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Next week Sabbatical officers' and D.P.s' manifestos.

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FREE!

Thief caught on the job

When Oh When?

LAST JUNE a Working Party Report recommended that all the Union personnel should work on the same floor of the building -referring specifically to the Union Receptionist, Mrs Pamela Johnstone. Accordingly, the maintenance department in Sheffield Building were notified, for the first time, last September. They were notified again in November, twice in December, and again in January. Two internal phones have been transferred, and also the PA System, but the three most important fixtures, the Union Receptionist's telephones, have not. We believe that the Estates Secretary is trying to arrange a speedy transfer.

NUS Travel

Take off to far away places with the NUS Travel Roadshow on at ULU, Malet Street, WCI from 11.00am to 6.00pm today. Displays, exhibitions, movies, music-light shows, mammoth prizes of return flights to the far East, USA and Canada. Sport prizes: Free return trip to Europe, American beer, Australian lager, travel bags and LPs from Virgin Records. All students invited. Also available now is the NUS brochure 'Holiday 76'. It contains information on a range of inclusive two week holidays in the sun. Those wishing to book places, should do so soon because places are going fast.

COPY DATE

All copy that misses the deadline will be zapped to smithereens!
Copy deadline is Monday 16th at 2.00 pm.

A MAN was arrested on Friday night for the alleged theft of a handbag, following a scuffle with police in the Union Building.

At about 11 o'clock, in a disco held in the Union Lower Refectory, a girl noticed a man taking her friend's handbag. She watched him carry the bag out of the disco and into the men's toilet. He emerged again, without the bag and wandered into the Lower Lounge. The girl then told the person on the door what had happened. He immediately recruited

several willing helpers from the Union Bar, who then collectively apprehended and detained the culprit and three of his friends. The suspect was searched and found to be in possession of an inordinate amount of small change and a lot of notes.

The police were then called and half-a-dozen plain clothes policemen quickly arrived on the scene. A scuffle broke out during questioning of the suspect by the police and several chairs in the Lower Lounge

were knocked over.

The man was identified, by the girl in Beit Quad and was charged at Gerald Rd police station the next morning.

After the disco, people were told to check that their belongings were safe and it transpired that several handbags were missing. The following day, numerous wallets and purses were discovered in a cistern in the men's toilet, although the handbag seen taken has not yet been found.

It is thought that this incident may be connected with a series of thefts in various colleges and the prompt arrival of the police would seem to indicate this. That same evening a handbag was stolen from Beit Hall, and articles have been taken from previous discos. There is bound to be stricter control of entry at these events in future, as the thief was from outside Imperial College and only card-carrying students are supposed to be admitted.

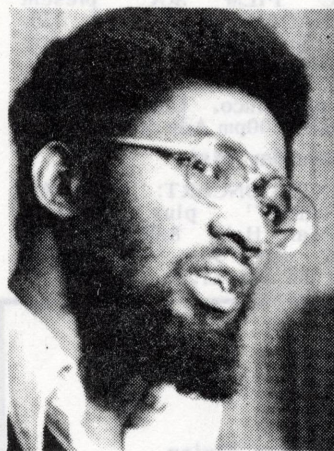
One of the wallets recovered was owned by FELIX staff member, Ian Morse. All money had been removed from the wallet, which was stolen last term; but six tickets for a "10cc" concert next week were still in place, though a little damp. He hopes they will dry out in time.

Overseas students being discriminated against

MR CHRIS KOUROUNIOTIS, opening the General Meeting of Overseas Students last Wednesday, said "the increase in overseas student fees is not just an attack on overseas student, but part of the general policy to rationalise higher education". The meeting was being held to discuss the campaign against these fee increases and to adopt tactics for the campaign.

Also present at the meeting was Mr Trevor Phillips, NUS Vice-president with responsibility for overseas students. He spoke of the "vicious press campaign against a particular section of the student body. (overseas students)". There were five basic lies being propagated, he said, in the media in an attempt to divide public and student opinion about overseas students.

It was not true, for instance, to imply that all overseas students were rich as the 'Daily Express' had suggested in its article on May Yahmani's acceptance to Oxbridge. Three-quarters of



Trev Phillips

overseas students finance themselves and only a further 7% came from wealthy OPEC countries.

Although many distinguished peers and influential educationalists have spoken out against the increase in overseas students fees, the Government is going ahead with its plans to do so.

An official policy group of the Cabinet which has been looking into the question has recently recommended

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ELECTIONS

Papers for the sabbatical posts and the post of DP will be coming down next Friday, 20th February. Candidates wishing to have publicity printed by FELIX should hand in art work by 9 am Friday, 20th February.

RAG COMMITTEE

Imperial College Rag committee would like to extend their thanks to the Pakistan Society for holding a collection for Rag last Saturday.

Wotzon

Friday 13th

IC Film Soc present "O LUCKY MAN". Great Hall. Adm by membership only. Ents disco. ULR 8.00pm. Adm 10p.
QEC: St Valentine's Dance WITH "PALM BEACH EXPRESS" plus disco. 8.00pm New Common Room Bar. Adm 40p.
OPSOC: "UTOPIA LIMITED" by Gilbert & Sullivan. Union Concert Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets 60p & 80p.
IC BANGLADESH SOCIETY: General Meeting at 5.30pm in the JCR (Southside). New members welcome.

Saturday 14th

Last night of the Operatic Society's performance of "UTOPIA LIMITED" by Gilbert & Sullivan in the Union Concert Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets 60p & 80p.
IC Ents present "BOYS OF THE LOUGH" and RICHARD DIGANCE in support. Great Hall. 8.00pm. Adm: 70p IC adv; 80p adv; £1.00 at the door.

Sunday 15th

IC Catholic Society: Folk Evening at More House, 53 Cromwell Road. 7.30pm. Musicians especially welcome. Adm FREE.

Monday 16th

IC TM SOC: Tape meeting. Elec Eng 606. 5.45pm.
WELLSOC: "THE SCIENCE OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY". A talk by OWEN K WATERS, (The Aetherius Society). Mech Eng 220. 7.30pm.
IC IS SOC: Discussion group - "THE POLITICS OF IS" - speaker NIGEL COWARD. 12.30-1.30pm. New Huxley 540.

Tuesday 17th

ASSOCIATED STUDIES: The Strangers Next Door 2. The Royal Geographical Society. SIR DUNCAN CUMMING, President RGS. Theatre A, Sheffield Building. 1.30pm. The Politics of South-East Asia 2. Changing Patterns in Foreign Policy - JOHN

TUSA, Broadcaster and commentator on Asian Politics. Theatre B, Sheffield Building. 1.30pm.

SOCIALIST SOCIETY: Open meeting - "WHY WE BOYCOTT", a film about Mexican grape pickers in California, will be shown. Discussion afterwards with a representative from the United Farm Workers. Mech Eng 342. 1.00pm Adm 10p.
HALL DINNER in the Sheffield Building 7.00 for 7.30pm. See Pat in the Union Office by 12.00 noon today.

TM SOC: Introductory talk. Elec Eng 606. 5.45pm.

JEWISH SOCIETY: "WHAT IS ZIONISM?" - A talk by NAHUM SHEN, Emissary of Mapam, Israel Labour Party. Mech Eng 664. 1.20pm.

IC RAILWAY SOCIETY: "THE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND IN 1975" - A talk by Mr L MCALLISTER. Mech Eng 664. 5.40pm.

Wednesday 18th

IC FOLK CLUB: Union Lower Refectory. 8.00pm.

Thursday 19th

ASSOCIATED STUDIES: The Documentary Film Movement Films: NIGHT MAIL and NORTH SEA. Theatre A, Sheffield Building.
LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT. The Library, 53 Prince's Gate.
ENTS FILM: "TALES FROM THE CRIPT". Mech Eng 220. 6.30pm Adm 10p.

Friday 20th

IC FILM SOC: present "NADA". Mech Eng 220. 7.15pm. Adm by membership only.
IC ENTS HOP: "SPARROW" plus disco. Union Concert Hall. 8.00pm Adm 50p.

Saturday 21st

ENTS CONCERT: "KURSAAL FLIERS" plus support. Great Hall. 8.00pm. Adm: IC adv 90p; adv £1.00; at the door £1.20.



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CHINESE SOCIETY

ICCS SAW in the Chinese New Year last week with a social gathering which went off well despite the late tea and a film entitled "Long Way From Home" - a film about the different life styles of a group of Chinese students going to America to study. The success of the evening was evidenced by the enjoyment of all who attended.

In the next few weeks, the intercollegiate games between the Chinese societies of the colleges forming LUCSCS, take place. We are competing in a number of games and sports. Practice for these forthcoming games is being provided in the form of a competition within ICCS - an Inter-year Games competition. If you are reasonably good at playing

various games, including table tennis, chess, squash etc, or are just out for some fun, then please contact the Sports Secretary - we need players for the inter-collegiate games.

In addition to the above, ICCS has arranged a day trip to Bath at a cost of £2 per person. Those interested in this outing should contact ICCS as soon as possible.

Last but by no means least is Angles, the LUCSCS bi-annual magazine. Articles, stories, opinions and so on in both English and Chinese would be most welcome for the next issue.

Information and enquiries on any of the above can be obtained from the Committee and at our Tuesday lunch times meetings which are still being held in Elec Eng 606.

*"It's your Union,
it's up to you."*

PROFILE: Peter Teague

A FRIEND once remarked that he first met Peter in their first ever Mathematics lecture at IC, and his immediate impression was that Pete was destined to be a leader. This was in September 1972 when Pete arrived, a green Brummy fresher — since then, he has not looked back.

However, he disarmingly denies that it was ever his intention either to be RCS president or ICU president: "I came to College and I was going to get a first, pure and simple. I was going to enjoy my Mathematics, and that was going to be my lifestyle. I also wanted to take part in the social life — that is when I started to do things in the Hall of Residence."

His plans were finally shattered at the end of his first term. "It soon knocked into me that I wasn't going to get a first, and also that Mathematics at University was very much different from the Maths I'd done at school, far more intense, and I couldn't spend as much time on it as I'd initially thought".

So, Pete settled down to take part fully in College life and thoroughly enjoyed himself, a process that has been continuous to today in his role as ICU President — "a job that is not entirely what a lot of people think". As he sees it, it is a multi-faceted job, but he has found one aspect of it rather disappointing: the length of his term of office.

"Any CCU president should be there, in my opinion, first and foremost as CCU president, and secondly as VP of ICU".

"One of the first things I learnt when coming into office was how short a year is. I went to the Bristol Sabbatical Officers' Conference and the first thing I realised was how little I could change in a year, how few concrete things I could look back on and say, 'that's because of me'. That has been re-enforced by the fact that a lot of things coming to fruition this year were started by Norman Sayles two years ago. But I enjoy the job.

"I've found, though, that it is a lot of work, and a lot of it revolves around the office. You tend to get tied to the office very much". Consequently, he has not been able to meet as many people as he would have wished. In this sense, he feels he was better off as RCSU president — a role which is drastically different from that of ICU President, although ICU is very important, a coming together of the CCU's, he still feels that "any CCU president should be there, in my opinion, first and foremost as CCU president, and secondly as VP of ICU".

Pete received a traditional education: he went to the local primary school — in the next road — and then on to a local grammar school, where, incidentally, he took O-level music and art. A bright student, he passed out of grammar school with four A-levels, in Maths (2) Economics and Physics. He then had to choose between Mathematics and Economics — he took the former — a choice which he sometimes wonders about.

Since coming to IC he has not been

able to pursue music or art, although he still sings, occasionally, in the church choir when he goes home. (He used to play the saxophone in the school orchestra, but he gave up on coming to IC.) "The only extra-curricular activity I've pursued since coming to IC was Dramsoc, which I joined in my first year. That's how I got to know John Downs — we both started in Dramsoc at the same time as freshers".

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An organisation Pete was actively involved with for many years is the British Red Cross Society, of which he is still a member (he joined when he was ten years old). As an officer of the BRCS he visited Finland on an international work-camp, and he has maintained contact with his friends in the BRCS — this Easter they are off on a large trip around North Wales.

His immediate ambition, on leaving IC is, as he puts it, "to carve myself the beginnings of some sort of career and settle down to living in London outside of College."

"As for long term prospects, it is difficult to tell until you've gone out and settled down, but I would like to think that I could be reasonably successful," he says.

Pete likes to enjoy himself, and is well known as a socialite throughout College. His reputation has landed him in one or two unfortunate situations, the most memorable of these being at last year's Smoking Concert.

Earlier, he and Al Littleford (a great friend) had declared "all out war" — sugar in bed, U-bends, etc — on each other. At the Smoking Concert, Pete exercised what he terms "president's prerogative" and became somewhat inebriated in an attempt, he says, "to make the evening a little bit different." He was subsequently 'pushed-dragged' onto the stage with the stripper, who then said she would like someone else on stage, and Pete dutifully obliged by singling out Al to her, and he too made his impromptu debut.

"When he (Al) got halfway up on stage I said, 'there you are, Al, you asked for war, you got war.' After Smoking Concert we decided to call a permanent truce."

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"Another time was when Stan Arnold, the infamous cabaret artist, came to do the ICWA freshers dinner last year, and stayed in my room. Al had done me in that night, taken my U-bend off. But then he (Al) had an unusual fit of conscience and climbed back into my room and screwed the U-bend back on again, but couldn't get it on properly. Stan Arnold went off to my room after the cabaret, and he'd got a stinking cold. Half an hour later he decides to take a couple of aspirins, turns the cold water tap full on, and gets water all over his feet. Stan



Peter Teague, ICU President

takes his aspirins and leaves a note on the sink, "Do not use this sink — U-bend leaks."

"So I got back and went to bed. I got up, had a wash (in the bathroom) and disappeared off to lectures next morning. I told Ian Redwood that Stan was sleeping in my room, to wake him up and give him a cup of coffee. So,

Ian went back, but the sign had disappeared from the sink. Ian walks into the room, and before Stan can say anything Ian has gone over to the sink and turned the tap full on — water everywhere. Ian turns the tap off and goes out to the landing and borrows a sponge from the cleaner, and mops all the water up with it. Then he wrings out the sponge into the sink....."

Pete became actively involved in RCSU through helping Ron Kill build the RCS Rag Float. Then, as he puts it, he got "conned" into becoming RCS Ents chairman, in his second year, by S&D Puppeteers — "the big election-riggers in RCS in those days. Their place has been taken by KJ Productions this year."

But he feels that elections have come round all too soon. Although he will be reluctant to go, it is important, he says, that there is a change every year, because it is a job which constantly needs new ideas and a new approach — stagnation would otherwise be a possibility.

The Union has been run this year in a very business-like manner, and this, Pete concurs, helped give the UGC visitation a good impression of the Union. The strategy of giving academic problems priority in discussions was something which pleasantly surprised them. "They were also pleased to see that as well as the academic side, which apparently a lot of student unions don't talk about, we were not constantly throwing at them, to quote Sir Frederick Daniton, the Chairman of the UGC, "the NUS line".

His opinion on the NUS topic is that "it looks as if IC will decide to stay in, but I think for all the wrong reasons — these reasons being fears about losing NUS services, such as Travel. IC would also stay in because they think that they need, that students need, a national negotiating body, which is right. Students do believe that. But I don't see that it necessarily has to be a body with the structure of NUS at the moment.

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Legal aid: where to get it

HOPEFULLY, we shall soon be getting someone to come and give legal advice on a regular basis at the Welfare Centre. Meanwhile, here is how to go about getting help.

The Union has a solicitor who will give advice over the 'phone. If you wish to speak to him, come to the Welfare Centre or the Union Office. Many Citizens Advice Bureaux will have a solicitor in attendance or can refer you to one. Addresses of local Bureaux are available from the Welfare Centre.

Recently neighbourhood law centres have been springing up. The first opened in 1970 in North Kensington. These will give free advice to anyone within their catchment area and will help you if you need to go to court or a tribunal. Their object is to make lawyers more accessible to people and to make people aware of their legal rights. There are 13 of these centres in London and their addresses are available from the Welfare Centre.

Financial eligibility

If you visit a private solicitor who is in the legal help either free or at a reduced rate. This help covers everything, including other experts' fees, short of actual court proceedings. Extensions of the £25 limit are possible in special circumstances. The solicitor calculates your financial eligibility and fills in the details on the 'green form' which you sign.

The calculation is based on your weekly 'disposable income' and 'disposable capital'. The former is your gross income less allowances such as rent. The latter is your gross capital less allowances for debts. Husbands and wives finances are combined unless the dispute is between them. Any article under dispute is not included in your capital. Your 'disposable capital' must be less than £250 (plus extras for dependants). Your disposable income must be less than £15 to get the advice free. Between £15 and £29 you pay a contribution to the cost.

NUS legal aid fund

If your problem arose out of any Union sponsored activity (eg demonstrations) the NUS legal aid fund may help although you must have been refused State legal aid first.

Leaflets explaining all this fully are available from the Welfare Centre which is open Monday to Friday from 12.30 to 1.30pm.

Next week I will discuss what happens if you have to go to court.

Sue Kalicinski
Welfare Officer

External Eclairs

YOU MAY remember that some time ago four representatives of the National Union of Students went on a trip to Bucharest to sign a 17 page communique on "the State of the World". You may also know that a motion submitted by IC Union at the Universities Conference at Durham in January instructed the NUS to produce and distribute copies of this document immediately. We are now told that it will not be available until 20th February. You might like to know that the four return fares to Bucharest cost £930.40. It is rumoured that a motion is being submitted to the next NUS Conference by a number of colleges along the lines:

"This Union deplores the action of members of the Executive in signing a document in Bucharest which plainly adopts a Moscow view of world affairs".

On the subject of motions, I have received two from Manchester University Union which I would like to discuss at the next Union meeting:

these are respectively on Sport, that is, the inadequacy of present facilities and the inequalities between different sectors of Education; and on disabled students. I hope that IC Union will prioritise both these subjects for discussion at the next NUS conference.

Teacher Education

As many of you will know, the Department of Education and Science intends to reduce teacher training places in order to lower the proposed 1981 target from 510,000 to 480,000. At least 22 colleges are combining to form nine or ten composite institutions; another 17 are merging with colleges of further education, and many places will disappear in the process of these mergers. Also, at least 13 colleges will close and about four colleges will be absorbed by Universities, for example, at Loughborough.

In the West London area, several mergers are to take place this year; Borough

Road College are to merge with Maria Grey, and Thomas Huxley College will join Ealing Technical College. More seriously, Maria Assumpta College is to close, having taken its last intake this year.

NUS are calling a national day of action for today, Friday 13th February. There is to be a distribution of leaflets in Kensington High Street this afternoon and the Institute of Education are trying to arrange for a float, that is, a lorry on which someone will stand and wave banners. There will then be a meeting at 3.30 at Maria Assumpta which will be addressed by speakers from various bodies such as the National Union of Teachers. NUS are sending our friend Ms Sue Slipman so please come along and ask her some embarrassing questions. Details about the 'prance' in Kensington High Street should be available from me in the Union Office. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Derrick Everett

Letters to the Editor

"Kitchen fee" - an adamant rejection

Sir, — With reference to last week's "Peter Patter", Mr Teague asked for some suggestions concerning the College refectories.

It seems to us, that the first two suggestions, viz. that all students, or just members of Southside Halls of Residence should pay some form of "kitchen fee", in order to cover fixed costs, is based on unsound reasoning.

In our experience this year, it is a fact that a significant number of students in Tizard Hall either cook their own meals or else eat outside the College refectories, for instance at one of the Hotpots, because they get more enjoyable food and/or better value for money. It is interesting to note that these people go to considerable trouble to avoid a 'Mooney', and it is unlikely that they would use the refectories even if they had to pay the "kitchen fee".

Surely, it is unfair to expect these people to subsidize those who would still use the refectories.

One can only assume that this will take us along a path, given a further deterioration in quality and hence numbers of people eating in the refectories, that would lead to fully-staffed, but empty refectories.

Those who would answer us with the suggestion, that by charging this fee, students in Southside would be

obliged to use the refectories in order not to waste the fee, would find that they had not increased the number of meals served, but instead, created a great deal of ill-will.

Though one sympathises with the problems faced by the catering staff in the present situation, nobody gains by maintaining artificially, a level of service that is not required, although we realise that the design of the refectories is such that economies not involving redundancies are difficult if not impossible.

However, the last of Mr Teague's suggestions may turn out the most realistic alternative. It is possible that by closing the refectories over the weekend and in the evenings, and operating a smaller service in Southside, or if that is not possible, in the Union, then the fixed costs may be reduced hence making the fee unnecessary.

It is unfortunate that what appears to be the most reasonable suggestion was given so little explanation in "Peter Patter", perhaps it has already been ruled out!

It seems that once again, the authorities are trying to take the easy way out, and are going to make the students pay more money that they can ill afford, rather than making the system more efficient.

We are adamant in our rejection of the suggestion of a "kitchen fee" — instead, we propose that every effort be made to reduce these costs, rather than inflict this burden upon the student.

Yours sincerely,

TJD PYE, Chem Eng 2

MCG MACGARVIN, Zoology 1

More on NUS

Sir, — Never have I seen such concentrated irrelevance as contained in Mr Brownes' letter which appeared in FELIX on February 6th.

To claim that a national student strike would have any more affect than a local one must be total balderdash. Whereas miners can harm the whole country by striking, students can only harm their own careers. Perhaps students at IC are either too apathetic or aiming to get degrees, to rally to a call for a national strike in any case.

In all, only one sentiment was expressed with which I could in any way agree with: Stay in the NUS.

Yours faithfully,
DAVE APPLETON
Physics I

Another letter is
on the back page

Everything you always wanted to know about the fees increase

THE FEES INCREASE

The Government, on the recommendation of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), has proposed a 30% increase in the fees for next year. This is an of £30 for "Home Students" and £100 for Overseas Students, bringing the Overseas fee to £4L6.00 per year. This will mean increased hardship and lower standards of living for all self-supporting students, mainly those from abroad. The fees increase must be seen as part of the Government's attack on Higher Education, the Education Cuts policy.

At the same time, the Home Office, in contradiction to the policy of the Ministry for Overseas Development, is imposing increasingly strict regulations for the renewal or extension of visas to overseas students, refusing, for example, visas to students who were admitted to hospital, and therefore were not regularly attending their courses.

WHY MUST WE OPPOSE THE FEES INCREASE?

The main rationale behind the discriminatory fees structure and further fees increases is that they are needed to help bolster up the educational institutions which are in a financially difficult position because of the economic crisis. The lack of a basis for such an argument can be seen from the fact that here, at Imperial, the total proposed fees increase represent less than 1.2% of the total College expenditure. The increase in overseas students' fees amounts to 0.56% of this expenditure. That of self-supporting students, British and Overseas, is about 0.4% of the total expenditure, an amount smaller than the net deficit of the refectories and bars during the previous year.

Thus, any increase would have a negligible effect on the financial resources of the College. On the other hand, such increases would cause great hardship to overseas students. Even if the fees increases could help to support the educational institutions, we do not see why overseas students in particular, or for that matter, any other group of students, should pay to solve the economic crisis. The Government is spending many millions of pounds on "defense", to keep military bases in Cyprus, troops in Oman and elsewhere. This money could more usefully be spent on education, without endangering the security of the British people.

The presence of overseas students in Britain brings many material to it. First of all, overseas students bring at least £1,200 each every year to cover tuition fees and living expenses. There are altogether 96,000 overseas students who, together, bring £115 millions in foreign currency into Britain.

A very large number of overseas students, especially in places like Imperial College, are doing research which is of great value to British industry, (and often of very little value to their own countries). There are 15,151 overseas students doing post-graduate studies in Britain, of which, 675 are at Imperial College.

Overseas student nurses contribute a great deal to the National Health Service. There are 19,877 overseas student nurses working in British hospitals. Also, overseas students provide 4,502 language assistants in universities and schools.

We see that overseas students offer many direct and indirect benefits to Britain, in return for their education at "non-economic" fees. If we now look at some of the reasons which make overseas students come to Britain for their studies, we will see that in most cases, Britain has a duty to educate these people.

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Everything you always wanted to know about the FEES INCREASE

Britain has recognised her moral responsibility and has pledged herself to help the developing countries, from where approximately three-quarters of the overseas students come. We understand this to mean aid to the people of these countries to develop their economies, not aid to subsidiaries of British companies, or into the "pockets" of the existing elites in these countries.

These moral obligations of Britain must be seen in proper historical and economic context. British colonial rule or economic domination, for example, in Greece or Latin America, are in many cases the cause of the economic underdevelopment of these countries, which in turn is responsible for the lack of educational facilities. On the other hand, the colonial exploitation of natural and human resources has contributed to the development of the British educational system.

Even today, Britain continues to have neo-colonial links with many developing countries such as Malaysia and many African states. British companies operating in these countries extract, in the form of profits, much more than the £50M a year that it theoretically costs to educate overseas students in Britain.

CONCLUSION

The discriminatory fees structure does not provide any significant financial revenue to the educational institutions. There is no just basis for any further increase in overseas students fees. Such discriminatory policies, as higher fees and immigration restrictions, must be seen in their proper context.

A campaign to abolish discriminatory fees and to oppose further fees increases must be launched in all colleges and universities. British students must take an important part in this campaign—the fees increases are just part of the Educational Cuts policy and the decreasing living standards for all students. If the Government succeeds in isolating one section of the student body, it will have weakened the whole student movement.

stop fees increase!

only YOU can do it!

**ALL STUDENTS attend the meeting
by QUEEN'S TOWER on
WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
at 12.30pm**

**OVERSEAS STUDENTS
ACTION GROUP**

Questionnaire on Flats and Bedsits.

At the beginning of the present academic year many students had great difficulty in obtaining accommodation in flats, houses and bedsits. This was mainly because the accommodation of this type used by last year's final year students had been lost to students at the end of the summer term. Therefore to help people looking for accommodation next September, I would like to draw up a list of student residences being vacated at the end of this session. If you are thinking of leaving College this year or are abandoning your accommodation over the summer vacation for financial reasons please fill in the accompanying questionnaire and either return it to me at the Union Office or drop it into your department undergraduate letter rack under 'R' where I will pick it up.

DAVE RAWNSLEY

Student Residence Officer

SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS(Please delete where applicable)

1. Name..... 2. Department.....
3. Undergraduate/Postgraduate..... 4. Year.....
5. Male/Female..... 6. Married/Single.....

SECTION B: ACCOMMODATION

1. Term-time address.....
.....
2. Telephone number.....
3. What is your type of accommodation at present?.....
4. How long have you been living in your present accommodation?.....
5. What is the average amount per week that you spend on:-
 - a) Rent..... Fuel(if paid separately).....
 - b) Rent and fuel where fuel is included in the rent.....
 - c) Rent, fuel and food where these are included in the rent.....
6. Name of landlord.....
7. Landlord's address.....
8. Landlord's telephone number.....
9. Does the accommodation have the following rooms/facilities? Please state if these are shared.
 - a) Study(apart from bedroom)..... b) Cooking.....
 - c) Bathroom..... d) Shower..... e) Laundry.....
 - f) Heating in room..... g) Fridge.....
 - h) Television that is not your own.....

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10. Does the landlord live on the premises?.....
11. Would you recommend your accommodation to a fellow student?.....
12. Will the landlord have any more rooms available for IC students next session?....
13. If 'YES' how many more?.....
- For how many students?.....
14. What meals are provided at your accommodation?.....
15. How far in miles is your accommodation from College?.....
16. How do you travel to and from your accommodation?.....
17. What is the cost of travel to and from College per week?.....
18. How long does it take you to get into College from your accommodation?.....
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19. Can you please supply any further information or comment to supplement this questionnaire?.....
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2-4-6-8 Should we disaffiliate?

There will be a debate on the following motion in the
Great Hall at 1.15 on Thursday 19th February:

This House believes;

- (1) That the views expressed by the National Union of Students are unrepresentative of those of the bulk of the student members.
- (2) That disaffiliation from NUS is the only way to ensure that NUS becomes more representative of the student members.

For the motion; IAN MINNIS,

President of Aston University Guild of Students.

Against the motion; CHARLES CLARKE,

President of the National Union of Students.

Reviews

Theatre

Don't make me laugh

Comedians by Trevor Griffiths
at Wyndham's Theatre

"LAUGHTER IS the synchronised co-ordination of neuro-physiological reflexes, with a semi-automatic impulse of mass inherited suggestionism". Who said that? Freud? Goebbels? Jung?. No, none of these, but George Robey, probably better known for being the cause of laughter than the analyst of its causes.

I am indebted to the programme of Comedians for drawing my attention to that quotation, for it really underlines what Trevor Griffiths is about in this play. If you want to earn your living by making people laugh, it is not enough just to think up a few jokes and then tell them well. You've got to understand what it is that you can give your audience, that will elicit the right reactions.

Last week's Listener contained an article on John Cleese, by Wilfred De'Ath, in which it is revealed that when they were writing Fawlty Towers, Mr Cleese and his wife discussed "...

Basil Fawlty in terms of transactional analysis: as to whether, at certain times, Basil was behaving as a parent or as a child". It is pretty clear that even if you cannot spot the winners every time, you can make a pretty informed judgement as to which routines will succeed.

Mr Griffiths sets his theories into a neat framework around the debuts of six would-be stand-up comics. They have already spent months perfecting their acts under the tutelage of an established comic, played by Jimmy Jewel. The audience in the theatre is cleverly used as the membership of the Manchester working men's club where the acts are tried out. It is hard to gauge how the northern audience would take to the acts since their reactions must be, in some ways, different from those produced in the west end. The talent scout has the hard job of handing out contracts to acts which may have got a better reaction in Manchester than they did in London.

Stephen Rea stands head and shoulders above the rest, both in his own performance

and in that of George McBrain, the docker from Belfast. It was interesting to note that two of the best received gags came from outside the comic team; the school caretaker with the results of the karate class, and the illiterate Indian looking for the 'Reading to Learn' class as a solution to his problem.

Thomas Stevenson

Comedians is a Nottingham Playhouse production, and was seen in the National Theatre repertoire at the Old Vic. It has come to my notice that the cheapest seats, bookable in advance, at the new National Theatre will be £2.35. At the Old Vic it is possible to book seats for as little as 40p. I don't suppose many students will be able to queue on the day of the performance for the £1.00 and 50p seats. Any comments?

OPSOC: A sparkling performance

UTOPIA LIMITED

or The Flowers of Progress

by W.S. Gilbert and A.S. Sullivan.

FIRST PERFORMED in 1893 (when it ran for 245 performances), Utopia Limited has only been performed very rarely since then and in this delightful production, staged by the IC Operatic Society, we see some of the reasons for this. The opera is fairly topical and poses technical difficulties in its production, requiring no fewer than 18 soloists — a rather large number for an opera.

Despite this and many other difficulties, and the obvious drawback of a small stage OPSOC have succeeded where many others might have failed.

The opera is brought alive by a cleverly designed stage (Dramsoc rule ok!) and some very imaginative and striking costumes. The props aside, however, deserved praise must go to the cast for a well executed and sparkling performance.

Special mention must go to DEBORAH KEMP (Lady Sophy) whose

beautiful singing was only matched by the comical facial expressions of JOHN BARRATT (King Paramount I), both of whom were excellent in their roles. ROGER WOODWARD (Scaphio) and ROGER NICHOLS (Phantis), as the two tyrannical wise men keeping a watchful eye over the King, constantly delighted the audience with their 'routines'. STEVE CHAYTOW (Lord Dramaleigh, a British Lord Chamberlain) and DELITH BROOK (Princess Zara) added idiosyncracies and charm respectively to the proceedings. Ms Brook and Mr Barratt sing very well in this first night performance considering that both had only just recovered from tonsillitis.

The opera is a biting satire of the English way of life and its institutions. This is highlighted on two occasions. First, when the two younger princesses mime on Lady Sophy's song on "how a naice young English lady should conduct herself", that is, how to turn one's nose up at an unsuitable suitor. "Young ladies always toss" (to settle who gets the man), she concludes. The second is a burlesque of the Downing Street procedure as it is

presented "in accordance with the practice of St Jame's Hall".

The music is liberally strewn with popular(?) pieces such as "Rule, Britannia" and "the National Anthem" which taken together with acting, result in very funny scenes. The overture used here is one specially composed by Max Taylor — Sullivan's original has not survived.

The orchestra, ably conducted by DAVID CREED, played well and found time to laugh at the gags inbetween playing. All in all, a very enjoyable production from OPSOC.

Paul Ekpenyong

NOTICE

Mr Meacock gave 3 students a lift to Westborne Terrace on Wednesday 4th February and has since found two pens in the back of his car.

Would the students concerned please contact him, Room 307 Sheffield.





Hockey

IC on form

Kingston Grammar School 4
Imperial College 1st XI 2

KGS HAVE A reputation for hockey. Make no mistake, half a dozen international schoolboy caps a year speaks for itself. So it was with some trepidation that IC left the changing rooms. The pre-match chat by Big Jim included details of our new tactics; man for man marking in the 25, 4:3:3, with the centre back acting as a sweeper.

After 15 minutes of play no-one had settled to the new system and we were two goals down, one a rising rocket of a shot that leaves Charlie wishing he had his face mask on (at least!), the other a penalty. Our play improved as Alan Brown and Alistair Ross took control of the midfield, winning plenty of ball and

distributing it well. IC began to play well and a break and cross from the right met Bob Middleton, who beat the goalie at the near post.

Our improved play continued in the second half, indeed we hit a 'purple patch' during which a cross from the left allowed 'Superstar' to score a superb goal to make it 2-2.

However, fate and the Umpires were not with us. Many good chances were squandered and IC succumbed to defensive tactics for the last quarter. The defense played well, but a controversial penalty and a penalty corner settled the issue.

Team: C Brown, K Houlden, J Marshall (capt), J Cooke, A Ross, A Brown, H Magnay, T Tutu, R Fatania, B Middleton, J Latter.

IC saves a point

Imperial College XI 2
Smiths 2

IC GOT OFF to an excellent start against the League Leaders scoring two goals in the first five minutes. Bob Middleton converted a Trev Tutu cross and then Alistair Ross slotted the ball in from the edge of the 'D'. The play in the rest of the first half was even, with both sides coming close to scoring. However just as IC had struck quickly in the first half, so Smiths equalised with two swift goals just after the interval. Smiths then began to apply intense pressure to the IC defence but were unable to put the ball in the net. IC looked in trouble when the Smiths

umpire awarded his own side a penalty after missing a blatant obstruction by one of their players. However justice was done, when Charlie Brown palmed the ball away and saved IC a point. Smiths, pressing for promotion, were perhaps the more skillful side, but this was balanced by the running and work rate of IC's two inside forwards Mike Isles and Alistair Ross. A Special Mention must be made of John Andrews whose excellent umpiring was appreciated by all concerned.

Team:- C Brown, J Marshall (capt), K Houlden, N Woodgate, N Woodhouse, H Magnay, T Tutu, A Ross, R Middleton, M Isles, S Golding.

J Latter

Cross Country

So near...

THE POT HUNTING season began in earnest on Wednesday 4th Feb. Last year at the St Edmund Hall relay at Oxford IC managed the silver medal position, so this year they were looking for gold. The relay consists of four laps of the 3 mile course around the gravel paths of the University parks. Steve Webb ran the 1st leg for the 'A' team and was extremely worried for the first mile or so because Alf Garnett running the 1st leg for the 'B' team was well in front. However at the end of the lap the teams were in correct order but separated by only 20 seconds. David Rosen held 8th position for the 'A' team, closely pursued by Paul Clarke for the 'B' team retaining 12th position. Still separated by only 25 seconds Rob Allinson and Alan Leakey took over for the 'A' and 'B' teams respectively. Rob anxious to avenge defeats by Alan at orienteering and spurred on as the leading teams began to fade, pulled the 'A' team up from 8th to 2nd position with a time of 14.00 (pity it wasn't 13.95 eh?). That could be the fastest lap of the day; (official conformation is still needed. Alan consolidated the 'B'

team run by holding 12th position. Ian Ellis (capt) set off on the last leg not far behind first position but was told by Rob in no uncertain terms not to attempt to catch him, as the lad now in 1st position was another well known farmer from SLH. The teams waited with baited breath for Ian to return, and were disappointed to find he was in 3rd position as he entered the last half mile. He was, however, on the shoulder of the man in 2nd place, who was now looking rather worried. At the appointed place 200m from home Ian opened up and smoothed his way into 2nd place to the cheers of the IC teams. Dave Jones had his glory too, lifting the 'B' team from 12th to a final position of 11th.

Meanwhile the 'C' team were fighting a rearguard action. Mike Welford had led them off well and Pete Johnson returning to fitness raised their position to put them 24th and well off the bottom. Nigel Miller lost this place by unfortunately taking the wrong turning, but Andy Davey feeling strong after a restful week held 25th position finishing the 'C' team with still 3 or 4 teams behind them!

... yet so far

THE MATCH last Saturday essentially started at Euston on Friday lunchtime. The IC 1st team (minus Rob (unavailable Allinson) plus a few others headed north disguised as a University of London A team for the British Student Championships at Stirling. Eight hours, a few bars and a chip shop later saw them at Stirling University.

The race, 3 laps of a 2½ mile course that was in essence just a lap of the campus was won by Ray Smedley of Birmingham University in 36.17, who as a result, won half a ton of medals, cups, beer, whisky plus a medal for the person

who had won the most medals. University of London A's were not so successful but narrowly missed the wooden spoon, when a member of LSE outspinted someone for last place.

The first 3 UL men home were IC runners, Steve Webb 112th, Ian Ellis 149th, David Rosen 160th, then finished by Paul Clarke.

The weary team returned home on the Sunday by British Snail, who were having trouble deciding when to shut the bar. The weekend was characterised by a key word but there are essentially no prizes for guessing what it was.

Rowing

Rollocks, races and a party

DODGEMS. A poor mans river cruise. Games on the Thames. Slaughter on the water. Air your liver on the river. These are all possible descriptions of the activities of the Boat Club which is now in full training for the Head of River races this term and the regatta season in the summer.

The first race of the term takes place at Reading tomorrow. It is the Harp

Larger competition which the first eight won last year; they hope to repeat that performance. All eights are competing including the women, so it should turn out to be a Memorable Occasion.

It is also rumoured that Tirian (the UL second eight) failed to form a pair and so Joe Shrinkneck has been coaxed back after a years absence. The circum-

stances of Paul Languths' return are probably best left unrecorded.

The second eight continue to cause alarm with a tendency to, well, (how best to put this?) - take advantage of tactical leads when rowing against the firsts. What is certain is that the position of 'fastest crew' will not automatically be left to the first eight.

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International Society

Public Meeting on
"THE MULTINATIONALS"
Speaker: JOANNA ROLLO
Civ Eng 207. Tues 24th Feb
1.00-2.00pm.

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Rowing

Last Saturday, having (ho! ho!) rowed past the second in a four minute piece, the first eight had quite a fight to pass the novice crew, who for a moment looked like holding the first off until the end. They were beaten however due to the size of the British Imperial Minute which brackered us all in the end! Thankfully that was the last piece before lunch.

And talking of tomorrow, there's a big party on in the boat house to which all are welcome. Phil Goldsmith says it's going to be better than the last one which was pretty Memorable. — NB high tide is at 4.30am so bring your wellies!

Orienteering

Wet, muddy and hard going

THE FEW WHO have ever experienced 9am on a Sunday morning will sympathise with IC Orienteering Club as they journeyed to Camberly in the rain. The damp caused a few cock-ups when we copied down map corrections and the check points, due to the disintegration of the now soggy maps and biro's ceasing to function.

As to the event itself. Well it was wet, muddy and fairly hard going, due to clumps of gorse bushes and thick heather. Alan Leakey had a reasonable run to finish in 94min. for the 10.8km 'A' course. Rob Allinson made a few detours in his 108min. run and Pete Johnson did well for his 119min. Our star orienteer Dave Rosen was performing in Stirling at the BUSF X-Country match as was Steve Webb. His place was taken by the indestructible Ian Isherwood who chundered round in Circa 168mins. Wilf Welford thought the 'A' course to be beneath him and so ran the 'B' and finished it in a little over two and a half hours. Our only woman athlete was Diane Bengie who tried the womans 'B' course but got lost. However she managed to make it to the pub first, along with Rob and Pete who gave up waiting for Ian and Wilf to come back. A pleasant pub crawl in the evening was enjoyed by those who stayed behind.

J Flywheel

Transcendental Meditation

Fed up?

Too many unsolved problem sheets? Even if you're still having the time of your life, you will want to know something about TM.

So come to an Introductory Talk on Tues 17th Feb in Elec Eng 606 at 5.45pm.

Rugby

IC rout Barclays Bank

Imperial College A's 33 Barclays Bank 9

HAPPY DAYS are here again! It was the A's best performance of the season. The team needed some confidence-building after recent disappointments and that was provided in full measure by Martin Cotter. All through the match confidence grew, reaching a peak in the last twenty minutes when four tries were scored.

The first half was fought closely. Barclays Bank scored first. A penalty near the A's line gave them an easy try, which they converted. However, the A's had the measure of the Bank almost from the outset; it was only a matter of time before that was reflected in the score. The first of Martin Cotter's three penalties was quickly followed by a well handled move on the right wing which put Dave Bramley over for

one of his two tries. Two penalties, one for each side, gave the A's a slim 10-9 lead at half time.

The second half showed how well the A's can play. The backs moved the ball around confidently, and the forwards won the ball, especially in the scrums, with consummate ease. Dave Bramley then got his second try. But, the man who broke the Bank was Martin Cotter. After his third penalty the A's knew that it was their game. In the last twenty minutes it was a question only of the number of points the A's would be ahead at the end. Play never left the Bank's half, with the A's dominating completely. Chris Becque led the spree. Exploiting a gap in the Bank's cover he nipped through to score. Martin

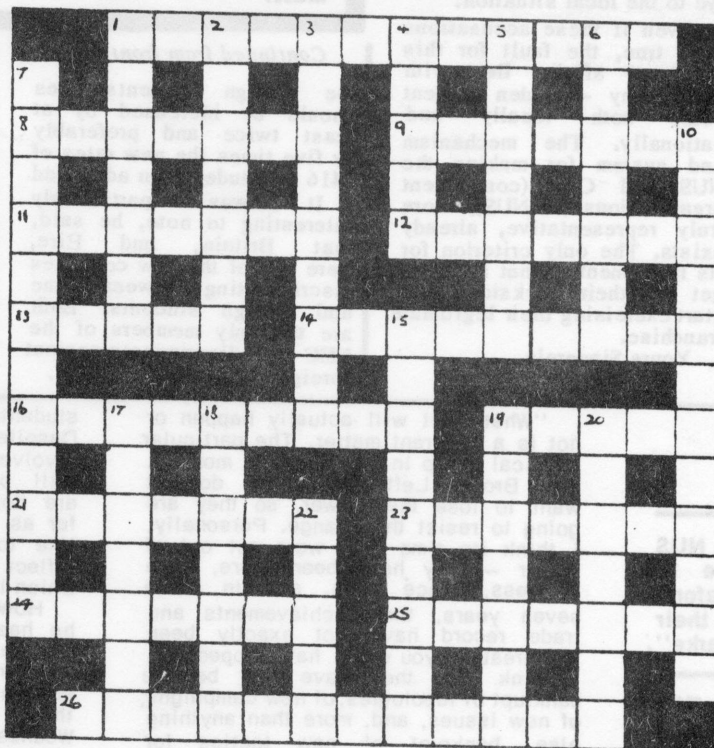
Cotter converted. Two tries followed. A miss-kick by the Bank's full back enabled the A's to exploit a massive gap in the defence and Chris Cuthbertson to score easily. The final blow was struck by Jon Pitcher who made a good run on the left to collect a well-timed pass from Hugh Duncan and score in the corner.

In the end the score was 33.9. Such was the quality of the teamwork that a score even more favourable to the A's would have been an even more accurate indicator. It was a real team effort.

Team:- R Pullen, D Bramley, C Becque, R Leeson, J Pitcher; M Cotter, H Duncan, W Bubb, A Fitzgerald, J Day, C Cuthbertson, S Downing, J Fisherburn, K Hawkins, N Willshire.

by Chris Cuthbertson

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 30



The £1 winner will be drawn from the Editor's Hat at noon next Wednesday 18th February. The Editor's decision will be final.

Nightline...Nightline...Nightline...

Nightline are improving and updating their information on pregnancy, contraception, abortion, VD, legal aid, drugs, counselling, gay organisations, overseas students, aid centres, medical services, mental health, ents, public transport and all night services.

The information has to be checked so we have recently visited the British Pregnancy Advisory Centre, FPA, a law centre, a day centre for psychotherapy, an information-aid project and a drug project centre.

We would welcome any good contacts or the address of an organisation you can personally recommend. Also if you have had a bad experience with a welfare organisation please let us know so we can ensure that it is on our list of places to be avoided.

Please send any suggestions through internal mail to Nightline, 8 Prince's Gardens or phone 581 2468 (int 2468).

ACROSS

1. Flustered young lady led meat — a tasty dish (7,5)
8. I'm North-east in the dis use, upset by my foes (7)
9. Railways consume this its gone for the wind (7)
11. A row around the ship for a period (7)
12. Three fold value from this warning house (7)
13. Mary a tear in the spring (5)
14. Has a hat and keeps in front of the field (9)
16. Made to rise from vile seat — at tea? (9)
19. Exclaim that its yours (5)
21. None in quagmires but often in fairy stories (7)
22. Covers a foot and hits out? (5,2)
24. A mite ate during a rest period? (3-4)
25. Shut up in cone, with nothing to spend (2,5)
26. Additional material to complete menial task, one point short (12)

DOWN

1. A Mexican will keep it smooth running (7)
2. Beginning to get the answer (7)
3. A sentimental occasion to sling that around? (4,5)
4. Put it to rest the wrong way — you'll have to pay for it (5)
5. "L'etat c'est moi" claims the girl (7)
6. Across the border to reveal the plan? (7)
7. Shut in the dark but gets a clue? (4,8)
10. Fatima: just about mad after the day is gone south (6,6)
15. Try opinion of feeling after the cricket match? (4,5)
17. Six bears give up south-east, to finish throbbing (7)
18. Politician is hit for such a little devil! (4,3)
20. Artist goes back down the lanes to the munition's yard? (7)
22. Iron alloy forms the central cylinder (5)

NUS-growth union

THE NUS revealed this week, that despite the recent disaffiliation of some Universities, their membership has risen by a quarter of a million since 1971.

This increase, at first sight startling, is mainly due to two recent decisions. The first is that colleges of education have been offered lower subscription fees to the National Union since January 1st. The second is that, for the first time, part-time students are entitled to use some of

NUS Travel's flights, from which they were previously excluded by international charter flight regulations.

In 1971 there were 712 Student Unions belonging to the NUS, at present there are 805. It is hoped to eventually expand the membership of the Union to all full and part-time students in Britain, although because of their richer Student Union, Universities and Polytechnics will still provide the largest portion of NUS's income.

Letter

Sir, - I think it is time that a postgraduate opinion on the controversy about NUS membership was heard.

All the recent accusations made against the NUS, ranging from misuse of funds

Missing Crossword Clues

The following clues from this week's crossword were accidentally omitted.

Across 23. Stock is rearranged to pull no punches. (5,2).

Down 19. Pick a place to rest. Worried about airman's seat? (7)

"What do you mean?
- 'No news is good news'."

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Profile: Peter Teague

"A first step towards making NUS more representative would be to adopt some of the Electoral Reform Society's suggestions, made in their new famous letter to Charles Clarke".

"I'd like NUS to become more representative. I personally believe in 'representative democracy'. NUS, however, is based on 'active democracy' - where delegates are elected to conference - activists elect activists, who then elect the National Executive, who are, therefore, highly activist, and who obviously do not represent the majority of students.

"A first step towards making NUS more representative," he says, "would be to adopt some of the Electoral Reform Society's suggestions, made in their now famous letter to Charles Clarke. Initially this would mean electing delegates to NUS Conferences by secret college-wide ballot, and election of the VPs of NUS by STV. This would at least ensure that the VPs were representative of the cross-section of people at conference. This is not he says, the case at present. The next step would be to elect the four sabbatical officers of NUS by national ballot.

to not being representative of student opinion, would quite easily apply to ICU (and especially more so to the CCUs). The major difference being, of course, that NUS is dominated by the Broad Left while the "Broad Right" rule supreme at IC. Those generating the anti-Nus hysteria seem to have turned a completely blind eye to the local situation.

Even if these accusations were true, the fault for this state of affairs lies with the apathy - ridden student both, both locally and nationally. The mechanism and system for making the NUS and COs (constituent organisations (of NUS)) more truly representative, already exists. The only criterion for its fulfillment is that students get off their backsides and start exercising their legitimate franchise.

Yours Sincerely,
TOM ABRAHAM.

"Whether it will actually happen or not is a different matter. The particular political group in power at the moment, the Broad Left, obviously doesn't want to lose that power, so they are going to resist the change. Personally, I think its time they were put out of power - they have been there, more or less, since 1968, and in those seven years, their achievements and trade record have not exactly been the greatest you could have hoped for. I think that they have now become bankrupt of ideologies, of new campaigns, of new issues, and, more than anything else, bankrupt of new tactics for students to use to get what they want."

"They (the Broad Left) spend too much time trying to work out how they are going to stay in power, rather than working out where students should be going..."

He feels that the Broad Left has become too much a political machine; "they spend too much time trying to work out how they are going to stay in power, rather than working out where students should be going. The big argument in their favour is that they are very, very dedicated people, and work very hard."

Within IC, he feels that there is not enough awareness amongst IC

Photographic Society Competition

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The competition is open to all members. Prints may be mounted or unmounted. Entry is free and there will be about £35 in prize money. Entries should be handed to; - Phil Hunkin £3, Phil Dean (FELIX office) or the Photosoc Shop by 2.00 pm March 1st. Information will be sent by internal mail.

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the foreign students fees should be increased by at least twice and preferably by five times the new rates of £416 for students on advanced

It was particularly interesting to note, he said, that Britain, and Eire, were two of the few countries discriminating between home and foreign students. Both are the only members of the EEC who discriminate against foreign students in this way.

courses and £260 for those on non-advanced courses which are to be implemented in September.

There is to be a national day of action on Wednesday 18th February and also a meeting of all IC students by the Queen's Tower. Tactics to be employed in the campaign include lobbying of the College Governors, leaf-letting local residents and sending of resolutions to LEA's and colleges.

students of what ICU does for them. Despite the large number of people involved in the Union, the UGMs are still poorly attended, although these are not the whole of the Union. As far as Union meetings go, Pete would like to think that the low turn outs reflect a satisfaction with the way the Union is being run.

However, as a academic exercise, he has often considered measures to test this - such as putting the Union 'on strike', and suspending all Union accounts. "I know one of the first things that would happen - the first Wednesday afternoon, I would have about 200 sportsmen knocking on my door saying 'where the bloody hell is our coach?' Yet so many people don't realise these are provided by the Union."

If, on the other hand, there was no uproar, then he would conclude that people did not care about the Union, and that College is wasting £80,000 on it.

His final comments were, "It's your Union; it is the Students' Union. Just try and realise what it does for you, and, more than anything else, take part in it - whether in a club, or society, or at the UGM or whatever, just try and take part. A lot can be done, but it's the Students themselves, in the end, who must do it. There's no one going to help you out, it's up to you."

Interview by Paul Ekpenyong
Edited by Duncan Suss