set the scene for a really astral (one up on cosmic) concert.

Sparrow are a useful five man band who are obviously never going to make it big, but will always go down well in clubs or as support acts. Their act is a little too polished, and they had an annoying habit of all going "doo-wah" at the end of a number-ugh! Musically they showed tremendous versatility — the lead guitarist can "really lay down some mean tracks, man" (from the row behind me).

They sound like an up-dated Barron Knights — what do you mean, who's Barron Knights? They did sing some of their own compositions and one called "O Doctor", which is out now and

"budding in the 200's", was very enjoyable.

One of the highlights of the evening was their rendition of some Beach Boys melodies which they did with marvelous harmonisation. They ended the set with a medley of "oldies but goodies" which had a stomping finish. This had the audience clamouring for more and so we had an encore! "Great", I thought. Obviously the band were either under orders to get off quick and stop hogging the limelight, or they only new one other song, either way it was unfortunate that we were subjected to a truly nauseating piece dating from those sugary days of the all-American kid called "Graduation Day". This is definitely not one for listening to — to quote the lady(?) on my right, "It's the Mike Summers Singers". Nonetheless, a good set from Sparrow.

And so the Stackridge". Having done my best to get high on Swan lager (Australian goats piddle), I sat back, girdled my loins, and waited to be zonked out.

The Band, overall, were too loud, and seemed to fall into the trap which so many "big" bands do. The assumption that everyone in the audience knows the words to the songs and that, therefore, we do not have to hear them at the

concert. This is invalid, especially in a time of high inflation — that is, when records are bloody expensive. We could hear everyword of Sparrow's set. Not so with Stackridge.

Beyond this general comment, their old songs, light-hearted "soft" rock, were great. "Fish in a Glass" featured some lovely sax playing while "Good Looking" had most people tapping their feet lightly on the floor. Their musical pieces were interesting — not being vocal, one did not have to try and pick up the words.

"Slater's Waltz" began with a quiet piano solo, then gradually in came sax, guitar and mellotron. All in all, quite breathtaking. On the other hand, "Coniston Water", in which we were asked to visualise "the waves lapping on the shore", the trees in the wind", and a tramp having ****, was a failure.

Pink Floyd play this sort of stuff some what better, and borrowing some of the rifts from Crimson's "Lizard" did not exactly endear itself to yours truly. The encore was a rousing version of "Your Mother Should Know". More like it would have been appreciated.

On the whole then, Sparrow played well — Stackridge were also present.

Records

Bruce Springsteen — "Born to Run" (CBS).

Before putting record to turntable, Bruce Springsteen was just an American songsmith to me who, by all accounts, had the prospect of a big future as the re-vitalised successor to Dylan. He was signed to CBS by John Hammond who introduced such artists as Billie Holiday Bob Dylan, and Aretha Franklin to the music public, so if past experience and present expenditure on the promotion of Springsteen is anything to go by, great things are expected in the next few years.

Once in the grooves, the initial impact are the raspy vocals — a mixture of Roger Chapman, Joe Cocker and at times Lee Marvin; if a sufficiently-efficient groin-squeezer could be produced. The opening track, "Thunder road" resembles the early 'Little Feat' product — simple trucking music with primitive beat and light, Tonky piano — No frills. It's quickly apparent that whatever strength the songs have lies in the lyrics rather

than the music, which remains relatively pedestrian throughout the album apart from the occasional sax or piano filler. The lyrics on the other hand, much in the Dylan mould, are strong and well-balanced to carry across the intended punk/street life ambience with maximum clarity and force.

At first there seems strong evidence to suggest that Roy Bittan is the first fully programmable keyboards player, so monotonous is his contribution for the bulk of the record, but life seems evident when he very occasionally steps outside the beat. Indeed the best moments are consistently the first few bars of each track, where some scope is provided for invention before the all-consuming beat moves in to render inactive any possible finesse that might germinate.

"Blackstreets" already ¾ into side 1, provides the first punch of the album, with lines spat rather than sung, and a

pianist who finally starts to play. This is followed, on side 2, by the title-track and current single but remains the same old story — good lyrics, mediocre music. The first taste to appear does so painfully late on "Meeting across the river", where a softer, more complete song, filled with imaginative musicianship emerges, carried along on a wave of piano and guitar. For superior quality than the rantings of previous numbers. "Jungle-land", the closer, is also impressive — fine lyrics welded to a substantial rocker providing the best sax solo of the set.

"Born to run" is an album of evocative, pungent lyrics set to unexceptional music by an artist tipped to be one of CBS's major moneyspinners. For those who want to crown a new Dylan, be it on their own heads, because essentially Bruce Springsteen is a product of their making.

Climax Blues Band: Stamp Album (BTM)

There is always a difference between groups who play and sing their own songs and those who are just vocal groups like Faith Hope and Charity. The Climax Blues Band have blended together a good and exciting new sound which can only be described as soul-rock.

The guitar work on the first track, 'Using the power', on side one of this album is as good as some I've heard on what is usually described as hard-rock records.

The album is full of good solid rythms and this is more than reflected in the second track, 'Mr Goodtime'.

This track shows the group at their most innovative — a completely new sound in soul which extends and

amplifies the use of instrumentation and the basic vocals/rythm combination of this genre. Their music seems to be drawn from all the best schools of jazz, rock, blues, soul and rock'n'roll. The jazzy type rock is expressed in 'I am Constant' which tails off beautifully in a kind of ragtime blues sound.

For sheer delightful funk, however, one has to listen to 'Running out of time'.

The second track on side two 'Rusty Nail/The Devil Knows' is aptly named — being toned down with an introduction of soul rythms. The next track, 'Loosen-up', bears absolutely no resemblance to the other songs on the album. It sounds more like a rag-time blues number

that's been stripped of its basic soul origins.

'Spirit Returning' is more reminiscent of the recent soft soul era that seems to have faded for the moment. This track has somewhat more depth and should catch on in discos if anyone ever cares to play it.

On the whole the second side is a disappointment after the first side in which the group really excelled. The noticeable thing about the album is the way in which the music revolves round the instruments which are well played. It is almost as if they are speaking out the music.

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RECORD REVIEWS

Bee Gees: Main Course (RSO)

The album includes the hit single 'Jive Talkin' which has proved to be just about the best thing the group has done. However, the album kick-offs with their latest single 'Nights on Broadway' which has not yet broken into MM's singles Chart but is climbing through the US singles chart. I would say that this track was far superior to the former although not quite in the same disco classic class.

Still, on with the album, 'Wind of Chance' is a very pleasant track still carrying the overtones of funk which underlay most of the album with the exception of 'Songbird' which is a typical top of the pops average smoochy. The most beautiful, pleasant and contemporary song on the album is 'Fanny (be tender with my love)'. It is musically the most developed. It employs an exhilarating mixture of vocals from within the group which is well executed.

After dismissing the first track on side two — it probably went to their heads with a title like 'All This Making Love'! — the rest of this side can be

described as quite good. 'Country Lanes' takes one back to when they had 'Massachusetts' as a hit single and it is surprising that with variation in arrangement the fundamental sound has not aged very much.

In fact after the first side they completely shake off the funky side previously prevalent and slide into their more conventional style although they have improved tremendously in this sphere. Certainly if I had to recommend any of the above three albums, I would recommend this one as the best value overall. Indeed, it is quite different experience of the Bee Gees at possibly their best.

Faith Hope & Charity: Faith Hope & Charity (RCA)

'Let's Go to the Disco' where the music is out of sight sing this trio of two females and one male and by some strange coincidence he is Hope. Well, I only got as far as my room to listen

to this album which is produced, arranged and conducted by Van 'Hustle' McCoy.

It's certainly full of good things but suffers from chronic superficiality and commercialism. The tracks worthy of note are the first two on side one viz; 'Let's Go to the Disco' 'Just One Look' 'Disco Dan' and 'To Each His Own' are also quite good especially the latter which is currently making it at the number one spot in the US soul top 20.

However, this is not surprising since McCoy uses a re-hashed version of the 'Hustle' arrangement in it. Certainly the Hustle rhythms are most noticeable throughout but on 'To Each His Own' the temptation proves to be too much.

This album is unlikely to make it in Britain although some of the tracks if released as singles stand a very good chance and in this category one would include 'Mellow Me' an exciting song with good use of the vocal talents of the group — they definitely do not lack in this field. Definitely an easy listening album but useful at parties to give the DJ a rest!

Paul Ekpenyong

IC Open Doubles Darts Competition

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Entry fee 15p per pair
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FELIX SPORT

HOCKEY

Imperial College 2
Ettesa 4

by Jim Marshall

In suffering the first league defeat this season, IC played their best hockey this term, although two defensive errors cost them the match. Ettesa, who have scored on average five goals per game in the League, started the match as this form suggests, showing sharpness in attack. After ten minutes they were given a penalty which was easily converted. At this point IC woke up and started contesting the control of midfield and beginning to put pressure on the Ettesa defence. Towards the end of the half, IC were awarded a penalty from which Kim Houlden scored. After the break IC played some very impressive hockey, taking the lead through an excellent goal by Mike Isles. At this

point IC were well on top and had complete control of the game. Unfortunately two 'gift' goals in the space of two minutes completely destroyed IC's superiority and rhythm, putting Ettesa in command of the game though not by any great skill on their part. To rub salt into the wounds, the umpire allowed a fourth goal to count, after the whistle had been blown for an offence. This completed the unrepresentative score line in a game which IC at least deserved a draw, having two goals disallowed by their umpire.

Team:- C Brown, K Houlden, J Marshall, I Hodgson, J Andrews, A Ross, J Latter, M Isles, T Tutu, R Fatania, A Brewster.

Cross Country

The A's turned out full of confidence and looking forward to a good game. That kick-off was arranged for 11 o'clock (with Twickenham in mind) but by that time Belsize Park had ten men only on the field and were expected no more than another two. As the referee for the Extra's game had failed to turn up it was decided that the remaining fourteen should take on the twelve from Belsize Park. As soon as that was settled interest in the game waned.

There was no real concentration at any time during the game and the play was very scrappy. IC were winning so much ball that people were falling over each other in an attempt to score. When half-time arrived IC were only 12 - 6 in the lead, having let Belsize Park in for a try which they converted.

The second half was a bit better. Al Harey ran in the second of his usual two tries, and Hugh Duncan scored his second try of the season and that was con-

verted. Jon Pitcher, preserving his energy for this week's game, ran in the last try to complete his hat-trick - the highlight of the afternoon. (He thought differently about it later when he was pushed up the stairs to the bar to buy a jug.)

In the end IC ran out easy winners by seven tries and one conversion (30 points) to one converted try (6 points). It was a game best forgotten. And how long are we going to persevere with fixtures against Belsize Park (II) who have no failed to turn up with anything like a full team on three occasions during the last two years?

Next week the A's will have to play a lot better, as of course they are capable, if they are going to put the same score past University College (III).

Team:- M Gibson; L Davies; C Becque; B Leeson; J Pitcher; H Duncan; Al Harey; B Bubb; T Fitzgerald; M Zawarotco; C Cuthbertson; K Hawkins; N Willshire; M Siomiak.

RUGBY

By Christopher Cuthbertson

Imperial College A's: 30

Belsize Park (II): 6

After an uneventful journey, four separate groups of runners met at Wye College, to form a running team of nine, plus a wide range of assorted accessories, who had come "under the thumb" or just for something to do. We ran against three 16ths of the Wye team, including the latest anti-Ellis weapon.

The race progressed up and down the slope of the Wye College mountain (1600ft, 900ft, 400ft, 150ft?), for about four miles or five and a half miles depending on who was asked. While certain members slogged up and down these virtual slopes, the accessories were having a guided tour of the College, and arrived back just in time to see Ian Ellis sprinting in, against virtually non-existent

opposition from the anti-Ellis weapon ("well, I ran 6 miles last night, and 6 miles this morning, so I didn't bother").

After these two, there were six consecutive IC runners, including an excellent run by "I'm only here for the training" "Isherwood, who has apparently been off the beer recently. Then followed a four minute gap before the final four runners arrived - during this time Mr Davy seemed to reacquire his taste for beer, which he lost on that fateful Monday night a couple of weeks ago. The final result was that only the third team was beaten by Wye, thanks to a fine run by one of the imports, who came in during a short period after the race was thought to have

finished.

The race was followed by the annual procession of masochists from the village to a point miles up in the dark, where a big fire was burning. There were added hazards to this excursion, due to various undersized juvenile fire-riders who seemed to enjoy waving flaming around the procession.

The previous Wednesday, again, with a much depleted team, we visited the non-event of the University College, 150th Anniversary Celebrations. We came second in the relay which was organised, but since so few people went, there seems to be little or no information on what happened. In fact, did an IC team really enter this race?

Badminton

Imperial Mixed 1st 2
Bedford 1st 7

In this the toughest fixture of the year, Imperial did well to take even in two games. Helped by Bedford who had to play a normal substitute man but hindered by the absence of their captain R Hopton, many games were close enough to almost make a difference to the score. Still the games were played in a friendly, and jovial atmosphere even when the Stackridge roadies began moving their equipment into the Great Hall.

Bedford, having 5 or 6 players in the ULU team were deserved winners and will undoubtedly remain unbeaten throughout the remainder of the season.

Team:- Ken Bownes, Wendy Lowe, John Gowllett, Kim Lim, Ian Mayne, Sally Calhoun.

by Kenneth F Bownes

Football

On Saturday 25th October, Oxford resounded to Welsh accents and cries of "Nice, innit?" as Jim Iley's Red Army descended upon the unsuspecting city. We were there to play our annual fixtures against three privileged colleges. The second XI played St John's College and lost 6 - 1. The third XI beat

Hertford College 3 - 2 and were our only success, as the Firsts lost to St Edmund's Hall, 4 - 2. This was a rather ill-tempered 'friendly' (not our fault, of course), the first half of which was conducted under police surveillance. After the game the Firsts went back to St Edmund's to make friends with the opposition, and watched "Doctor Who" on the College television (high spot of the day for some, wasn't it Terry?).

The three teams met up again in Oxford that evening to commence the serious business of drinking. Having tried two pubs we eventually settled in the Red Lion, where we commandeered about fifty per cent of the saloon, and ignoring requests to "turn it down" etc, sat round drinking and singing. Somehow we all got back to coach; thirty-odd steaming shapes in good voice and looking forward to the Cambridge trip next term.

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Members of Guilds Union carrying the fourteen feet long wooden replica of Spanner in the procession.

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Unfortunately Guilds, who usually manage to shine on this occasion, were unable to enter a float this year. They did not have any materials to build a float and being unable to beg or borrow a lorry, did without one.

On the other hand, they nearly put a spanner in the works with a fourteen feet long wooden replica of the real 'spanner'. Also present

were the hordes that represented Kings College and the City University both of whom together with Guilds are invited to join the procession each year because of their close ties with the City of London.

There were many bands in the procession including the Drums and Pipes of London Irish rifles!

If singing and marching were not enough to keep people warm, then whisky certainly was — at least a bottle of this burning liquid was reported doing the rounds of the Blues and Royals — the horse even got a sip!?!

Although the flatfoots were out in force, many souvenirs were collected en route and everyone retired at the end of the procession for a well earned rest.



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T.J.

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Besides, BERT is of course pre-programmed with Bremsstrahlung's Laws of Robotics! Uh... how do they go now?..



How about: "Thou shalt not clean Sir Brian's car with Brillo pads!"



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Policy Heading - NUS Constitution

111. Tabled by: Manchester, St Andrew's, Newcastle, Aston, Brunel, Birmingham and Surrey Universities Newcastle and City Polytechnics, Carlisle and Newcastle Colleges of Art, St Mary's, Newcastle, Molkwearmouth and North Tyneside CFEs; Glasgow CT, Durham Agricultural College, Bulmershe CE, and Cambridge S.U.

Conference notes:

1. The majority of students feel alienated from NUS Executive.
2. The majority of students cannot directly participate in electing the NUS Executive.

Conference believes:

1. Having an indirect election remote from most students is a major cause of the alienation.
2. The situation will be alleviated by the NUS Executive being elected by a national ballot of all Ordinary Members.

Conference resolves:

1. That all members of Executive shall be elected by a secret ballot of the Ordinary members of the National Union.
2. That the following amendments be made to the Constitution:

Constitution re-wording of Section 21A:

In Clause 21A(i) delete all and insert:

"All members of the Executive specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) of Clause 21(2) shall be elected by a secret ballot of the ordinary members of the National Union.

Delete subsection (8) of Clause 21A.

Renumber subsections (2) to (7) of clause 21A as (3) to (8) of Clause 21A.

Insert new subsection (2) to Clause 21A.

"Such ballot shall take place during the first week in March and the elected candidates shall join the Executive at the end of the ordinary meeting of Conference first following, and retiring members shall leave the Executive on the 31st August of the year following that in which they are elected. Until the 30th June the less recently elected holder of each office shall have precedence and responsibility for the performance of the function of the office and the holder of the office shall be designated by the name of his office followed by the word "elect". From 1st July the more recently elected holder of each office shall have precedence and responsibility for the performance of the functions of the office and the other shall be designated by the name of his office, preceded by the word 'retiring'.

In Clause 21A(13)(a)(ii) delete all after 'more than' in the 2nd line and insert:

"twelve weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the Executive elections, that an extraordinary election for the purpose of electing a new Executive shall be held within a specified period, being not less than four weeks nor more than ten weeks, and that that meeting of Conference which expressed 'no confidence' in the Executive shall appoint an interim Executive which shall retire upon the Declaration of the result of the extraordinary election."

In Clause 21A (13) (a) (iii) delete all after "end within" in the 2nd line and insert:

"twelve weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the Executive elections, then an interim Executive shall be appointed at that meeting and the interim Executive shall retire upon the Declaration of the result of the Election".

Delete paragraph (c) of Clause 21A (13) and re-number paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Clause 21A (13) as (c), (d) and (e).

In paragraph (c) of Clause 21A (13) delete all after "elections regulations" in 3rd line and before 'The Elections Committee' in the 7th line and insert:

"and provide for the appointment of the interim Executive."

Section 21B - delete paragraph (b) of Clause 21B(2) & insert:

"If the vacancy should occur after the beginning of Ordinary Conference but before the Executive changeover at the end of the Ordinary Conference, it shall be filled by the person who at the election was elected to that position but who has not yet taken office. A person so co-opted shall become a full member of the Executive.

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Delete paragraph (b) of Clause 21B (3) and insert:

"If the vacancy should occur after the beginning of Ordinary Conference but before the Executive changeover at the end of the Ordinary Conference, it shall be filled by the person who at election was elected to that position but who has not yet taken office. A person so co-opted shall become a full member of the Executive.



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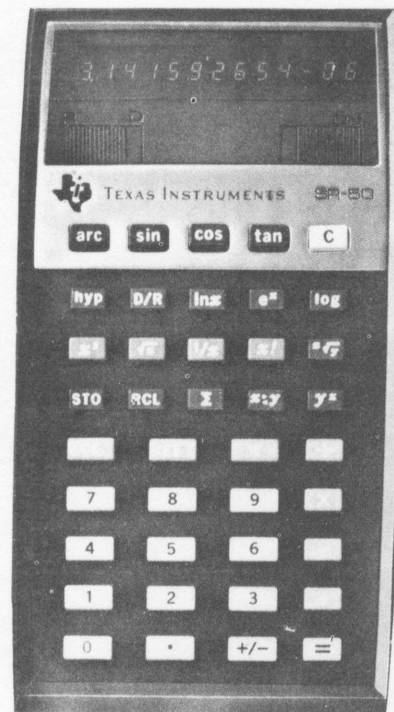
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