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Human errors on Handbook-IC Union foots £200 bill

Dear Fresher letter

Sabbatical Handbook Editor at Harrods-storm brewing

Mix-ups between the College Registry, IC Union Handbook Editor Paul Ekpenyong, IC Union Executive, and the FELIX Office have cost IC Union £185. This sum is for overtime work by FELIX litho-printer Ian Morse, who in one week put in 57 extra hours, necessary to enable the Handbook to be finished by its deadline of 13th August.

This date was given to Mr Ekpenyong and FELIX by Registry via IC Union Honorary Secretary John (Chalky) White; it transpired after completion that Registry did not in fact require the Handbook until 20th August. However the Union Executive decided to trim a week off the available time, so that they could study the Handbook in depth, and then write a Freshers' letter to be included in the Registry mailing. With this extra week at the FELIX unit's disposal, it is unlikely that overtime payments would have been necessary; as it is, the Handbook has over-run its budget of £200 by twice that figure.

Furthermore it seems likely that furore will develop over the actual content of the Handbook; two CCUs, the Royal School of Mines Union and City & Guilds Union, did not submit entries, neither did many Union clubs. Deputy President Derrick Everett summed up the feelings of the Union Officials, 'It's not so much what was in it, but what was left out that matters'.

Many officers, including Peter Teague (last year's President) and Chalky White, are unhappy that the editor was working in Harrods during the last four weeks of his Felix sabbatical. This they cite as the main reason for the rushed editing that has resulted in what they term a 'shoddy' handbook. Whilst acknowledging the effect of his absence, Mr Ekpenyong was keen to point out 'That one of the main sections of the Handbook, Welfare, did not come in to be typeset until four days before printing actually finished.'

Nearly blank pages

At one point, the Union Executive was debating whether or not to send out the Handbook in the Registry mailing to freshers. This year was the first in recent times

that the Handbook had been sent to freshers prior to term; this coincided with a new format to the publication. Despite this, President Nick Brayshaw finds inexcusable 'the nearly blank pages, the spelling mistakes in headlines and the lack of cohesion in major sub-committee articles.'

Censure motion

The first public signs of anger are liable to come at Thursday's Union General Meeting, where a censure motion against Mr Ekpenyong is expected. The financing of the Handbook will also be discussed at a meeting of the Union's Publications Board next Tuesday. At both meetings Mr Ekpenyong will claim that 'the Handbook budget was paltry. In comparison, we're

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Photo-Booth

An instant photo-booth will be positioned at the entrance to the Union Lower Refectory from the beginning of term. The booth, which produces 4 passport sized photographs for use on Union, NUS and Student Railcards, will be there for an experimental period of 6 months to evaluate demand.

IZZY CAPTURED

BRUNEL University's mascot Izzy is now at I.C. following a weekend raid in August on Brunel Students Union.

The mascot, a six foot high green and yellow fibreglass dinosaur, normally resides in Brunel's beer garden at the centre of the Students Union; unlike Mike, the I.C. mascot, Izzy was on display twenty-four hours a day. It had been considered impossible to grab since the dinosaur is usually filled with sand.

However the sand had recently been removed to enable repairs to be carried out. The I.C. students on the raid were aware of this and so just walked in and snatched the mascot, without any resistance. The only other people in the Union were a band, who 'Only practise here on Saturdays'. Brunel later claimed that one of their Vice-Presidents saw the whole operation.

Izzy was later taken to the Union Bar for the evening, bedecked in Constituent College Union ties. IC Union had declined to take responsibility for



the raid, so the whole operation had become an all-CCU affair.

A character known as 'Mike' has claimed responsibility for the raid and offered to return the mascot if £50 is donated to the I.C. Rag charities, and 150 pints of blood is given by Brunel students at the beginning of term. Last year students there gave 97 pints. For every pint less than 150 an extra 50p will have to be given to Rag. The deadline for the handover of Izzy has been set as November 1st; so far 'Mike' has not received a reply from Brunel.

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GUILDS VP BECOMES A MINER

Examination results have forced the current City and Guilds Union Vice President, Dave Lord, to enter the Metallurgy department in RSM. David, who was last year resitting his first year in the Chemical Engineering department, intends to remain as C&GU VP. Even though he is registered as a student in Mines the College does not force him to join RSMU.

Whilst you've been away many things have been happening and FELIX has done its best to keep everyone at IC in the picture. There have been two Post Graduate editions of FELIX, one on July 30th and the other on September 17th.

Summer Accomodation

The first of these editions reported that the College *Summer Accommodation Scheme*, whereby Southside and Linstead Hall rooms are let out to tourists and conference guests, was being run on new lines to ensure that the scheme was more financially watertight, than had hitherto been the case.

However there were teething troubles, as our front page story reported. Prevalent amongst these was the question of unused meal tickets. When tourists book a room at Southside they have to buy a £1 meal ticket which they exchange for breakfast in the refectory. Many visitors leave unused tickets in their rooms when they finally depart. These tickets had in the past been used by student cleaners. Amidst some confusion this practice was stopped by Domestic Secretary Captain Lindley.

There was also some uncertainty at to how much the cleaners should be paid; at the end of the first week they got 7p less than last year! Nevertheless praise has been forthcoming on the decision to appoint a permanent SAC Manageress, Tricia Wigfall, instead of the usual nine month appointment.

Sport

Term had barely ended when news of a different sort filtered through from Henley and Montreal. The Boat Club had a most successful year at the Henley Royal Regatta, with our 1st VIII reaching the quarter finals of the Ladies Plate and the 2nd VIII being beaten only

Whilst you were away

OR
SUMMER NEWS ROUND-UP

Montreal

At the Montreal Olympics Tim Crooks a former post graduate student in the Mechanical Engineering's Lubrication Laboratory, won a silver medal in the rowing eights. Two other members of the department, Neil Keron (coxless fours, rowing) and Dr Graham Paul (fencing) were not as successful.

Student Houses

During the vacation renovation work was carried out on some of the student houses owned by the College. Delays in commencing the work brought fears that 51 and 69 Evelyn Gardens, together with 14 Queensbury Place would not be ready for student occupation at the start of term. In the second PG Felix we reported that quick action by College officials and Union President Nick Brayshaw had unexpectedly enabled the work to be speeded up. The work has now finished in Evelyn Gardens, and students started moving in last week.

Tricia Greenwood

Residence Officer Tricia Greenwood resigned in August. Talking to Felix about her decision she complained about the understaffing of Residence Office and the refusal of College Administration to do anything about it.

Blazes

The first of two main fires took place on July 15th, when a faulty lift motor caught fire, causing the whole of Southside to be evacuated for 30 minutes. Damage was minor. Two months later the stage of the Union Concert Hall was being sanded when one of the dust bags being used caught fire. Pandora Theatre's Andy Stephenson and IC Union DP Derrick Everett were the heroes, whose prompt action confined damage to four square feet of stage floor.

Clem

RSM Union mascot Clem, a 1926 Morris Commercial lorry, is off the road following transmission failure at Portsmouth. Clem had gone South to take part in the Isle of Wight Railway Centre's Summer Show. At the time this meant that all three CCU motorised mascots were off the road.

RCS'

It was with regret that Felix had to record the deaths of two well-known RCSU personalities, Ron Kill and Jan Vincent. On both a Coroner's verdict of accidental death was recorded.

IMPORTANT VISA INFO

Overseas students are now advised to apply for a new visa to stay in Britain at least 14 days before their old visa expires. Following a recent court case, the Home Office requires that any visa appeal (in the case of an unsuccessful applicant) must be held before his present visa expires. Late applicants now face the risk of deportation should there be insufficient time to to hear their appeal. Further details from the IC Union Office.



Have you graduated yet?



FELIX

NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

NEW FORMAT

Let's get the formalities over; Welcome to IC- this is FELIX or This is IC, and you're welcome to FELIX. (At least one of those should be in the right order!) To those who are new here, I hope that this rag, which appears weekly during term-time, will be as a guiding light through the mists of Union and College affairs. And for those hardy perennials (told you the fiver would work—P-P), hope you like the new format. You'd better, 'cause we've paid for it now.

Seriously though, this edition represents a double first for FELIX, the first issue to use full process colour and the first litho-ed UG issue to use a colour cover. The colour on the front, and the new banner (doesn't it look sweet!—varitypist) will become a permanent feature, paid for by the advertising—the rate of which amazes even the bank manager.

Money Matters

Many people have been pressing for an end to the UGC self-balancing regulations on catering and residence accounts, amongst them our own Sir Brian Flowers. It seems odd that once again the UGC, a Government body, should ask universities to perform a stunt that no Government installation has recently pulled off. A stunt indeed for universities to juggle with money they don't possess. The new measures are nothing more than a self-administered placebo.

For the first time in three years, refectory price increases do not hog the headlines of the Fresher's FELIX. Mr Mooney's catering has come in for severe criticism in the last year. It's all very well knocking his efforts, but few could do better in his position—it's not half as easy as it looks. Food quality has improved in the last year, although there is still no room for complacency; many outside concerns provide comparable bounty without the long queues.

Constitutionally

The Honorary Secretary's article came into FELIX barely a week ago,

literally as the paper went to press. I learnt then of his decision to include far-reaching constitutional changes in the agenda for this Thursday's Union General Meeting. These would enable the Union to sack officers, including sabbaticals, if circumstances arose where IC students wished to do so. The measures also define the jobs of sabbatical officers, particularly with regard to holiday periods. I welcome the advent of such measures, although at the time of writing, I have not been shown a full copy of the proposed changes.

However, I am amazed at the Honorary Secretary's timing. Sabbatical job descriptions and sabbatical contracts were last discussed at Council over two years ago. I can't remember these matters being raised at UGM, and certainly this year's Executive have not asked for Council or Union advice in preparing the changes. The late arrival of Mr. White's article precluded any extensive discussion in FELIX on these changes.

At most there will be half an hour spent discussing the changes before voting at the UGM. That's hardly enough time to air the subject fully. Moreover, large numbers of freshers at the meeting will not know enough about the Union to assess the merits of the changes.

I don't question Chalky's good intentions in bringing up these measures, they have been sorely needed for some time. Discuss them at Thursday's UGM, but let's not vote on them until a fuller discussion has taken place.

Discount Discount

Full marks to ICU for undercutting NUS on the student discount scheme and passing on half of the commission (25p) to the students buying the cards. But where does the other half go?—to cover admin costs, says ICU. The permanent staff are salaried and are paid no extra to handle the cards. Telephone bills don't come into it (they are paid by College anyway)—surely it can't cost 25p per card to post details of card purchases to Endsleigh Street. Is it a genuine saving for students or two fingers to NUS?

Safer Insurance

Many of you will, no doubt, be replying to some of the adverts appearing in FELIX, particularly the two insurance companies'. A few years ago there were some rogues in the business who spoil the show for the respectable operators. ICU has banned the leaf-letting of halls, and other measures have weeded out the baddies. Furthermore, when you write to these companies you are under no obligation—you have only asked for details. When answering any advert in FELIX it helps both us and the company to quote the paper's name.

Our Plug

This illustrious, illustrative, and illuminous (cor!) newspaper would be half the size and twice as late but for a dedicated (sic) band of volunteer staff. FELIX tries very hard, but is not a clique. Anyone, whether interested or not, be they an academic, a secretary or a student, is welcome to join us. Any degree of involvement is invited, from writing letters to pasting up articles to collating after closing time. After all, it's your newspaper and if you want to help out on it, great! Just pop into the office, or see us at the Freshers' Fair.

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FRESHER'S LETTER

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spending about 10% of the budget of many other unions', he told Felix. 'Even the CCUs are given substantially greater sums from ICU to spend on their handbooks'. RCSU did in fact spend £800 on their handbook this year, with the Royal College of Science Association adding a further £400. Leeds University, who like IC, produced 3,000 copies of their handbook, expect to subsidise it to the tune of £4,000 a year.

Impossible schedule

College Publications Department agreed to the overtime provided that the Union

guaranteed to reimburse them; President of the Union, Nick Brayshaw, agreed to this. In eight days, Mr Morse turned in 57 hours overtime to get the Handbook finished; as FELIX Editor Clive Dewey says:

'We had eight working days to complete the magazine, since by 2nd August FELIX had received none of the Handbook artwork—impossible without extensive overtime.'

On the nail, the Handbook was delivered. One month later it was still in Registry waiting to be put into the mailing.

Jim Leach, in charge of the mailing at Registry, explains the situation: 'Normally I tell everyone to get items for the mailing to me by mid-

August. This gives me a two week leeway before we put the items actually into the mailing. This year I was on holiday until 13th September, so the mailing wasn't started until I returned.'

Stunned

Neither Mr White nor Mr Dewey knew of this leeway. Mr Dewey again: 'I was rather stunned to hear that all our work had been for nothing. Even one extra week would have made all the difference. Moreover, I'm certain that it would have enabled Paul to produce a much better publication.'

'Obviously his working in Harrods didn't help matters, but even so the overtime could have been avoided if we at the

FELIX unit had been better informed by the Union. As it was, this office was fully stretched on the Handbook, and we relied implicitly on the information from Mr White.'

Incompetance

Mr Ekpenyong takes a more acrimonious line: 'It shows a marked degree of incompetance, on the part of the Honorary Secretary, that he was unable to give the correct completion date. This was despite my protestations at the time that Registry had given me a different final delivery date. The Union Executive has once again shown its low financial priority on Union publications—except where things go wrong.'

Executive Matters

Well, this is it! After the long hot summer which saw most of you waiting for 'A' level results, UCCA forms, college letters, and the start of term, we can now look forward to the Autumn term.

As you sit reading this Fresher's edition of FELIX, it is a sobering thought for you that...you have just entered one of the true Bastions of science and technology. Examiners, LEA's, magistrates and parents willing, you will spend at least three years here in the search of knowledge, truth and a degree. Your three years at University are often the most formative years of your life, so let's start forming...

Firstly, let's form some ideas about me, the President. The days of Tom Brown, Flashman and Rugby School don't extend to IC Union. Before I was elected to this heady position, (actually everyone said 'Here's a likely looking mug' and then the buggers voted for me), I was a student in Materials Science, and, with a sketchy, beer-sodden brain and set of lecture notes, managed to swing a 2:2 degree. Remember, I am an

ordinary student with the same ideas and problems as all of you - I live in the student halls (Linstead), I eat in the same refecs (if I must), drink in the same bars (usually the Union) and, most important, scrape a living off the *same grant as you*. So, don't be scared of coming up and introducing yourself, 'cause I'll talk to anyone for a pint of 'E'. Seriously, I feel that it's important for the President to be approachable and that is one of my aims - to meet as many people as possible.

PRES CUTTINGS by IC Union President Nick Brayshaw

Now let's get down to some serious Union business (I'll keep it brief). Firstly, the Union is not something from which you can divorce yourself. Without you, the Union, by it's very name, does not exist. You are a member of the Union and in the same way as you will draw benefits from being a member, the Union draws benefit from your membership. The issues in which I become involved must, by necessity, be those which are of importance to you. Remember that when I make a stand on Refectories, Halls, fees or whatever, I need your support in providing a platform

for my stand. You know what the next sentence is going to say, because I cannot implore you strongly enough to *attend* Union meetings. Before you come to the first meeting (on Thursday) don't build up a preconception that the Union is full of hacks and that a UGM is where we plan sit-ins or send telegrams to Allende, or Vorster. AUGM has two functions:

(1) I try to explain (in two-syllable words) what the hell I have been up to. If you agree with what I have been doing, or propose to do, give me the support to continue.

(2) AUGM is an opportunity for you to tell me what to do (in both senses) and to chop me down if I go astray. The UGM is an arena where all you have to do to get me, or the Union collectively to do something, is to put your hand in the air and speak your mind.

Remember, your language won't shock me - if you want to stand up and tell me what a lousy, foul-mouthed rat-bag I am then go ahead (you'll get a hell of a reply, by the way). Also if you want to throw bouquets (or money) then feel free. All you have to do is come to the meeting and put your hand in the air. Enough of this Union business...

Lastly, I try to write these articles every week - some weeks they are extremely boring, the other weeks it's just plain boring. Read it though, at least you'll know I'm still around. Another way you'll know I'm around is if you see someone whizz past you with a red Austin Mini or no clothes or both...it's me.

WELFARE MATTERS

The Welfare Centre is situated at the top of the Union Building (turn left on emerging from the lift), and is open 12.30 to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. There you can find information on topics ranging from landlord problems to contraception - from getting legal aid to student discounts. We also have a supply of tube and bus maps. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays it is staffed by student(s) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays by Don Addlington, the Student Counsellor. Every Wednesday law students from the LSE come along to give free advice. The Union Solicitor can also be consulted via the Centre or The Union Office. The Centre is also on the phone - internal: 2898.

There will be a stall at the Freshers Fair (1st floor) where you can see the kind of information the Centre has.

Help

Please drop by if you would like to help out at the Centre once a week. Another somewhat important point - our intended Welfare Officer, having failed to return, leaves one of our most vital Union posts vacant. The job could best be filled by 2nd years upwards. Anyone who is interested come and have a chat with me about what is involved. I can be found via the Centre or the Union Office.

SUE KALICINSKI
'Acting' Welfare Officer

WARNING

The National Westminster Bank, local Police and Security Officers at Imperial College are becoming increasingly concerned at the number of thefts of cheque books, cheque cards and credit cards taking place on the College Premises. In the main thefts occur from jackets left unattended in offices and lecture rooms.

We ask all customers to ensure that all such items are kept quite separately on their persons and that every precaution is taken to safeguard them at all times.

Imperial College Underwater Club

Introductory
Meeting.

Films,

Talk, etc.

6pm.

Tues. 12th Oct.

Zoology Study Area

(Follow notices in

Biet quad)

Pool will be open
afterwards.



Executive Matters

Booking rooms

All Union rooms are booked through myself or through Jen, the Presidents' Assistant. They are the following:-

Union Building

	(capacity)
Committee Room A (Brown) Top floor	20
Committee Room B (Green) " "	10
Committee Room C (Orange) " "	10
Concert Hall 2nd	280
(stage is booked separately)	
Common Room 1st	50
Lower Refectory Ground	100
Union Evening R'm Oppos. Felix Off.	60

Sherfield Building

Junior Common Room Level 2 200

There is normally no charge for the booking of these rooms by IC students but a deposit is usually required for private parties and similar functions. The ICWA lounge is suitable for small parties, (capacity about 40) and can be booked through Isobel Donnelly, ICWA President. 98 Beit Hall.

Procedure

If you want to book one of the above rooms, drop into my office (first floor, Union) ask for a Bookings Form. *Please read the section marked "Conditions of use"*. Take *particular* note of the clauses: (1) "The person in whose name the room is booked shall be totally responsible for the behaviour of the guests and should ensure that they leave the room after the function".

(2) (A) "Messes of a human nature (excreta, vomit, etc) must be cleared up". (The Disciplinary Committee took a very dim view of certain violations of this rule last session).

(8) "Repairs or restitution resulting from any damage done to property in the building and in excess of the amount of the deposit shall be paid for by the applicant".

Please also note the advice about special facilities (eg stage lighting), insurance and performing rights licences given on the form.

Functions will not normally be allowed to continue after midnight except in the JCR, which is often bookable until 2am.

Discipline & security matters

This rather difficult topic follows on naturally from the booking of rooms, since it is after functions that unpleasantness often occurs. I would warn everyone using the Union that the Executive are *not* amused by excreta and vomit in the rooms, by broken furniture, graffiti on walls, forced doors, smashed clocks and vandalised telephones that too frequently accompany the use of Union rooms, especially by certain clubs and societies (who shall remain nameless). We also take a dim view of the defacement of nomination papers, the tearing down of notices and "streaking" through the Union building.

My own powers and responsibilities are set out in the Union By-Laws. I may *suspend any member of the Union* from the use of Union facilities for up to 24 hours. Once I have done this, I expect the individuals concerned to leave the building *at once*. I shall then

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MOLE

use what the law describes as "reasonable force" to evict the miscreants; since I am of rather slight build and not as muscular as large Football/Rugby players (oops!), I hope that other members of the Union will assist me. Brendan, the Bar Manager, is very handy with the hurling stick which he keeps behind the bar, so I don't foresee any difficulties there! **ONLY UNDER THE MOST SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I CALL THE POLICE.** The last thing I want is to give the Union a reputation as a rough-house - anyone who thinks that this is in fact what it is, had better keep away from the Union before he/she is suspended.

Noticeboards etc.

Please respect the Union noticeboards both old and new. See Chalky's article for the Publicity Rules - these apply to all Union areas. Please make sure that posters are removed after the event - *otherwise you will be fined.*

Beit Quadrangle

Unfortunately, during the next twelve months the Quad will look rather

unsightly, since the grass-mud areas are to be dug up and new drainage installed. Then the grass will be reseeded around Easter and this should be looking good by next October. Please keep off these areas while the work is under way.

Committee rooms

The Union has spent a great deal of money (over £16,000) in building and furnishing the Welfare Centre and Committee Rooms. The latter are the "Brown Room", "Green Room" and the "Orange Room", as above. These rooms should be used for committee meetings and small gatherings - please do *not* ask for the common room, unless you need a room for about 50 people.

Defects & complaints

If you have any complaints about the building or find that something will not work, eg doors, taps, pinball machines, or if you come across damaged furniture of any kind, please come to my office and enter the problem in the "defects book".

Keys

Could all holders of keys to Union rooms please give me a list of the keys in your possession; eg Opsoc, Dramsoc, Stoic, Jazz Club, ACC, SCC, RCC, Scab, Graffiti, etc. I am particularly interested to know which keys have been *lost*.

Fire & emergency

The College are particularly worried at present by the danger of bombs being planted in or near the college. If it is announced over the public address that a bomb is suspected in the Union, for goodness sake - get out(!) through the nearest exit and round to the other side of the Albert Hall, where one is reasonably sheltered from a blast. After the recent fire in the Concert Hall, we're a little concerned about fire precautions. Please take care - *no* smoking in the Concert Hall, especially on stage, do *not* tamper with any electrical apparatus and *use* the ashtrays supplied for your dog ends. It is a discipline offence to tamper with fire extinguishers or hoses please stop others from using them; you have been warned!

Union facilities

Please note the improvements we have made in the Union this summer; the new Pool Table, the Photo Booth, the Pinball Machines and (I hope) the repaired television (parts are due to arrive any day at time of writing!). Please look after these items! If they do not work, please refrain from kicking them - or I might kick you!

Derrick Everett,
Deputy President of ICU

Important Customs & Exercise notice

College Administration has asked FELIX to publicize the following notice about the temporary exportation of goods:

From the 1st July 1976 the regulation covering temporary exportation of equipment for repair, modification, up-dating etc, has been altered to bring it into line with other EEC countries.

The new regulation requires that authorisation from HM Customs & Excise must be obtained before the equipment is dispatched from College. Failure to comply, will result in difficulty in getting the equipment back into this country, and is almost certain to involve the payment of duty and VAT. The new forms required are C & E 1152 and C & E 1153.

Equipment being temporarily exported for use on scientific projects abroad can still be exported on the form XS 140 (XS 140A if being sent by post). This form is used to facilitate easy

re-entry through customs in this country but does not cover the customs formalities of the country the equipment is being taken into.

An ATA Carnet is used to cover foreign Customs requirements in cases where equipment is transported across one or more frontiers. Departments should note that at least seven days' notice is required to arrange a Carnet.

If your department is sending equipment abroad please contact the Foreign Order Section which can offer advice on transport (quotations etc.), supply the necessary forms, and make sure the current regulations are observed; they also handle incoming consignments, and will help with all HM Customs and Excise problems, excluding VAT.

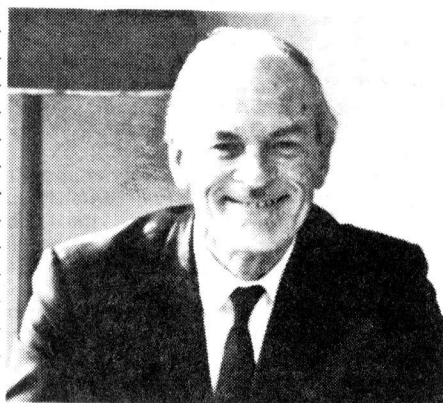
Foreign Order Section, Room 407, Sherfield Building, Int. 3038.

Football Preview

The College All - Stars



Sir Brian Flowers, Rector: Dynamic captain of the College team, described in the *Sunday Times* as a "political heavyweight". Maintains his position by his amazing ability to oscillate from left to right wing at such a speed that he appears to be on neither. Energetically suited to the role, he has an atomic shot and is a member of both the British and European Squads.
Wears a roll-neck jersey.
Ambition: to win the European Cup.



Mickey Davies, Secretary: Unflappable inside right with the unusual ability of being able to mesmerise the opposition with a single glance which, it is reputed, can also freeze water. Has a dynamite shot and has scored many goals in past matches.
Wears a Welsh international rugby shirt.
Ambition: to write a book entitled "How to smile whilst cutting budgets and win friends."

Peter Mee, Registrar: Footballer of high renown and longtime colleague of the FA. Gets lots of tactical advice from Don Revie and puts this to use in the matches. Supremo of talent spotting initiatives, he always bears in mind alternative prospects.
Wears an Old Kingsburian jersey
Ambition: to save money on the printing of prospecti.



AFTER LAST year's moribund goal-less draw, the pundits are already convinced that this year's annual spectacular series of games between the College and Union All-Stars will produce the goals and the magic which have characterised so many of the past meetings between these two charismatic teams. The College's undoubted supremacy on the right wing seems to have been reinforced by the tactical signing last year of a retired naval captain, whilst the injury-prone Union team has no fewer than five new faces on its bench, one of whom is a mystery player whose identity is for the moment unknown.

Before any more ado, let us take a look at the two teams.



Capt Lindley RN (retd), Domestic Secretary. A stern old mariner with a definite dislike for Cuban stamps and "red revolutionaries". Plays hard on the right wing and is difficult to block and tackle. Likes a strategy to be watertight, but sometimes ends up in a mess. Could be explosive if the word "ridiculous" is mentioned.

Wears navy blue.
Ambition: to become the anchor man of his team and to avoid being hijacked to Cuba.



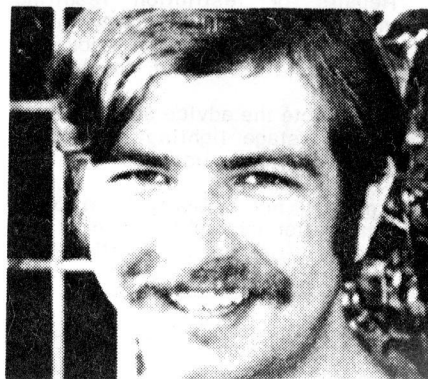
Victor Mooney, Refectory Manager: Perfected his body swerve by dodging around the Southside kitchens chasing cockroaches. Tries to cater for the opposition without much success. Probably destined for the thankless position of goalkeeper which will keep him right in the firing line. A poor chipper of the ball.
Wears a pork pie hat.
Ambition: to get his yacht repaired.

Carl Seaford, Domestic Manager: Demoted last year from mid-field dynamo to right-back, but manages to pretend that this makes no difference. A veteran of many hard-fought matches in previous years. Has yet to score a convincing goal.
Wears a Cambridge blue hockey jersey.
Ambition: to be on good terms with both teams and one day to return to Rhodesia.

The Union All-Stars

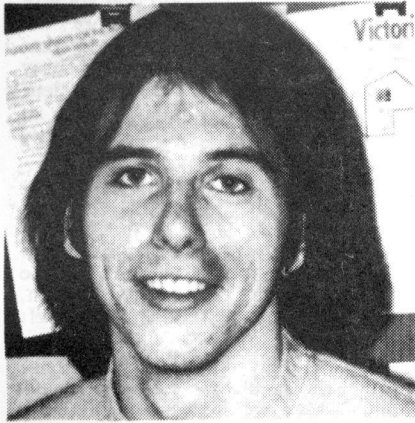


Nick Brayshaw, President: This year's Union All-Stars captain and last year's biggest drunk in the league. Budding TV star, renowned streaker and public relations officer to the Libyan Embassy. His notorious record has in no way affected his genuine and absolute integrity as a footballing maestro. Plans to throw everything (including empty milk bottles) into attack.
Wears nothing at all.
Ambition: to grow a beard.



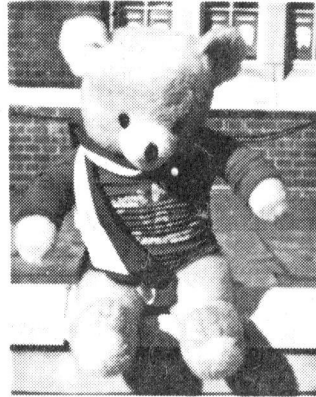
Derrick Everett, Deputy President: Amateur player who wants to turn professional next year in order to lead 77/78's team. Has to prove himself a match winner and could probably do so. Off the field a prolific writer of memos and letters. Hopes to bring the College team to its knees with an inexorable torrent of post-match correspondence. Sometimes mistaken for a linesman because he plays so close to the right wing touchline.
Wears a moustache and shocking green socks.
Ambition: to score.





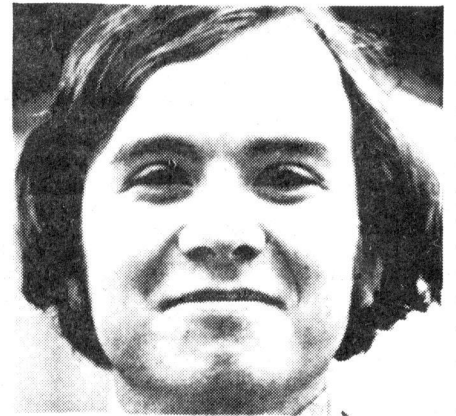
John (Chalky) White, Hon. Secretary. Strong, silent, intensely uncontroversial and self-styled Mr Nice Guy. A gluey sort of person and sometimes a stickler for the rules, he should give a lot of cohesion to the Union All-Stars team this year, by gum. A great passer of the ball and a midfield dynamo to boot. One of the best centre-halves in the game, his shooting power might be suspect because he wears plimssoles.

Ambition: to dispel the myth that he is just a soap powder.



A.N. Other, RSMU President: The Union team's mystery player. Tragically due to brain damage, Martin Levy the RSMU President-elect, has had to pull out of the squad at the request of his home team's board of directors. A great pity. Had planned to change the refreshment at half-time from oranges to a firkin of beer per man. Would have been the biggest drunk in the league.

*Wore a girdle once only.
Ambition: to get back into Mines?*



Clive Dewey, Editor of FELIX: Screams to take the field for the Union All-Stars but so far without much success. An inconsistent header of the ball. Writes colourful and sensational match reports in his spare time when not shouting encouragement from the touchline. Believes in liaison whenever it is possible.

*Wears a FELIX T-shirt.
Ambition: to produce at least thirty-five match reports this year and hence set a new record.*

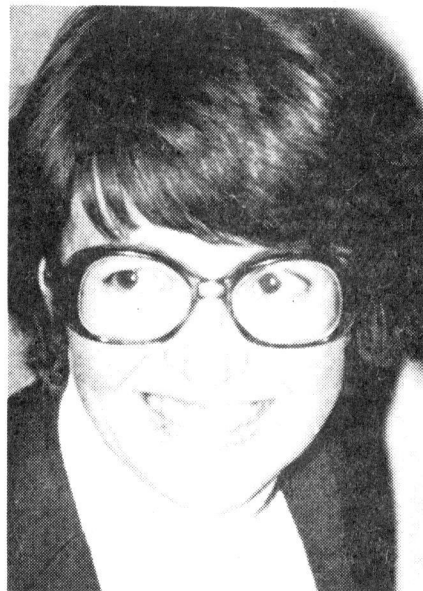


Chris Morrell, RCSU President: The Union's secret weapon; so secret that no one really knows, not even Chris herself. Giggles at random and thus is considered to have a large distraction potential on the field. Would probably be sent off if she tittered whilst a penalty was being taken. Tipped for stardom next year (stir, stir).

*Used to wear knickers.
Ambition: to discover who "ripped off" her knickers in the first place and kindly donated them to the Union Bar.*

Spectators

Let us now make a quick perusal through the likely spectators who will probably be watching the matches with avid interest.

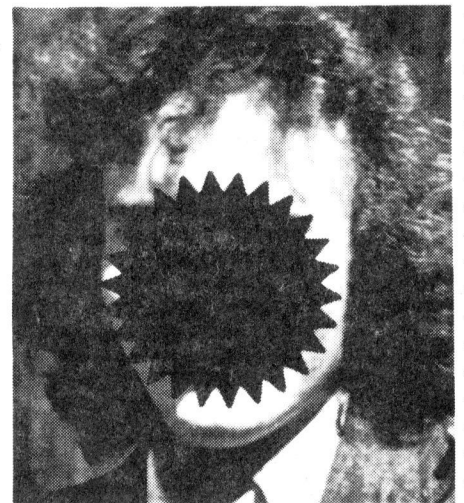


Jen Hardy-Smith, President's Assistant. Refuses to take sides despite much pleading from both camps. Brings on the oranges at half-time and carries off the wounded when injuries occur. Tremendously skilled at nursing and reviving dead and dying egos.

*Wears a tie every Friday.
Ambition: to get home regularly from Council meetings before 10 pm.*

Ted Fisher, former NUPE Secretary: Had apparently been under criticism from certain dissatisfied sections of his own team for allegedly and needlessly helping the College All-Stars. A veteran striker, he is an asset to every team that he is associated with.

*Wears a parking warden's hat.
Ambition: to get a new hut.*



The Author: (Blush) Resident cynic. Nobody's friend (sob). The most unpopular man in the league when this article has been read (wail, sob). Promises not to write any more nasty, spiteful controversial articles for FELIX despite their journeylissic eggserlense (extended throaty wail, sob). Is reputedly open to bribes however.

*Wears armour plating from now on.
Ambition: to prevent just one person in his department from identifying him as the author of this load of drivel.*



Steve Dearing, C&GU President: The Union All-Stars pet gorilla. Rumoured to have difficulty in thinking and kicking the ball at the same time. Has a lot of potential, but is expected only to put in guest appearances due to excessive commitments with his home team.

*Wears a wig.
Ambition: to overcome his precarious position's jinx and actually get an ACGL.*

Brendan Clements, Union Bar Manager: Semi-bearded leprechaun from Dublin's fair city. Talks a lot, but would probably argue all night that he does not. Refuses to take sides despite much cajoling. Off the field he is shy and retiring except at Chem Eng Freshers' Dinners. Removes his left boot when losing at Cock-a-leeky. *Wears the same five ties ever week.
Ambition: to retire one day and become a professional Guinness drinker.*

So there it is: the crowds have returned and the two teams are coming out of the dressing rooms just raring to go. A point worth noting is that although both the teams are on the pitch waiting for the kick-off, some members may try to deny all knowledge of playing football or even cricket. In the event of this happening humour them politely.
W.M. (anag).

Far too much emphasis has been placed on nuclear development and far too little on alternative technologies, says the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, whose sixth report, 'Nuclear Power and the Environment', was published in mid-September. The report was prepared under the chairmanship of Sir Brian Flowers.

As expected the Commission has warned the Government against nuclear expansion until the problems of disposal and containment of both solid- and liquid-type wastes has been adequately solved. The use of fuels, such as Plutonium is foolish, says the report, when no certain method of eliminating environmental poisoning exists.

Nuclear expansion, states the report would imply the

Nuclear caution urged by Rector

use of fast-breeder reactors on a large scale, and a 'plutonium economy' in which this element would provide a principal fuel for energy supply. The development would also have potential implications of another kind. World growth in nuclear power would be likely to facilitate the proliferation of nuclear weapons. There would be the risk of terrorist action against nuclear installations using fissile materials, especially plutonium, as threats against society. Sir Brian has made clear before his opinion that the question is not whether

terrorists might seize a nuclear installation or consignment of plutonium, but when. The tightening of present security measures is strongly urged.

So the Flowers report does not see the need to expand

nuclear power to the level of a major energy producer in the near future. Instead, it recommends research into and the employment of alternative means of energy production. This, says the Commission, should be regulated by a new Government body set up specifically with this objective.

At a recent press conference, Sir Brian said that society should be placed before the energy race; he claimed that the government tends to play down the hazards of nuclear technology. A public airing of the matter, he said, is urgently needed.

A completely different viewpoint is taken by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, which accused the Commission of overplaying the environmental hazards. Britain, it says, is steadily being left behind in the field of nuclear power. It asks that more atomic power stations be built immediately, and stresses the need for nuclear power. It derides alternative sources as, at best, being capable of providing a minor portion of the nation's future energy needs.

Parking

Parking Permit Application forms are available from the Union Office. The completed forms must be returned by 17.00 ON THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER. All applications will be considered by the IC Union Parking Committee and a list of successful applicants will be published in the FELIX of Friday 15th October. Please note that all applications are considered in the light of a set selection policy, the guidelines outlined therein are firm and they will be adhered to strictly. As always I must remind you that, once the scheme has commenced, **THE PARKING OF VEHICLES NOT DISPLAYING PARKING PERMITS IS PROHIBITED.**

WHITE LIES

by John White

IC Union Hon.Sec.

Union Directory

In order to ensure strong lines of communication between Union Officers, Clubs' and Societies' Committee Members, Union Members and College Admin. too the Union produces a UNION DIRECTORY. This essentially consists of each section/group/club/society/committee giving a list of their key members, their positions, their departments and years and an address and/or telephone number at which they may be contacted.

The Deadline For Copy For The Directory Is 17.00 On Thursday 7th October. All copy received after this date will not appear in the directory.

I must inform everybody that the Executive will be pursuing a policy of "no name in the directory, no room" when taking bookings for all Union Rooms.

Please send all copy to the HON SEC. ICU.

Elections

What a wonderful year for exam results!?

I am currently acting - *Hon Junior Treasurer, Welfare Officer, VP ICU (Mines Presidents post), Student Residence Officer, Overseas Students Committee Chairman, Carnival Co-ordinator, Mech Eng Dep Rep* and a few other positions too! If you would wish to become one of these Officers for real then put your name up on a nomination paper in the Union Lower Lounge (Council Notice Board) and persuade some friends to second you; 'nough said?

Gestetner demos

The Union has recently bought some new duplicators. The general use duplicators are situated in the Outer Felix Office, Union Archway. In order to be able to use these duplicators you must attend a demonstration of their usage to be held at 13.00 ON FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER. Those present will be registered as permitted to use the machines and will be entitled to sign out the keys to the machines. Paper and ink is available from the Union Office if required.

Publicity rules OK

Please note that there is a "Code of Practice" which you are asked to adhere to when publicising anything on IC Union Notice Boards. A copy of these rules is available, on request, from myself. Failure to comply with these rules may render the poster producers/distributors liable to action by the ICU Discipline Committee.

IC Union General Meeting

There will be the first UGM of term on Thursday (7th October) at 13.00 in the Great Hall, Sheffield Building.

The main item of business will be changes to the Imperial College Union By Laws. My own feelings on this subject are that I would like to change the By Laws into a form whereby the Union is brought up to date and has a cleaner slate from which to progress.

The By Laws are included as an insert in this FELIX. Look at them! Think about them!

Do you not think that there should be a facility whereby you can dismiss a Union Officer *sabbatical or otherwise* if he is seen to be not performing his job? At the moment you can't. Do you not think that the Sabbatical Officers should have a job description laid down in which would be their responsibilities, their pay, their holiday leave and so on? At the moment there isn't. Do you not think that a UGM should be able to mandate its officers to carry out the wishes of the Union Members? At the moment you can't.

These are just some of the issues involved. If you want to see your Union straightened out and take part in this process of self-determination then please come along.

Matters also to be discussed will include our motions to be submitted to the NUS Conference.

That's all I've got for now.

Executive Matters

If music be the food of love, why can't rabbits sing? My article in the last FELIX was entitled *Practical Rabbit*, however, on taking psychiatric and legal advice (the Playboy Corporation didn't like me using their rabbits!) I find that my articles must henceforth be called *White Lies*, which couldn't be further from the truth...honest!

Practicalities

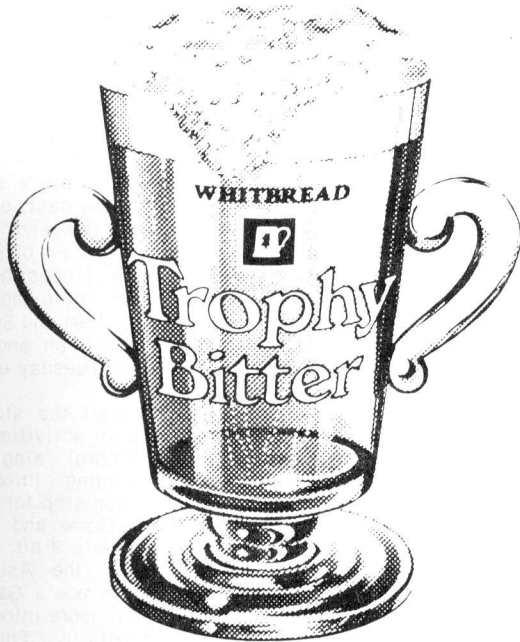
Onward ho to the practicalities. I see my job as one in which I am here to assist you in whatever way I can; primarily by ensuring that the Union, and all its integral parts, run smoothly and efficiently and ultimately by ensuring that your best interests are always the prime consideration in any action taken on your behalf. I look upon "White Lies" as an opportunity to give you practical information whilst also filling you in on what we're "getting up to in the Union Office". If you think we should be concentrating on one area as opposed to another then please tell us, 'cos Jimmy Cricket may be an alternative to Capital Radio but even he runs out of new ideas sooner or later!!! Anyway...

Crash Pad

With this year's unprecedented shortage of accommodation the Union has felt it necessary to run a Crash Pad Scheme. This scheme will ensure that nobody is denied a place to sleep or wash whilst they are seeking digs. If you are one of these unlucky homeless people then come to the IC Union Office at 23.00 and we will provide you with a camped and washing facilities. There will be a nominal charge of 10p per night and there will be a male and a female dormitory. Anyone wishing to assist this scheme please come and see me in the Office (during daylight hours preferably!). Furthermore, **IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO HAVE SOMEONE SLEEP ON YOUR FLOOR OVERNIGHT PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MY INTERNAL TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 2488.**

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The pint that thinks it's a quart!



Union Bar

- A PERSONAL VIEW FROM A P.A.

To put it plainly, in words of not more than two syllables, the Union Bar lives in the bottom right hand corner of the Union Building, but, as you may expect, there is more to it than just that. In a college which boasts more bars than any other in the country, (and that includes the universities) there has to be a good reason for one in particular to be singled out as 'THE BAR'.

On swinging through the double doors, of windowed plywood and oak (respectively) the Romantic's immediate view is stunning. Two large oak tables, a couple of smaller ones and many bare wooden stools, in front of a bar spanning the width of the room. But it is behind the bar that this Romantic's eye will travel first, for it is there, behind this much used counter, with its ample dispensary of ales and lagers, that you will see the finest arrangement of pewter-ware, not just in a college bar, nor London, but 'to be sure, to be sure' in the world.

For in this Union Bar, the array of pewter pots represents every club captain, chairman, president and member. And it is not only for the 'old members' of College that these exalted

positions are held. There always seems to be room on the shelves for 'your' pot.

On a few rare days each year, you may be witness to strange sights; people being skidded across the aforementioned oak tables (take heart, you should be so lucky, or so proud) as part of 'initiation' ceremonies.

This preamble sounds like an invitation - or maybe a travel brochure - and that is what it was meant to be.

The frequenters of the bar do not, however, take note of the decor, nor interest in the paraphernalia. They are here simply to enjoy, in the presence of friends, a drink. There is no thought of trying to live up to, or down to any standards - beyond 'Don't take your glass outside, if you please.' They are just revelling in a well earned, well served drop of their favourite tippie. In the Union Bar you can dance, you can sing, you can do anything - or your own thing - and no-one worries.

And I should know. I've been here a long, long time.

I sign myself,

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Societies Page

Dramsoc

Bit of a giggle - but give it a whirl

ICDS, known to all as Dramsoc, inhabits a room on the 2½ floor of the Union Building, called the Storeroom, although at Fresher's Fair we will be on display in all our glory on the stage in the Concert Hall. Dramsoc is dedicated to jollification; for both the people who watch our productions and the people who put them on, and we need YOU (but be warned, hard work is involved). We need you if you are interested in acting, lighting, directing, building, sound, costumes (please!) or even just painting sets.

In one year we do a large production at Christmas and usually a slightly smaller one at Easter. Last year our productions were 'The Captain of Kopenick' by Zuckmayer and 'Two

Gentlemen of Verona' at Christmas and Easter respectively.

This year's Christmas production is 'Beckett' by Jean Anouilh. In addition we are hoping to do some short lunchtime plays and also work with STOIC, which could lead to glory on ILEA channel 7.

You could find joining Dramsoc a bit of a giggle - give it a whirl anyway. See you at Freshers Fair.

Dani Salvadori

Filmsoc

Cheap and on the level

Being at university in London you have all the opportunities to have a resourceful and enjoyable time, and one way of really taking advantage of London is through the cinema.

IC Film Society specifically caters for the individual who wants to see good films cheaply and on the level. Our films are chosen so that they do not clash with those screened elsewhere in the capital. The current trend is to show films, such as *Night Porter* and *The Passenger*, which have been released a few years ago, but which are no longer being shown in London.

There is also a selection of golden oldies, such as *Casablanca* and *The General*, films which have become classics for all time. Also the Society tries to put on a variety of foreign films, some well-known like Chabrol's *Le Boucher* and Ray's *Company Limited*, which will interest an English-speaking audience.

There are even some big films, such as *Summer of '42*.

One way or another Filmsoc tries to put on a varied show, so how about coming to the Film Society stall at tomorrow's Freshers Fair to find out more about the films and the Society.

A Chodorowski

Opsoc

Musical society with a difference

OPSOC is a musical society with a difference. Our main raison d'être is, of course, to put on operas (usually Gilbert and Sullivan) which we do twice a year. One show takes place at IC in February, then in July the cast, orchestra and stage-crew all descend on the otherwise quiet seaside town of Budleigh Salterton to put on a production there. In 1976, the shows performed were '*Utopia Limited*' by Gilbert and Sullivan, and '*The Zoo*' by Sullivan and Rowe. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings throughout IC terms.

But that is only half the story. For example, last years activities also included concerts, carol singing, an opera workshop, singing through all thirteen G&S operas non-stop for charity, and lots of parties. Come and see the Opsoc stand at Fresher's Fair, or turn up at a rehearsal in the Associated Studies building, 53 Prince's Gate, any Tuesday at 7.30pm. For more information, contact Opsoc's chairman; Tim Frain (Physics 3).

Photsoc

Get in focus

Let me take this opportunity to join in the chorus of *Welcomes* you've been receiving; particularly to the Freshers, whom I wish a pleasant stay at Imperial College; I hope you'll achieve all you want to.

Now to the Photographic Society. IC Photsoc exists to promote and develop interest in photography amongst members of the College. It has two well-equipped darkrooms for the use of club members, and organises various activities for them.

Also in the pipeline is a portrait session, where an expert will be on hand to advise on lighting techniques. The main, and annual competition takes place in March.

The Society has a young, but active, colour group whose activities place colour processing within easy reach of every member, material cost permitting. The Photsoc Services group caters for those interested in commercial work. Contact me for further

Included in the activities already organised for this term are:-
12th October - Alan Gittings AIP shows and discusses some interesting shots on a variety of subjects.
16 - 17th Oct. - Black and White beginners' weekend.
23 - 24th Oct. - Colour beginners' weekend.
10th Nov. - Visit to the Kodak factory and museum at Harrow.

The activities include lectures by interesting speakers, darkroom demonstrations, visits to places of photographic interest, workshops on special techniques, and competitions. We usually meet at 7pm on Tuesdays in the Geology lecture theatre (RSM 2028).

The Society is currently planning a series of monthly competitions where prints can be judged at 'open meetings'. This should enable members to see how judges work.

details.

In spite of the economic problems, drought, etc. afflicting the country, we are set for a boom year. We only require the services of two trouble-shooters, namely a Secretary (to organise meetings) and a Publicity Officer. Think you can do it? Then contact me in Mechanical Engineering Room 481.

If you just want to join the Society then come along to our stall at Freshers Fair or pop into our first meeting.

Deji Demuren Photsoc Chairman

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STOIC - fast becoming a celluloid legend

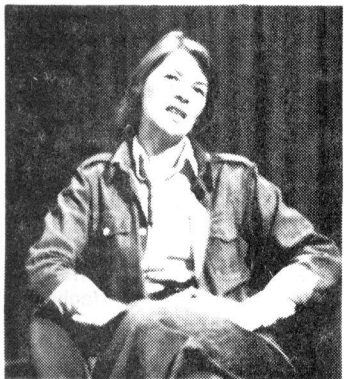


Mel 'Blazing Saddles' Brooks on STOIC

Legend has it that there are hoards of STOIC hounds who lie in wait in Wardour St for the next unfortunate film star to pass. We are told that he is quickly bundled into a waiting Union van and driven, bound hand and foot, to an obscure back door to IC's Electrical Engineering department. Here, so the story goes, the wretched star is led to a heavily sound-proofed room 108, where he is seated in a soft chair - the electrodes carefully hidden from view.

Terry-Thomas, Dirk Bogarde, Peter Cushing, Gregory Peck and Christopher Lee to name but a few, have suffered the same hideous fate - the *STOIC* interview. One by one they have come, had extracts from their previous films shown and held in evidence against them. One by one they leave the studio shaken, somewhat the worse for the experience for the solace of St George's Hospital.

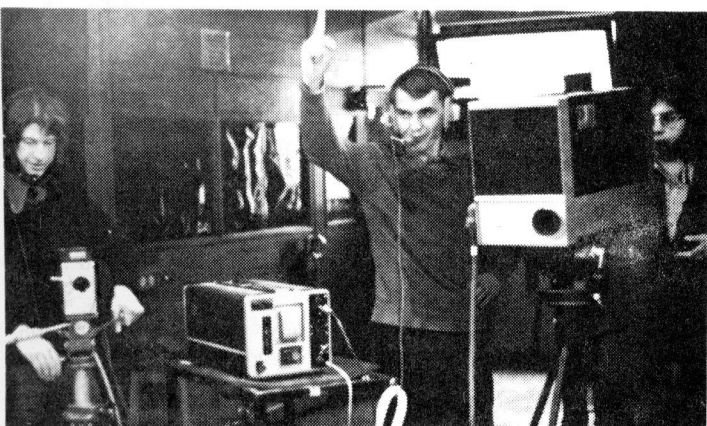
STOIC deny all; the court appearances, unpleasant noises from the Elec Eng basement - they're all lies. In vain STOIC point out that Leslie Phillips has appeared on national TV since his STOIC interview and, contrary to popular opinion, none of the marks show. They also point to Barry Humphries (alias Dame Edna Everedge) who actually came back for more, scalding his interviewer with



Glenda Jackson



Behind the scenes



Stand-by Studio



hot tea in the process.

All this is rather unfair; STOIC is really quite a serious proposition, and it is in view of the quality of STOIC transmissions that well known personalities grace the camera with such regularity (without payment).

There are two major series currently produced by STOIC: *Film Talk*, in which the aforementioned film stars have appeared, is a highly successful programme. It is transmitted not only in College, but also to schools, polytechnics, etc, via the Inner London Education Authority's (ILEA) Channel 7 television network.

The second production, *Lunchbreak*, is STOIC's *raison d'etre*. Providing a

few shy people having their introverted coating stripped.

Appearing on STOIC is an experienced transcending verbal description, until you've tried you cannot understand what makes a good interviewer. A spirit of adventure must be a prerequisite and a masochistic nature is a help if you are to see recordings of yourself played back. One healthy aspect at STOIC is that no-one will bite your head off if you make a mistake, lest the same thing should happen to them.

It takes guts to make an interviewer; you have to keep control of interview by considering the replies to your questions, formulating your next question, listening to the director in the earphone and

The Student Television of Imperial College (referred to as STOIC) were not transmitting in College last term as the television studio was moving house. However, their transmissions on the ILEA TV network to schools, polytechnics and other London colleges has continued to attract attention. The most recent came in the *Times Higher Education Supplement (THES)* with an article by Jeremy Clift.

With the resumption of programmes in College, some explanation is in order. Like all media at IC, STOIC is not a society but a publication.

weekly news, views and magazine programme, *Lunchbreak* rounds up the more unusual aspects of IC life - such as presidential streaks around the Albert Hall (captured full frontal by STOIC on a portable video-tape recorder, union elections and Harold Wilson's visit.

STOIC members tend to settle into two distinct groups - in front and behind the camera. The technical side (behind camera) consists of slightly unexpected occupations such as cartooning and graphic design. The other side is the preserve of presenters and interviewers. It should be said

that those who think they will be good in front of a camera have not always turned out so; the reverse is also true with a

avoiding the temptation of looking down at any notes.

Most of STOIC's programmes are recorded (a fact they would never divulge to anyone), although there are often live programmes. This is because there are just too many parameters involved in making a TV programme.

Television programme production an unusual pastime, one which few will have the opportunity to repeat. For the viewer student television in IC has shown itself to provide a kind of programme which can only be produced in an environment such as IC, whether the subject matter is Union elections or Glenda Jackson.

James Sinclair
STOIC Chairman

THE REVIEWS PAGE

OPSOC SELL OUT

A report by Roger Woodward on Opsoc's Summer Tour (July 24th — August 6th).

On Saturday July 24th, 80 members of Opsoc set out for their, now familiar, tour venue — Budleigh Salterton in East Devon. On arrival the local papers had gone to town with some very welcome, and more importantly, FREE publicity. The local press hoardings read "Pirates at Budleigh" and we knew we were in for a fantastic reception.

The opening night, normally only half-full, was completely sold out and the opening night reception when all the audience was invited to 'meet the company' was an uncalculated success. The response was maintained throughout the fortnight and for the first time, we managed to sell 2250 tickets — the maximum.

As usual the middle weekend was occupied by rehearsal and performance of our Charity Concert. The Chorus performed the Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni, with the solo sung by Sally Heslop. There followed a series of excerpts from 'The Water Music' and a group of madrigals sung by members of the Society. The second part of the Concert opened with Haydn's 'London' symphony and closed with Vaughn Williams' choral masterpiece 'Serenade to Music', Soloists Delith Brook, Deborah Kemp, Tim Johnson and

John Barratt; solo violin David Greed.

The shows themselves were a roaring success under the baton of Michael Withers, an ex-IC chemist and the skillful production of Peter Mills, well-known to Opsoc enthusiasts as a performer rather than a man behind the scenes.

There follows a transcript of a revue published in the Exmouth & East Devon Journal on Saturday August 7th:-

The Zoo was the one-act curtain raiser. It is a slight piece intended as a satire on Grand Opera. However the libretto of BC Stevenson lacks the trenchant humour of Sullivan's more usual collaborator, and although it was pleasant entertainment, its presentation was mainly of historical interest.

I think it was a very wise move to set the scene in 1905, (the opera was first produced in 1875) as that era of decaying empire seems wholly appropriate to the melodramatic proceedings. I thought I could detect a hint of the music-hall in some of the staging, but it may have been coincidence.

Although chorus and soloists all were in good voice, Delith Brook as the lovely Laetitia deserves especial mention. Her quasi-Mozartian coloratura flourishes

were delightful.

The main work of the evening was of course "The Pirates of Penzance and it was a first-rate production. My hero of the evening was Roger Woodward, who sang the Major-General's song at such an impressive rate of knots that the orchestra were hard pressed to keep up with him. Teresa Quinn was a charming Mabel and Max Taylor a convincing Frederic.

All in all it was difficult to find faults of much consequence, and the enthusiastic capacity audience generated a feeling of well-being which I am sure must have been felt on the other side of the footlights. The producers, Roger Woodward and Peter Mills and musical Director Michael Withers are to be congratulated on the high standard they have achieved, and I feel sure that the Society's next visit to Budleigh Salterton will be keenly anticipated.

Perhaps local producers of plays and operas could take a lesson from the Imperial College production on achieving maximum effect from the minimum of scenery and props.

Toni Holloway — Exmouth Journal

The next Opsoc Production will be "Orpheus in the Underworld" by Offenbach at IC in February.

RECORDS

Love and affection all the way

I'VE SEEN Joan live three times in the last six months; each time she's impressed me as an up-and-coming artist who deserves to make the big time. Perhaps I should say Joan's live work is mesmeric, her contrasting repertoire of folk and camp-fire odes leaving audiences with a strange sense of fulfilment — something you don't expect from a support artist.

Given that Joan Armatrading is primarily a stage artist, I suppose I'm at a disadvantage when reviewing her latest LP since I've heard most of the material live. However Glyn Johns (a famous producer no less) and Joan have succeeded in recreating her stage atmosphere on at least half of the LP, namely the first side.

Another success of the production is that Joan's vocal and guitar work are both well highlighted. The latter is

Joan Armatrading — A&M Records

extremely good and together with Joan's creative ability in vocal, lyrical and musical departments gives her a rare set of talents.

The album presents songs of varying tempos and moods from the provocatively assertive 'Down To Zero' which opens the LP, to more gently romantic ballads like 'Help Yourself' and 'Love and Affection'. The latter is my favourite; it must be the most natural song on the LP, with the stage atmosphere precisely reproduced. The song gradually unveils itself, slowly engulfing you. Joan's deep croaking voice is ever present (Pingpong thought the singer was Nilsson!); saxophone adds the scintillating touch of magic.

The only track on the first side that perhaps doesn't just manage to manifest

its stage excellence is 'Water With The Wine'. Nevermind one can't expect miracles.

In comparison to the first side the second is a little shallow in feeling, although Joan's somewhat innate sense of rhythm, prevalent throughout the LP, comes to the fore in this section. The best track here is 'Like Five' ably illustrating her vocal and guitar dexterity.

Sch.....'s Roses?

Whilst aided and abetted by a fine set of musicians Joan's talent shows through remarkably well on this LP, and the LP's certainly worth purchasing. One small point is that the album gradually walks up behind you and grabs you totally and without warning after about six plays. So beware IT GROWS ON YOU.

Clive Dewey

Revamped oldie fails to please

IN THE last two years there's been quite a glut of records solely containing re-released material, especially when an artist has changed label and become successful. My normal policy is to give a track listing and throw in a few pertinent comments. After all if people wanted the material they would have bought it on first release.

Having been slightly favourably disposed to Andy's recent efforts I was prepared to give this LP a second glance, despite the lack of sleeve notes on musicians and irrespective of my patchy musical memory for the '70-71 era from which these cuts are taken.

'Andy Fairweather Low' — RCA

Out of the LP's nine songs only four are worth talking about. The best 'I Hear You Knocking' (Yes that one) is the album's last track; by that time I'd got suitably nauseated after many a second-rate track. This track though is superb just for Fairweather's virtuoso guitar playing — literally from the word go. Vocals aren't bad either. Overall the cut is marginally better than Dave Edmunds' for excitement.

Other goodies are 'Natural Sinner'; 'nuff said and 'Lay It On Me', which essentially is Natural Sinner Mark 2. 'Beginning From An End', a fine brass/

guitar instrumental number completes the enjoyable tracks.

The rest of the LP is rather second-rate, drab and tedious and my ears were pleased to see the back of it. Not an album I'd recommend, even though it does have its moments. Generally if the LP was going to sell well it would have done so in 1971.

Clive Dewey

Side One:- Natural Sinner; You Ain't No Friend; Looking for the Red Label; Road To Freedom.

Side Two:- Lay It On Me; God Cried Mother; Don't Mess With Cupid; Beginning from an End; I Hear You Knocking.

FILMS

Film Editor Paul Ekpenyong looks at some of the Summer's better films

Film crop unscorched despite long hot Summer

It has been a good summer, the sun has shone long and continuously, unfortunately causing a drought. Yet despite, or inspite, of this there has been a good yield from the film crop this summer.

The Omen stands out the most at the moment because of the massive publicity surrounding it since its recent release. Critically acclaimed by the press, it stands out as the most frightening film since "Psycho". Strangely compelling, the tension and terror is deftly, and slowly built up until strained, taught nerves come near to breaking point. Definitely not a film for chickens - even strong men will come away perspiring.

The Omen stars Gregory Peck and Lee Remick.

Less strenuous and miles more entertaining, *Bugsy Malone* must rank as the oddest and most lovable musical that's ever been made. Set in the gangster 30's with all the parts played by

children (none of whom are older than 15), it is a superb satire of this genre of movies. It would immeasurably spoil your film to tell you any more about it except to suggest you go and see the film itself.

On the other hand, however, I will not mar your enjoyment of Clint Eastwood's *The Outlaw Josey Wales* by telling you that it's about a man out for revenge. Wales is a simple homesteader who joins a band of renegades to hunt down the men who killed his wife and son and destroyed his property. Yet behind this deceptively simple story are many facets of life which are subtly brought out. A powerful explosive and often touching film, *Josey Wales* is definitive of Eastwood as an actor and also gives proof of his directorial talents.

Equally powerful and disturbing is Michael Socese's *Taxi Driver*. Climaxing in devastating, almost senseless, killing, *Taxi Driver* gives a bleak portrayal of what life in New York is all about. The

sex, violence, degradation, filth, drugs poverty are brought into stark focus through the eyes of a cabby, brilliantly played by Robert de Niro.

If this is all getting a bit too heady for you, then take a break and pop along to see Neil Simon's *Death by Murder*. Not only is the title absurd, so is the film. I mean, what can you do but laugh yourself silly when a deaf and dumb maid bursts into the room and tries to scream about the dead butler? Really, I heard of black humour, but this is positively the limit.

There are two other films worth mentioning. They are Hitchcock's *Family Plot* described by its publicity as diabolically entertaining - more like diabolically self-indulgent if you ask me. I've heard of black humour, but this is positively the limit. starring Anthony Quinn, seems not much more than the 'spectacular' it is! Bye for now and have a good time.

Nondescript acting mars perfect world

"FUTUREWORLD" (Brent Walker, A) directed by Richard T Heffron; starring Peter Fonda and Blythe Danner.

Imagine that your wildest fantasies have been made possible by technology. That you can, say, joust with medieval knights, fight with Roman gladiators, satiate your every sexual pleasure or even ski on the red snows of Mars. Then you have Delos, a holiday centre that makes Buthins look like some primeval throw-up.

Delos has been rebuilt after the carnage at Westworld when sunshining robots went out of control and shot-up guests. The new set-up is declared totally safe by its creators who invite the media to look round the establishment.

It is thus that two hacks of the media, Tracy Ballard (*Blythe Danner*) and Chuck Browning (*Peter Fonda*) find themselves experiencing the delights of *Futureworld* and themselves at Delos. Many important political and public figures also patronise this -utopia of thrills, spiffs and bangs.

Before they depart, however, Chuck is approached by Frenchy, a Delos technician, who warns him of sinister going-ons at Delos. Unfortunately the bodies snuff him out before he can spill any more beans.

Anyway, our two intrepid reporters (sic) arrive at Delos and after much cavorting about in *Futureworld* they bump into Harry. Harry is one of the few remaining humans at Delos and was

Frenchy's friend. The trio team up to find out what is going on, Harry eventually gets murdered and in a fairly spectacular ending, Chuck and Tracy fight it out with their doubles.

On the whole, a reasonably entertaining film although the acting is somewhat nondescript. There are occasional high spots in the film, for instance, when Tracy attempts to make a pass at one of the Delos technicians - unluckily for her he is not programmed to respond to sensual stimuli. As a sequel to *Westworld* it is passable; the more so with the re-appearance of Yul Brynner as the gunshining robot. *Futureworld* will be on release in October.

Paul Ekpenyong

ABBOT ALE

The Abbot Drinkers Association still lives. Anyone interested in joining this merry bunch of people in their cavortings around London and surrounding districts, please get in touch with Nick Morton (Biochem 2) or Dave Nickson (Botany P.G.)

CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for the current series of BBC Radio classical concerts are now available from Jen in the Union Office. The concerts feature the BBC Symphony Orchestra and are all at studios in Maida Vale.

RECORDS

Refreshing - but cover versions likely

Phillip Goodhand-Tait - 'Oceans Away' - Chrysalis CHR1113

Phillip Goodhand-Tait's 'Oceans Away' is one of the most refreshing albums to break onto the scene for quite a while, and as such will no doubt reap many 'cover versions' from its tracks. Already the title song has been recorded by two well known pop personages, Gene Pitney and Roger Daltrey. I believe that Olivia Newton-John has also recorded 'Old Fashioned Love', a rather beautiful, but haunting, ballad from the LP.

Phillip Goodhand-Tait, ostensibly a songwriter as opposed to a performer, happens to write some of the most amazing songs, which, had they been written twenty years ago, would certainly rate as standards today.

Oceans Away is his first recording in two years and marks his first album for the Chrysalis label. The LP features ten songs, each of which has been written in the old style of songwriting - with the accent on melody and poetic lyrics.

Standout tracks are 'Old Fashioned Love', 'Love's Like A Song', 'Jewel' and the title track. Mingled with the songs are some interesting string arrangements, courtesy of Robert Kirby, together with some fresh production from John Burgess. The album does not fall into the usual singer-songwriter rut and makes easy listening. If you want to get a better idea of Phillip's music come along to the Fresher's concert tomorrow evening and hear him play.

Nigel Davis

FELIX SPORT

Croquet

Croquet Success

IC Croquet Club won the Home Counties North League this season without conceding a match. The Club will now play the Southern League winners for the Home Counties Cup.

The League is played between five local clubs, each team playing the others twice, one home and one away match. IC started cautiously by drawing their first match against Unilever. The next two matches were wins for IC against Silver Wings and the celebrated Harrow Oak; the rest of the matches were draws. The two wins, however, were enough to beat our nearest opponents, Parson's Green, by one point. IC now play a team from ICI at Bracknell (the Southern League winners) for the Cup.

England champion

Aside from winning leagues the Club's main aim is to provide the facilities and an informal atmosphere in which to play croquet. Free coaching is provided by our President, Professor BG Neal, who was All-England champion in 1972-73. We are very fortunate to have two lawns close at hand situated next to the Queen's Tower. These are open weather permitting, from April to September.

If you are interested in joining the Club or are just curious in this ignoble game come and see us at the Freshers Fair or contact P Walker Civ Eng 2 or EA Wyatt and N Greatorex Elec Eng PGs.
Team members:- Mike Roberts, captain; Austin Harrup; Tom Fortescue; Salah Sadek; Mike Lea; Nigel Greatorex

Nigel Greatorex

Cricket

Summer tour

The 1976 cricket season began very auspiciously for IC with a 234 run victory over Balliol, Oxford, on May 1st. Together with the next fourteen games this produced 11 wins, 3 draws and 1 defeat. These results were due mainly to excellent seam bowling by Messrs Millard and Bramley and a batting line-up which scored consistently well.

This good run ended on 9th June when we lost to Kingston Poly. This marked the start of a bad run for the team, much weakened by examination absentees, which only ended on 19th June against Whitton in the league, IC winning by 7 wickets. This put us in a good frame of mind for the summer tour.

Enthusiastic tour party

Although not particularly strong, the touring party was very enthusiastic and we anticipated doing reasonably well. However we started off disastrously at Southampton, having bowled the opposition out for 123 (Millard 5 for 57).

New but successful

NEWLY FORMED, Riding Club had a very successful start last session. The aim of the club was (and is) to cater for as wide a range of riding tastes as possible, whilst minimising the strain on members' pockets. Last year we operated every Wednesday afternoon, running both beginners' and 'advanced' lessons and also a hack.

This session we will continue to meet on Wednesdays, our probable programme being advanced team lessons in the afternoon and novices' lessons

IC were then bowled out for 69. We did improve on this performance at Yelverton and a draw was achieved. The next game, against Exeter CC, saw one of the best performances from IC throughout the season. Excellent fielding ensured that Exeter, the 1975 Devon league champions, were restricted to 141 off 35 overs (Millard 3 for 60 and Sprake 3 for 54). Hall was responsible for two run-outs. Our chances of victory were lost with the wickets of Ghosh and Paul. However a creditable 105 for 8 (off 35 overs) was achieved.

Best match

Probably the best match of the tour was against Brinham. IC declared at 154 for 8 (Sprake 41, Ghosh 26) setting the opposition 155 runs in 2 hours. On a pitch of low bounce they achieved this target in the last over to reach 157 for 7, Ghosh taking 3 for 39.

After four matches on consecutive days a tired IC team lost to Plymstock by 79

in the evening. Our teams will be competing in the University of London league - the matches involving a dressage test and a show-jumping course.

So if riding interests you, whether you're a complete beginner or an 'expert' come along to our stand at Freshers' Fair and to the first club meeting on Thursday October 7th at Room 407A in Electrical Engineering.

Otherwise Contact:-

Adam Rawicz-Szerbo (Elec-Eng 2)

Nicola Whitehead (Zoology 2)

Steve Jackson (Elec Eng 2)

runs, having bowled out the opposition for 146. This was followed by an enjoyable game against Babbacombe, the result of which was lost in the next match celebrations.

After the revelry.....

After the revelry we were back to cricket against South Devon. They batted first scoring 160 for 7 declared. There was no effective resistance from IC apart from 53 by Ghosh; IC were all out for 86. At Yeovil another landmark was passed when Alan Watling scored his first runs of the tour. Though IC scored only 105 Yeovil were hard pressed to finish at 107 for 8. Whilst the tour didn't produce the results we had hoped for, it was enjoyed thoroughly by all.

League century

After the tour we returned to the league in London. Against Motspur Park's 217 for 8, IC reached 176 for 9, Ghosh 76 and Mark Lawless 29 being the main scorers. The following week saw an IC player score a century for the first time in two years. Jeh Beshaw scored 126 in a partnership with Rob Young (68). IC finished at 237 for 4 declared. Morden, to their credit, went for the runs, but were all out for 184 (D Boyd 5 for 45). This proved to be IC's best win in the league and we eventually finished midway. The rest of the season contained a few good performances, notably against London Transport and East Barnet Valley.

Overall the 1976 season has been more successful than most, mainly due to the tremendous enthusiasm of the freshers, several of whom played in the first team.

Tom Ghosh
Cricket Captain

RCC TRANSPORT

The RCC Transport Sub-Committee runs five Ford Transit vehicles on behalf of the IC Union. These are available for hire by any college society or individual. All drivers must hold a full licence and be over 21 years of age, unless they had a full licence on January 1, 1976. Inclusion on the drivers' list is subject to the satisfactory completion of a test drive arranged by the Transport Sub-Committee and payment of a £10.00 drivers security (returnable).

At present RCC Transport has two twelve seater minibuses, two thirteen seater crewbuses, and one van. These vehicles are available for hire both at weekends and during the week, though priority is given to certain clubs for weekend use.

The scale of charges is as follows:-

Weekend (6pm Fri to 9am Mon)	Minimum 200 miles £10.00
First day	6.00
Following 4 days	4.00 per day
After 5 days	3.50 per day
5 hour period (8am - 1pm: 6pm - 11pm)	4.00
Per hour	1.50
Distance charge (2.175p per km, 1km = 0.6214 miles)	0.03½ per mile
Driving test fee	0.75

All enquiries concerning hire to the Bookings Officer, Andy Weir, Tizard Hall, room 414.

RCC driving tests may be arranged through Nick Takel, room E207, Chem Eng (internal 3776).

Richard Szczepanski,
RCC Transport Chairman.
September 3, 1976

FELIX SPORT

Water-polo team returns successful

by Colin Dale

THE IC Water-polo Club completed a very successful season with the annual five-match tour of Dorset in which they were unbeaten.

The team arrived on a cold, breezy Saturday afternoon at an outdoor swimming pool in Lymington. The salt water pool was situated just above the harbour and the sight of the one foot waves on the surface, combined with the rain before the match, sent Amir scurrying for the brandy.

IC immediately set the pattern for the rest of the tour, running out winners by 6 goals to 1.

In the first two quarters Andy Smith and Rory Lewis combined well upfront, Andy scoring the first two goals and Rory following up with the third. Cliff Spooner and Paul Hindle controlled the game from midfield, while Amir Abdulla together with Mark Taylor in defence contained the few Lymington attacks. Before half-time was up Andy had completed his hat-trick.

With the general consent of all concerned, the rest periods were cut short and the second half got underway with Mark (showing his usual enthusiasm for cold water) and Amir replaced by Dave Parkinson and Colin Dale. Rory had soon completed his hat-trick with two more goals, Lymington in the meantime scoring while being a man up.

In the evening the team retired to base-camp at Osmington, or more specifically *The Smuggler's Inn* where they could be found playing darts against the locals. After closing time a combined effort was made to stagger back to the caravan site in the dark, where the team played cards into the early hours of the morning. This procedure seemed to become standard practice as the week went by.

On Tuesday morning the team travelled to Bournemouth ready for the evening match. The change in weather enabled everyone to add sunburn to the bruises of the previous day's football match on the beach. The team, strengthened by the arrival of Jim Williams and Michael McCartney, were relieved to be back to warm water in an indoor pool. Memories of the previous year's punch-up were soon forgotten as IC took control of the match to beat Bournemouth by 12 goals to 4.



1976 IC Water-polo Club Tour Team

Michael immediately made his presence felt by scoring a hat-trick. Rory and Cliff obtained their usual quota of goals. Ian Bales (our goal keeper for the whole tour) made up for an early mistake with two brilliant point-blank saves in the second part of the game. After the match IC were generously treated to a round of drinks by the Bournemouth team in the bar of a local fire station.

The new members of the club looked forward to the match against Bridport with some anxiety, having been given a vivid description by

keep the goal difference. In the third quarter we all had the pleasure of watching a historic event - Jim actually scoring his first goal on tour. This was the only goal in the quarter, everyone obviously overawed by the momentous occasion. In the last quarter, Bridport scored three goals while Rory completed his hat-trick. Cliff finally rounded off the score - another victory for IC by 10 goals to 5.

In the meantime Rory had arranged another match at Bovington Army Training Camp. Indeed the match turned

second quarter Andover started their come-back, scoring two goals while IC added only one by Paul. Andover drew level at the beginning of the third quarter, but Cliff put IC back in front.

Andover replied with two more goals and so IC went into the final quarter behind for the first time on the tour by 5 goals to 6. In an exciting finish Cliff used all his vast experience to win the match for IC with a hat-trick in the last quarter. (IC 8 Andover 6)

And so, exactly one week from the start, a jaded, semi-crippled, sunburnt but victorious group of swimmers made their way back home.

The club meets at the swimming pool in the Sports Centre (Princes Gardens) from 7-9 pm on both Mondays and Fridays and would welcome new members. It provides facilities for swimming and water-polo. You don't have to be another Shane Gould / Mark Spitz to join - although it would help!

the more experienced members of the 'sub-zero' temperatures in which previous matches were played. However, due to the hot spell of weather, by the time Thursday evening had arrived the river was relatively warm, although slightly green. This was indicated by the absence of 'Bridport injuries' normally sustained just before the match. Cliff immediately set to work on the opposition, completing his hat-trick in the first quarter. This, together with goals from Paul and Rory (from a penalty), gave IC a commanding lead. Bridport came back with two goals in the second quarter but Rory and Michael managed to

out to be little more than a training session for IC, who eventually ran out easy winners by 16 goals to 4. Young Ian Spooner in his first game on the tour played extremely well, setting up Amir for his first goal. Dave scored a hat-trick and Cliff showed his class, scoring from a long-distance back-flip which left the goalkeeper rooted to the spot in amazement.

The final match of the tour at Andover was the hardest. IC started in the usual manner, Cliff, Andy, and Paul each scoring a goal in the first quarter, despite Rory uncharacteristically missing a penalty. However in the

SEX

NO PROBLEM;
COME AND PLAY
HOCKEY

4 Men's teams
1 Ladies' team

Please contact:
Al Ross,
(Mines II)
Janet Coxage,
(Botany III)

Limited number of tickets are available for a new BBC Radio series entitled *You, the Jury*. Each programme will debate a current contentious issue. Dick Taverne is the judge and the audience the jury.

Tickets and details from Jen in Union office (int. 3915).

ULU presses for catering price cuts

The University of London has advised its constituent student unions to apply immediately for reductions in residence fees and refectory prices for the coming term. This follows a University Grants Committee (UGC) memorandum to universities that from 1st August 1976 more expenditure may be charged to university general accounts, as opposed to the consumer.

The UGC, a Government advisory body on university finance, had formerly expected catering and residence accounts to be self balancing. Up until the end of July, universities were able to charge only certain items to their general accounts; these included rent, rates, insurance, cleaning, heating, repairs and redecoration.

They will now be able, in addition, to charge central

administrative work (such as accounting) and the salary of one catering officer to general accounts. Furthermore, in catering units, the cost of heat, light, power and water, together with miscellaneous costs - cleaning materials, stationery and laundry - can now be charged to general accounts. At IC this amounts to £20-25,000 on the catering side alone.

No excuse

Student leaders and university authorities have pressed for this type of relaxation in financing for some time. For the last few years, the UGC has turned a blind eye to the blatant flouting of its regulations by universities, including IC. The attitude of the memorandum is that now there is no excuse for deficits on these accounts.

The new measures have been cautiously welcomed by IC officials. Nick Brayshaw commented: *'The way these two accounts have been handled at IC to date means that the new measures will make little or no difference.'* IC Union is not expected to follow the ULU line on price decreases. Neither does it support the ULU campaign for greater subsidies on these accounts. Mr Brayshaw views subsidies as a temporary measure necessary because students *'simply cannot afford the charges required to make these items economically viable.'*

The Rector points out that no extra recurrent grant for general accounts will be forth-

coming from the UGC. The position for IC has not therefore changed much, since it has struggled for some years to keep its general accounts in credit.

In the next year, earnest attempts will be made by the Refectory Committee, under the new chairmanship of Professor Eilon, to eliminate deficit makers in the catering system. Last year, the estimated loss by refectories was £57,000. A surplus of £17,000 on the bar and cellar accounts brought this down to £40,000. The Governing Body hopes that the bar profits will top £25,000 this year. Despite Union opposition, prices have been raised by 2p a pint and 2p a tot (on spirits) to achieve this.

The UGC measures mean that refectory deficits will have to be trimmed by £7-12,000 for the catering account to achieve self-supporting status.

Student survivor

IC undergraduate student Paul Mower was amongst the 32 survivors from the wooden minesweeper *Fittleton*, which sunk whilst participating in a NATO exercise two weeks ago. The *Fittleton* collided with the frigate *Mermaid* during the massive exercise in the North Sea; ten of the *Fittleton's* crew of 42 lost their lives as the 22 year old minesweeper plummeted to the bottom of the sea.

The *Fittleton* was manned almost entirely from the London division of the Royal Naval Reserve. Some of the crew, including Paul Mower had joined the RNR barely four weeks before.

Commenting on his ordeal Paul, who today starts his second year in the Mathematics department, said: *'I thought I was going to die. The ship turned turtle and I was trapped underneath. I was wearing a life jacket because I couldn't swim. I held my breath and grabbed anything that came to hand. It seemed like an eternity but finally I bobbed to the surface. The rescue boat arrived within minutes and I was pulled out of the water.'*

Break in

There was a break-in at the Union Refectory during the holiday. No damage was done and nothing was stolen. However the intruder(s) did leave a contraceptive device in the till. Perhaps they were feeling short changed.

Exam failures

Crippling exam results, which last year decimated the ranks of Guild Union officers have this year been transferred to Mines Union. The latter start the term without a President, after the departure of Martin Levy.

The other main casualty from Mines is Bob Longman who was to be ICU Carnival Co-ordinator. Two other ICU positions, Welfare and Student Residence, are now vacant following the failure of Guildsmen Dave Chance and Dave Knights, respectively, to get back to IC.

RCSU did not suffer any serious casualties, despite the departure of former Broadsheet Editor Nigel Reditt (Physics 2). However Honorary Junior Treasurer Caroline Preston, who passed her exams in Physics, has now decided to leave IC.

LADIES LOOS

During the Summer vacation alterations have been made to the ladies toilet in the Union Building to prevent a reoccurrence of last year's rape there. Time switches, operated only by a key, now control lights in the East staircase of the building and in the ladies toilet itself.

There are also alarm bell pushes in the toilet. Bells for these, which are distinct from those for the fire alarms, are placed in the Union Bar, the Dramsoc storeroom, the Union office and Central Security in the Sherfield Building. Union officials stress that these alarms should not be abused or the new measures will become ineffective.

NUS 'organ' rationed

IC UNION has ordered only five copies of NUS's *National Student* for the forthcoming academic year. This follows a decision by NUS to charge Student unions 1p a copy for the paper. Formerly ICU had received 500 copies of each issue.

In making their decision both this year's and last year's ICU Executive feel that the Union already pays enough to NUS (£5,000 this year) and that more free services should be emanating from NUS for this money. Copies of future editions of *National Student* will be available for reading in the Union Office.

Super-cheap discount card

As plans for a nationwide student discount scheme materialise, IC Union is preparing to undercut the NUS scheme by 12½%.

The scheme is based on a discount card, to be sold by large student unions (such as ICU) together with a handbook, listing traders and services offering student discounts. The idea is that the unions would buy large numbers of these cards and sell them, with their associated handbooks, to their members at £2. The union concerned would then send details of card buyers to NUS, who would give the union a 25% commission (50p) for each card sold.

IC Union will be selling the cards at £1.75, taking only 25p to cover postage, correspondence and other administrative costs. In coming to this decision Union leaders consulted their Senior Treasurer, Dr Ken Weale.

The move is likely to have local repercussions since all of NUS's 90 Travel and Insurance shops will be selling the cards at £2. This includes the NUS Travel office in IC Union and the Endsleigh office in Old Brompton Road.

Nevertheless it seems unlikely that NUS will take action against ICU for undercutting its service organisations. In a letter to last year's ICU President, Peter Teague, discount scheme organiser Pete Anwyl said that whilst the possibility of retailing the card at less than £2 had not been considered, *'it is up to each Constituent Organisation (of NUS) what they wish to do with the 25% (commission).'*

The student discount card will provide students with an average 10% discount at some 11,000 retail outlets throughout the country. These include branches of WH Smith, Virgin Records and Ryman Ltd. Services such as the RAC and the British School of Motoring are also covered by the scheme.

Smaller student unions, such as the one at L'Institut Francais, who do not have administrative resources, will operate a different system for obtaining discount cards. These unions will distribute order forms to their members, sending completed forms back to NUS, who will issue the cards direct. In this case a commission of 5-10% will be paid.

IC Union has initially ordered 200 discount cards and hand books, and these are now available from the Union Office.

Imperial College Union By-Laws

1. Objects

The Imperial College Union (referred to hereafter in these By-laws as 'the Union') has for its objects:

- a The promotion of social intercourse between present and past students and academic staff of the Imperial College.
- b The encouragement of interest by students in matters outside the College curriculum, especially cultural and athletic interests.
- c The provision of a corporate body of students of the Imperial College to represent and to safeguard and advance the interests and welfare of the students of the Imperial College.

2. Membership

Membership of the Union shall be of five grades:

a *Full Membership*. Registered students of Imperial College and research assistants who are not members of the College Senior Common Room, shall be Full members of the Union. Full members shall be entitled to the use of all facilities and amenities provided by the Union.

b *Life Membership*. A person shall be entitled to become a Life Member of the Union if:

He is a member of the academic teaching staff, or

He is a member of the administrative staff and university trained; such application to be subject to the approval of Council, or

He has been a full member of the Union for at least one complete session.

The subscription for Life Membership of of the Union shall be as set out in Appendix B.

Life Members shall be entitled to the use of all facilities and amenities provided by the Union, with the exceptions that they shall not represent Imperial College in any team or vote.

c *Honorary Membership*. The Council shall have the power to elect as honorary members of the Union, without payment of subscription, persons of special distinction or persons who have conferred some special benefit on the Union. Honorary members shall be accorded privileges defined at the time of the election.

d *Temporary Membership*. Old students and academic staff on short-time attendance may become temporary members of the Union for a period voted by Council, upon payment of £0.25 per calendar month, or part thereof, or for the period of one term and the ensuing vacation, upon payment of £0.50.

Old students, part-time students and members of the academic staff may become temporary members upon the payment of £1.50 annually.

Temporary members of the Union shall be entitled to the use of the Lounge and Refectory facilities only. Temporary members shall not be entitled to vote for any officer of the Union or Union Club or Society, neither shall they hold such office. Temporary members shall not represent the Imperial College in any team.

e *Reciprocal Membership*. Members of other Universities and Colleges which have signed a Reciprocal Membership Agreement with Imperial College Union shall be granted use of such facilities and amenities as shall be written into the Reciprocal Membership Agreement.

3. Subscriptions

All membership subscriptions are payable in advance.

4. Officers

The Officers of the Union shall be:

- The President
- The Honorary Secretary
- The Honorary Treasurer

The Presidents of the Constituent College Unions, who shall be Vice-Presidents of the Union.

The Deputy President

The External Affairs Officer

The Academic Affairs Officer

The Welfare Officer

The Student Residence Officer

The P.G. Affairs Officer

The Junior Treasurer

The Community Action Chairman

The Chairman of the Athletic Club Committee

The Chairman of the Recreational Clubs Committee

The Chairman of the Social Club Committee

The Chairman of the Social, Cultural and Amusements Board

The Chairman of the Silwood Park Committee

The President of the Women's Association

The Chairman of the Overseas Students Committee

5. Management.

a The management of the Union shall be vested in a Council, which shall be elected annually and consist of:

The Officers

One Representative each from:

The Department of Aeronautics

The Department of Chemical Engineering & Chemical Technology

The Department of Chemistry

The Department of Civil Engineering

The Department of Computing and Control

The Department of Electrical Engineering

The Department of Geology

The Division of Life Sciences

The Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mechanical Engineering

The Department of Metallurgy & Material Science

Department of Mineral Resources Engineering.

The Department of Physics

One representative from each of the Constituent

College Old Students Associations

The Academic Officers of the Constituent

Colleges

Six representatives elected by and from the

Imperial College Union General Meeting

The Carnival Coordinator

b The President and the Hon. Secretary may

choose to have a Sabbatical Year, the finances

for which are the responsibility of Union

Council. No student may have two Sabbatical

Years as an Officer of Imperial College

Union.

6. Elections

a The Honorary Secretary shall be the Returning

Officer for all elections under clauses 6b, 6c

and 6d of these By-Laws. In the event of the

Honorary Secretary wishing to take part in

an election, an acting Returning Officer shall

be elected by Council.

b The President, Deputy President and Hon.

Secretary and Editor of Felix shall be held in

the Spring Term of each year before the final

Union General Meeting of that term.

In the event of a vacancy occurring for one

of these posts, an election shall be held

within 3 College weeks. Council shall have

the power to appoint an acting President or

Hon. Secretary pending the election.

All members of the Union shall be entitled

to nominate candidates, who shall be Full

Members of the Union. Nomination forms shall

be posted 15 College days before the election

and nominations shall close 5 College days

before the election. Each nomination shall

include the signatures of the proposer and 20

seconders. In the event of there being no

candidate for a post, the nominations shall remain open until a candidate is nominated. Nominations shall then remain open for a further three College days after the first nomination. An election shall be held after a further 5 College days.

In the event of there being only one candidate for a post after nominations have closed, he shall be declared elected. In the event of there being more than one candidate for either post a hustings shall be held between the closure of nominations and the election. The ballot shall be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on two consecutive College days. A member of Council or another nominated by the Returning Officer, who shall not be a candidate or proposer, shall be at each ballot box at all times when the ballot is open. The positioning of ballot boxes shall be at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

c The Academic Affairs Officer, the External Affairs Officer, the Junior Treasurer, the Student Residence Officer, the Welfare Officer, the Community Action Chairman, shall be elected by and from the last Union General Meeting of the Spring Term. The Representatives from the Imperial College Union, and the University of London Union Representative shall be elected at the first Union General Meeting of the summer term.

All members of the Union shall be entitled to nominate candidates, who shall be Full Members of the Union. Nomination papers shall be posted 10 College days before the election and nominations shall close after 8 College days. Each nomination shall include the signatures of the proposer and 10 seconders.

In the case of a vacancy occurring for any of these posts, nomination papers shall be posted within 5 College days. The election shall take place at the first Union General Meeting after nominations have closed. Council shall have the power to appoint acting officers pending the election, except in the case of the Representatives from the Imperial College Union. In the case of there being no candidate for any of these posts, nominations be accepted at the Union General Meeting. If no nominations are received at the Union General Meeting, nominations shall remain open until a candidate is nominated and then until the next Union General Meeting, at which any further nominations shall be received and an election held.

All the elections referred to in this clause 6c shall be carried out by paper ballot.

d The Imperial College Union Department Representatives shall be elected by ballot during the Spring Term. Members may only stand or vote for the post of Representative of their own Department as listed Clause 5. In the event of a vacancy occurring for one of these posts, an election shall be held within 4 College weeks.

Nomination forms shall be posted in the Department 15 College days before the election and nominations shall remain open for 8 College days. Each nomination shall include the signatures of the proposer and 10 seconders. In the event of there being no candidate for any post, nominations shall remain open until a nomination is received. Nominations shall then remain open for a further 3 College days after the first nomination. An election shall be held after a further 5 College days.

In the event of there being only one candidate for a post after nominations have closed, he shall be declared elected. The ballot shall be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on one College day. The current representative of a

department shall be the Deputy Returning Officer for the election of the representative of the same department. The Returning Officer shall supervise all the elections referred to in clause 6c.

e In elections under clauses 6b, 6c, and 6d, canvassing shall be allowed but posters and other publicity shall not be displayed until nomination forms are posted.

f All elections referred to under clauses 6b, 6c, and 6d and in all elections for Imperial College Union delegations to National student conferences, the Single Transferable Vote with Quota system shall be used.

The Single Transferable Vote with Quota system shall be operated as defined in the Voting Schedule appearing in the Blue Book. Amendments to the Voting Schedule shall need the approval of a two-thirds majority at any Imperial College Union General Meeting to become effective.

In any election of President, Deputy President and Honorary Secretary, if the number of deliberate (written-in) abstentions shall exceed the votes cast for the candidate receiving most votes before any subsequent re-allocation, the elections shall be declared invalid, and nominations shall be reopened for a further ten College days. The election shall then take place within the next five College days.

A "College day" is defined as a weekday during term time. A "College week" is a week during term time.

k The Presidents of the Constituent College Unions, the President of the Imperial College Women's Association, the Chairman of the Imperial College Union Recreational Clubs Committee, the Chairman of the Imperial College Social Clubs Committee, the Chairman of the Social, Cultural and Amusements Board, the Chairman of the Silwood Park Committee and Representatives of the Old Students' Associations shall be elected according to the Constitutions of the respective Organisations before the Joint Council Meeting. The Chairman of Imperial College Union Entertainments Committee shall be elected by the Entertainments Committee, this election being ratified by the meeting of Joint Council.

h The P.G. Affairs Officer will be elected by a meeting of the ICPGG held before Joint Council.

i The Honorary Treasurer shall be a member of the academic staff of Imperial College by the Rector, after consultation with the President of Imperial College Union. The Honorary Treasurer shall be *ex officio*, an honorary member of the Union with the privileges of a Full Member. The appointment shall be reviewed every three years.

7. Council Meetings

The Council shall meet at least twice per term. The Agenda shall be publicly posted and circulated to Council members at least one week before the Council meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

8. Term of Office

The Council shall be in office from the 1st day of August to the 31st day of July of the following year. The last meeting of Council in the Summer shall be a joint meeting between the new and retiring Councils.

Sub-Committees and Commissions

9. Major Sub-Committees

a The major sub-committees of Council are the Imperial College Union Athletic Clubs Committee, the Imperial College Union

Recreational Clubs Committee and the Imperial College Union Social Clubs Committee and the Imperial College Social Cultural and Amusements Board. The clubs and societies of the Union shall be administered by the Athletic Clubs Committee the Recreational Clubs Committee, Social Clubs Committee and Social Cultural and Amusements Board Committee who shall appoint officers according to their Constitutions.

b No alteration may be made to the constitution of the major sub-committees without the approval of Council.

10. The Executive Committee

The President, the Deputy President, the 3 Vice-Presidents, and the Honorary Secretary shall form the Executive Committee. The Committee (4 members shall form a quorum) shall meet at least once per week in term time, and as required during vacation. It shall concern itself with domestic matters and matters of urgency only. At each meeting of the Council, the Honorary Secretary shall report on all action taken by the Executive Committee.

11. Silwood Park Committee

The Silwood Park Committee of Imperial College Union is elected according to its constitution for the purpose of managing Union activities at Silwood Park Field Station.

12. The Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee shall be elected according to its constitution to investigate and recommend improvements on all matters relating to the purpose and structure of the degree system and its means of assessment.

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14. The Accommodation Committee

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16. The Community Action Group

The Community Action Group shall be elected according to its constitution to promote student awareness and involvement in programmes of community service and action of all kinds.

17. The Carnival Committee

The Carnival Committee shall be elected according to its constitution to promote student involvement in charity fund-raising programmes of all kinds.

18. Other Sub-Committees

19. Ex Officio Members

The President, the Deputy President and Honorary Secretary of the Imperial College Union shall be *ex officio* members of all Imperial College Union Sub-Committees and Commissions.

20. Representation on Joint Committees

Imperial College Union Council is responsible for the election of the Union representatives to Imperial College Joint Committees and other

bodies, except where this responsibility is delegated by Council to a Sub-Committee.

The decisions and findings of these Committees shall be communicated to Council through these representatives.

General Meetings

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At least one General Meeting of the Union shall be called each term. Fourteen days' notice of all such meetings shall be given, and the agenda posted on all Union notice boards. The Annual General Meeting of the Union, at which the President's Report and the Reports of the Chairmen of the Imperial College Union Athletic Clubs Committee, the Imperial College Recreational Clubs Committee and the Imperial College Union Social Clubs Committee shall be presented, shall be held in the summer term. Council shall have the right to call further General Meetings. A quorum shall consist of 300 Full or Life Members of the Union.

22. Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union may be held at any time on receipt by the Council of a petition signed by not less than 130 members. Such a meeting shall be held within 4 College weeks after receipt of the petition.

23. Motions

At least one week's notice of any motion to be proposed at a General Meeting shall be given. Other motions shall be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman. A motion shall be carried by a simple majority unless it relates to a change in these By-Laws. Motions passed by a General Meeting may be returned once only by Council for reconsideration. Such reference back must be made within one College month.

Finance

24. Administration of Finance

The Finance of the Union shall be administered by the Imperial College Union Council, which shall allocate grants to the major sub-committees and authorize other Union expenditure.

25. Accounts

The Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Union shall be in respect of the year ending 31st July and shall be audited by the College Auditors.

The Balance Sheets, previously displayed for one week, shall be presented at a General Meeting of the autumn term by the Honorary Treasurer.

The Audited Accounts of the Union shall be presented to the Governing Body of the Imperial College through the Rector before the end of October following each financial year.

Union Buildings

26. The Governing Body have set aside, free of rent certain rooms for the use of the Union. These rooms are listed in the Appendix.

27. Opening of Union

The Union Buildings, with the exception of the Bar, shall be open during term from 8am. till 12pm. on week-days and from 9am. till 12pm on Sundays, unless the permission of the Executive Committee is given for an extension. During vacation, except for the month of August, not more than 12 days at Christmas and not more than 12 days at Easter it shall normally be open.

28. Discipline

a The maintenance of discipline in the Union is delegated to the Executive and supervised by

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the Deputy President or his nominee. The Deputy President shall make arrangements for one of the members of the Union to be on duty during every evening in term-time on which the Union is open.

b The Union Discipline Procedure is outlined in the Union Discipline Document appearing in the Blue Book. Amendments to this Document shall need the approval of a two-thirds majority at any Imperial College Union General Meeting to become effective.

29. Payment for Damage
Payment will be in accordance with the Union Discipline Procedure Code.

General

30. Imperial College Women's Association
All women students shall be members of the Imperial College Women's Association and the Association shall be run according to its Constitution. A portion of the Union buildings shall be set aside for the use of the members of the Imperial College Women's Association.

No alteration shall be made to the Constitution of the Imperial College Women's Association without the approval of Council.

31. The Imperial College Post Graduate Group
All postgraduates shall be members of the ICPGG and the group shall be run according to its constitution. Its aims are to promote action on affairs concerning PG's and to support and finance departmental P.G. groups.

32. Refectory Club.
All members of the Imperial College Union are members of the Imperial College Refectory Club.

33. Ownership of Property
The equipment purchased by any Club or Society in the Union shall be the general property of the Union who shall be responsible ultimately for maintenance and protection. An inventory of all Union property shall be drawn up at the end of each financial year. Clubs and Societies shall not hire Union property from one Club or Society to another.

34. Union By-Laws
No alteration in the By-Laws of the Union shall be made without the approval of a two-thirds majority at two General Meetings held not less than 28 College days but not more than 40 College days apart.

35. A copy of these By-Laws and an appropriate membership card shall be supplied to each Union member.

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