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## It's a RAGing success

With two events still to come, this year's Rag Week looks like being declared an all-round success. Attendance at all the events has been better than expected, and enthusiasm shown for Rag has greatly impressed the Rag Week organised.

The 'week' started last Thursday with the Rag & Drag disco. Over 200 people turned up to see IP's Paula Marriott and Mines Pornographer Stuart Arden win two well fought contests for Rag and Drag Queen respectively.

The three-legged pub crawl the following evening was even more successful. Close on 300 people attempted to hobble their way around twelve local hostilleries. Local publicans, and their customers took the event in its intended spirit and only two pubs the Harrington and the Queens Arms, barred their doors to the IC revellers. Although more a social evening than a race, the pub crawl was won by John Ashworth and Zinta Krumins from RSMU.

The tooting of steam engine whistles and the rattling of collecting cans started the Rag Procession on Saturday morning. Despite fears about the level of organisation (see last week's FELIX front page) the event passed off smoothly. The two steam engines present attracted great attention from local shoppers, as did the continual battle between Dave Lord's pedal car and the rest of the procession.

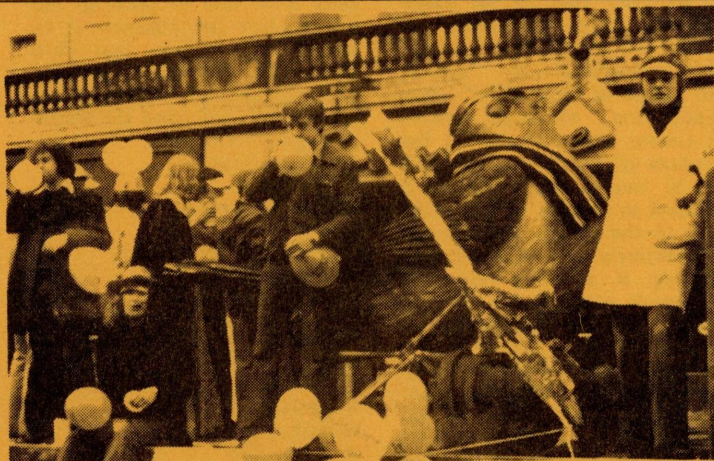
The only mishap of the day was when C & GU's 'Bo ran out of petrol just before re-entering College at the close of the procession. The police, who had marshalled the procession, then joined everyone for a pint in the Union Bar.

To date the most well attended event was the SCAB evening Sunday night. Over 350 people warmly applauded Dramsoc's 'After Magritte' production. In spite of complaints from SCAB Chairman Martin Kessler about the undignified stampede for the blue films, the event was a success.

150 IC students would have succeeded in drinking the King George IV pub dry on Monday night, had the pub not closed early at 10.15pm. The publican was extremely annoyed at the rowdy songs and boisterous behaviour of the students, who he felt was driving his normal custom away.

Many people braved the cold weather Tuesday night to gather around the bar-b-que in Beit Quad. The event broke even.

CCU rivalry came to its traditional head on Wednesday's Morphy Day. The pitched battle on the tow path lost its normal v'gour because most of the action was concentrated on getting



The RCS Rag float with the Lord Mayor's robin.



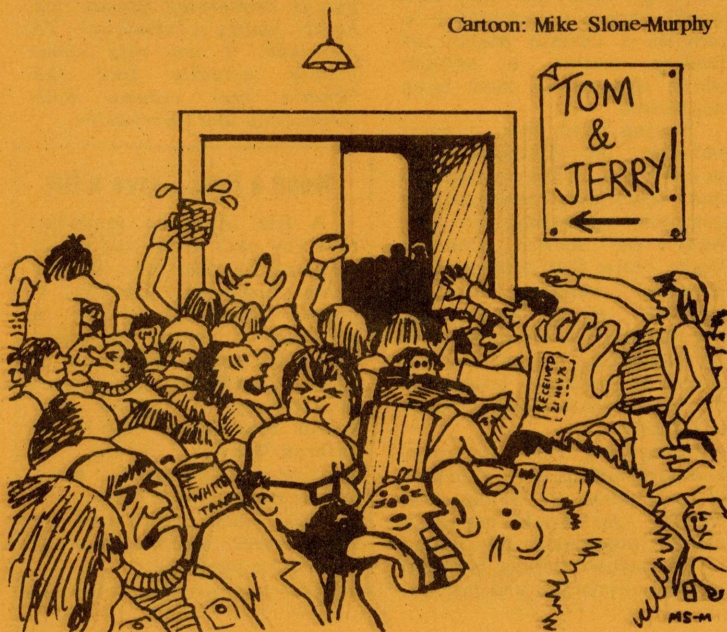
An n-legged attempt by Steve Braund and friends in the 3-legged pub crawl.

Morphy Oar. After a 20-minute struggle along Putney embankment, Mines succeeded in retaining the oar, with a little help from the police.

On the return journey everyone crowded into one tube train car - oh what a stench - and passed birthday boy Dave Lord from one end of the car to another. This dirty, stinking troop of students they went to tea at Harrods. For once we actually got served in their way in cafeteria.

Fuller details and more photos of Rag Week in next week's Rag Felix.

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RAG Queen Paula Marriott  
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# letters to the editor

## That Rag Committee meeting

Dear Sir, — With reference to the article on Rag on the front page, and the editorial in last week's FELIX, we, the undersigned (who all attended the meeting) wish to object most strongly to the reporting.

We feel that at no stage did any CCU participate in "inter and intra-CCU bickering" or "wrangling" to "uphold the image of their CCU". Any discussion, although heated at times, was directed at the leaders of the Rag Committee on a united CCU front. It seemed to us that it was being left to the CCUs to organise the majority of Rag Week, and calling a meeting the day before it started, so that we could do this, appeared to be impractical.

After some sensible conversation all matters were resolved, and there is no excuse at all for the reports in FELIX, which made the meeting appear to be unproductive. The situation was obviously overdramatised due

to the need of a good front page story.

We feel that there is an obvious lack of leadership on the committee, but we cannot in any way deride the effort of the Carnival Co-ordinator, Secretary and Treasurer, since they have had to pick up the dregs after the summer. It is with great regret that this letter has had to be written but incompetent reporting has grossly mis-informed the whole of Imperial College.

Yours faithfully,  
P Kurowski  
(RSMU President)  
M Osborn  
(RSMU Vice President)  
A Musgrove  
(RSMU Ents Officer)  
C Yule  
(RSMU Newsletter Editor)  
S Braund  
(RCSU Vice President)  
S Dearing  
(C&GU President)  
R Beveridge  
(C&GU Publicity Officer)  
CA Morrell  
(RCSU President)

## NUS-Time to get out

Dear Sir, — This letter has been written in the light of last Friday's startling announcement from the NUS Executive that they intend to close down the Union's travel and printing service, due to their accrued deficit of over £500,000. I suggest that the time is here for us to again examine our position within NUS.

But before we join the band of disaffiliating unions led by Edinburgh, I would like to elucidate some of the implications and how we could cope with them.

In last term's debate on whether NUS was representative of students, Charles Clarke used his political rhetoric to the utmost. I ask you, how can a group of full time officers represent the views of students, the ranks of whom they left many years ago? Surely our representative should be closely involved within student circles, at the grass roots level, and be democratically elected.

Do I hear cries of more bureaucracy and elections? Quite possible, but not necessary as we already have someone who can fill the roll, the Union President.

One of the principal factors that bonds the NUS together, is the claim that they can present a strong bargaining body when putting forward the student case to the government over matters such as grants fees and graduate unemployment, areas in which I feel the NUS must be given some credit.

What is against the ICU President putting forward the views of Imperial College students to the Government or other interested bodies?

At least he would have credibility. If he were to feel isolated there is nothing to stop communication with other Union Presidents to formulate a unified front. Surely this type of external involvement is what we expect from our President and if he feels this would involve too much work then would he not be absenting part of his responsibility?

Far rather our external policy is involved in matters which directly involve Imperial College students in preference to the spurious political and ideological debates over matters alien to us.

As for the services that the NUS offer: I can't think of any sector in which we as a Union would be incapable of developing an alternative. When considering this, remember that we would have an extra £5,000 in our coffers that would otherwise have gone to the NUS. Endsleigh Insurance, which according to our NUS Executive is profitable, would be available to you as a student, whether you be a member of the NUS or not. In any case it has often been stated that one can obtain a better insurance deal from many of the large insurance groups, after all insurance is a competitive market.

Now is the time to stand on our own, to communicate with other institutions but overall to develop the services we need and will use.

The decision to leave will be harder to make than the one to stay in, but a short term loss would soon be forgotten in the light of long term gains. Yours faithfully,  
JOHN MORGAN  
ICU Welfare Officer  
22 November 1976

## Linstead fallacies

Dear Sir, — There is much more agreement than he supposes between Mr Cheetham's thinking — both his criticism of college residences and his praise of the knightsbridge Association plan — and the thinking behind the alternative proposed by Mr Gardiner and myself. In the latter we have tried to demonstrate the economics and feasibility of a human scale low rise solution, which would harmonise the interests of both students and residents.

The difficulty in making the comparison Mr Cheetham wants to make, however, is that the Knightsbridge Association scheme accommodates only 72 students and is enormously expensive. Whereas Stephen Gardiner's plan attempts to meet the College's brief as far as is possible, and within the limits of the benefaction. This is not easy. The scheme wins on costs, yet it already represents a compromise (280 hall places) between the College's target (which issued in daylighting infringements and conditions that I dislike as much as Mr Cheetham does) and the lower accommodation targets, which would give the space and privacy Mr Cheetham very

understandably desires.

Of course larger quadrangles and fewer rooms would make our scheme better. That is what we should have liked. Meanwhile, though, even in the scheme as it stands, Mr Cheetham is wrong about the quadrangles. Their size is comparable with that of several treasured public gardens in the City. Let Mr Cheetham explore the squares and alleys between Carter Lane and the river.

**Comprehensibility.** Mr Gardiner and I have offered to explain what schemes like his would be like. The Union Executive has not responded to this offer. Furthermore its comments on the scheme have rested on several serious misunderstandings.

**Sports.** Mr Gardiner's report, sent to the College, made suggestions about new locations for these.

**Cars.** There is no prospect of the benefaction being available to accommodate cars in the manner envisaged by the Knightsbridge Association. If Mr Cheetham likes low rise, human scale buildings, loss of parking is the consequence. He cannot have everything.

Yours sincerely,  
DAVID WIGGINS  
12 November 1976

## Critics corner(ed?)

Dear Sir, — I should like to express my extreme dissatisfaction with recent issues of FELIX, particularly number 434. Surely there is not such a shortage of contributions, or alternatively such a low standard of literacy among your readers, that one page needs to be occupied by a rather facile depiction of Morphy Day, and the centre spread almost wholly concealed by banner headlines advertising Rag Week. I realise the need to make a visual impact on the reader, but surely items of such doubtful relevance are carrying this too far; one would expect a newspaper to provide a certain amount of reading matter, a service which appears to have been neglected.

Having said this, I must welcome the disappearance, in issue 434, of the opinionated and sometimes contradictory comment appearing in the 'What's On' section. Can Ian Morse claim that conducting a personal vendetta against 'Sounds' (from whom the concert information appears to be borrowed, judging by the identical printing errors) is the legitimate function of such a column?

Comparing the technical standard, and apparent expense, of production of Sennet and FELIX, one would expect a similar superiority of content in the latter. Unless material of more relevance and interest

to IC students is included, this unenviable comparison may be continued; the gate of Sennet needs no further comment.

COLIN ADAMS  
Mat. Sci 2.  
12 November 1976

IAN MORSE replies:-

*You are quite alert in your assumption that the gig guide is obtained from Sounds. As for me conducting a vendetta against this poor-mans NME; if pointing out unaccuracies of truth entails the term 'vendetta' being used, then I see little harm in it, although two small pieces concerning Sounds can hardly justify a 'vendetta'. To conclude, I am told some people actually find the 'What's On' column both interesting and informative.*

## Need a lift.....give a lift

A file of those requiring lifts (by car) to IC and those prepared to offer them is now being compiled. Details — please keep these to a minimum — should be placed on a plain postcard and sent to MISS J CRAWLEY, Department of Geology. A typical card would read thus: (top line) Offered/Wanted, place of starting; (underneath) name and internal contact point.

(No 'phone calls and No Long Letters, just the essential facts on a postcard.)





### Politics when one's pride is hurt

Last week's front page story was written by Paul Ekpenyong (Rag Publicity Officer and last year's FELIX Editor), and sub-edited by Duncan Suss and myself. We have had 2½, 1½ and 3 years experience respectively in working in the student media. Mr Ekpenyong and myself were at the Carnival Committee meeting, but did not take vociferous part in it.

Quite a few of the authors to the letter on page 2, concerning this meeting, did take a very vocal, and at times unproductive part in the Committee's proceedings. There was CCU bickering as described and the CCUs did complain about the lack of organisation of the Rag procession as reported in the article.

The FELIX story was factual and competently written. Whilst appreciating Carnival Committee's problems, I only wish that events had made it unnecessary to write such a story. But that was up to the people at the meeting...

### RAG

Regarding Rag Week generally, it has gone well. The week is intended to encourage internal support for Rag. However, the response from local residents to the procession should in future be capitalised on. Perhaps next year events could be arranged to involve the locals as well as IC

students.

That would certainly give students and Rag a better image in Kensington and Knightsbridge. After the Drink A Pub Dry exercise in how to get yourself overpassed I think we need it. Many experienced Mines drinkers walked out of the pub, disgusted with their fellow students' behaviour. A member of the ICU Exec conveyed the same opinion to me; I concur - the evening was not a great advert for IC.

### NUS Travel

It is indeed sad to see NUS Travel collapse. What is heartening, though, is that student unions are trying to set up a viable alternative travel service based on the NUS Travel business channels. Congratulations to Nick Brayshaw and Hugh Barrett for the hard work they're put in over the last week to get a London travel bureau going. You'll be able to hear about this at Thursday's UGM.

### Felix Staff

Student papers can never afford to turn away staff. Being an offset-litho paper printed on our own premises, FELIX needs more staff than most student papers. Whatever their level of commitment anyone who wants to work on FELIX is welcome. At the moment though there is a dive need for photographers and feature writers.

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Clive Dewey - Editor

## 'What about the (permanent) worker?'

Those of you who have been browsing through the Union Directory, and whose eyes, perchance, strayed over the page headed 'ICU Council' may have wondered what the members of this motley crew actually do. Well, some are reasonably self-evident (eg Welfare Officer, Academic Affairs Officer); but what about these six, here? 'Permanent Working Party'. What do they do?

This inevitable query is answered in true IC bullshit fashion by asking another question, viz, Who represents the general interests of ordinary(?) students on Council? To whom do you go if you wish to raise a matter not directly concerned with Finance, External Affairs or whatever? Matters like 'Should we scrap such-and-such a committee?' or 'Why don't we have an Officer for blanketey-blank?' That, good people, is what the PWP (another entry for the ICU code-book) is for.

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### Apology

Apologies are in order to Mines President Paul Kurowski. Whilst Paul told me 2 weeks ago that he wouldn't be streaking, a RSM Union meeting last Tuesday voted unanimously that he should not streak. The meeting thought the stunt was unoriginal and that people would pay to laugh at the streaker, rather than to support Rag. I'm sorry the front page cartoon caption did not convey this properly.

Clive Dewey

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Two weeks ago FELIX reported new developments to help overseas Students at Imperial College. In particular we drew attention to a group of activists who wanted to give a new life to overseas student affairs.

Here the same activists outline their plans in an open letter to all IC students.

IC's Overseas Students Committee (OSC) has been very passive over the last year, probably due to loose organisation now more than ever, so we activists from overseas, together with some ICU officers, have come together and tried to change the old form of the OSC, to a new form which we think will be more effective in dealing with our common problems. In the new form, the OSC will be a new major sub-committee of ICU Council all national societies will be affiliated to the new sub-committee.

A new constitution has been prepared and will be submitted to council for approval. By the time this is done, a general meeting of overseas students will be called to elect the executive committee, etc.

The new OSC will aim to:-

(i) bring overseas students together, by organising social events (ie cultural evenings, to help exchange of knowledge on how people in our countries live and what their objectives are.

The Links Club, conceived on 26th October 1926 by a young American anglophile, 'RIP' Mayor, and three fellow Guildsmen, 'John' Millard, 'Bobbie' Mayes and 'Percy' Shelley, celebrated its fiftieth birthday with a special Anniversary Ball on Sat. 30th October.

No contemporary record of this information exists except by way of recollection. The original Minute Book and Dinner Book missing for many years, mysteriously arrived at College on the Thursday before the anniversary. The record of the first dinner and meeting, held on Friday 10th December 1926 in the Mars Restaurant, Soho (now demolished) contains the following:

*This memorable occasion of the first meeting opened with musical honours, 'Pug' being at the piano and well assisted by the Links Chorus----*

*A very enjoyable meal followed intermingled with wit and wisdom, fast and furious jokes, the clank and clink of glasses. 'RIP' rose: "We are gathered together for the first time as 'Friends, Goodfellows, Sportsmen'; for what better reasons could we meet? The foundation, the ideals and objects of the Club are bound up in these words, they form the keynote of our existence as a corporate body: ---- that we may ever prove true, loyal and cheerful, and that our acts may always be those of men and sportsmen."*

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30 pm when:

*Several Links thereupon wended their way into the blazing night of London town in search of entertainment and amusement. Rumour hath it that they visioned the dawn of day.*

Little has changed in those fifty years.

Well, that gives a brief explanation as to why some Guildsmen can be seen wearing those navy, blue, maroon and pink striped ties on Thursdays. The final paragraph from those first minutes probably help to explain other bizarre Thursday phenomena. Each new member elected to the Club is given a nickname and a link bearing his name is added to the Links Chain. The precepts of the

## New ideas for a lost cause

(ii) organising activities related to the problems facing overseas students in this country, eg, discrimination in tuition fees, racial discrimination, restrictions on immigration and vacation work.

The case of overseas students is not at all limited to the arguments about the level of the tuition fees, (which has risen from £80 in 1967 to £416 in 1975). Rather, it is one specific aspect of wide ranging links that exist between the third world and the western powers.

After World War 2, there was an 'economic boom' in the western world and there was urgent need for labour. In Britain, workers were needed as train drivers, nurses, cleaners and so on. People from the West Indies, Africa, India, Pakistan came over here to do precisely these jobs. But these workers were never told that they were needed as cheap labour.

Again in the past, the British Government had welcomed students from her colonies and other under-developed countries, because they were needed to man her colonial and neo-colonial apparatus.

Yet, with the British economy facing the worst crisis since the war, the immigrant workers and overseas students find themselves faced with racism and

being told that they are no longer wanted in this country.

Attempts are being made to isolate the overseas students through racist policies. If the overseas students are defeated, the Government will face a divided and hence weakened student body. More attacks on the student body will then follow.

In brief, our struggle as overseas students is one with that of the immigrant workers, who are much more exploited and oppressed. It is also inseparable from the economic struggle of British students.

As long as we are compelled by circumstances to come to this country, we shall fight discrimination and any attempts at further exploitation.

**UNITED, FIGHT DISCRIMINATION and DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS.**

We need you all to participate for the benefit of all of us.

We hope to see you in our next meeting which is on 30th November at 1.00pm in the (Green) Committee Room, Room at the top, Union Building. (Top floor).

*The more we get united, the stronger we will be.*

**Activists of the OSC**

## The chain is forged

**Even the most unobservant of you will have noticed that some people wear the same tie(s) on certain day(s) of each week. In the first of a series of articles FELIX looks at Links Club, the Guilds' Social Club.**

Club have been maintained to a greater or lesser extent since 1926 and the Club has seen many arises and survived. There seems no reason why it should not continue to do so.

On 27th May 1935 the minutes record:

*After many good stories, we adjourned to the bar where we commandeered a man with a banjo and sang ourselves hoarse until closing time much to the amusement of a watching policeman above.*

In 1943 the war and other more usual events(!) depleted the returning members at the start of the '43-'44 session to just three, two of whom had only been elected the previous term and the third the term before that. The Club's constitution had not foreseen this difficulty and was temporarily suspended (ICU pay no attention!)

In later years, to prevent the disbanding of the Club, the constitution was amended, including an article stating that the dissolution of the Club could not occur unless consent of all the members and Queen Victoria was obtained. The future of the Club seems secure.

Of those four founder members, 'RIP' Mayor died about five years ago, 'Percy' Shelley was last heard of in Burma in 1931. The other two, 'John' Millard and 'Bobbie' Mayes, were both able to attend the Anniversary Ball, together with five other Links from the 1920's. Judging by the comments in the dinner book passed around at the Ball, the evening was a splendid success. "A memorable evening" said 'John M', "Never to be forgotten", 'Bobbie'.

'John C' wrote "whoever invented the tie?" and Sir David Nicholson ('Nick'), "Long Live Links." Stella Sketch, wife of 'Wilfred' Sketch of 1927 fame comments "I always thought it was the Lynx Club"

Remarks from latter vintages, include "Although I'm a woman, I'm one of the lads" by Anne Pickard (C&G Hon Sec 75-76) guest of 'Bluto' Hoyle, followed by an anonymous "You could have fooled me." "It was worth the trip from Canada" said 'Apple' Corr, and there were many comments such as "see you in 2026", "and 2076."

It was certainly a marvellous party, and in the vein of those original minutes *Rumour hath it that they visioned the dawn of day.*

**Paul Jowitt**

## Worker

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The membership is six Ordinary Members, elected by and from a UGM (hence the former title, 'Floor Reps.') augmented; when meeting outside Council by the President, DP and Hon Sec. It is important that you at least get to know who we are, as it is your interests that we represent. The present six members are: Sue Kalicinski (Chem Eng PG - Former Welfare Officer and current Southwell Warden), Steve Ward (Mining 2 misnamed 'Simon' in the directory.), Dave Nickson (Botany PG - Physics Emeritus; co-founder of the Abbot Drinkers' Association), Steve Paterson (Met 3 usually dubbed 'Squaddy', Mines Hon Sec), Duncan Suss (Elec Eng 2 - occasional FELIX stalwart) and last, but not least, Ross Darling (Physics 2 of 'I sacrificed my beard for Dramsoc' fame).

Understandably, we need feedback to do our job properly, otherwise we're just a Permanent Talking Party. Most of us are fairly conspicuous, and each can tell you who the others are (it's called passing the buck). So do probe us, do argue with us, and do tell us your opinions on the Union's Structure. In the words of Winston Churchill: 'You don't need a long stick to stir shit, but it helps!')

**Ross Darling Sec  
Secretary PWP**



# FILMS

## Fake is funnier than sex

Standing in a dark corner — appropriately enough — I was approached by the Editor who, as brazen as ever, managed with little subtlety to convey his wish that I review the latest erotica from SYLVIA KRISTEL. To cut a long story short, I went to see it and can report thus: it is a beautifully shot film, as are all Franco-Italians films concerning sex. Unfortunately, but as usual, there is no story line, or even plot, as such. Miss Kristel, in her second coming as Emmanuelle, moves easily from one screw to another with only a slight-pause for relief(?)

Relief comes to her in the form of orgasmic bliss induced by acupuncture. So much then for *Emmanuelle 2*; sensual, erotic and so BORING.

Equally disappointing, but not so boring, is Rene Cardona's *Survive* (x ABC Shaftesbury Ave and Fulham Rd, released by EMI). It is a re-creation of the Andes plane crash of 1972 and the subsequent ordeal of the survivors. An intense film — it starts off dramatically enough, with its opening sequences of the crash — although it fails to bring home the impact of the actions of the

survivors to stay alive. Scenes of cannibalism are treated very tamely; the camera zooming in only to zoom out again, leaving one in doubt as to what has just taken place. But it did happen; why, then, the timidity? One can only conclude that the director's own reticence that is the root cause.

This is a pity because Cardona's loose grip permeates through to the players, some of Mexico's leading actors. Left to their own devices, they more or less wander through film in no way giving it the emotional impact that it needs. Yet, despite all this, *Survive* is worth watching; some small part of the real-life survivors does seep through. And it asks of the audience, 'Would you have done this?'

FOR FAKE, written, directed and starring ORSON WELLES is about fakery and the masters of that trade. Leading the pack is ELMYR DE HORY, celebrated for his forgeries (or shall we say, more kindly, exact duplicates) of post-impressionist paintings. So good, in fact, that (so called) art experts have authenticated them. But Welles would never be content with a story so simple.

He sidetracks the audience to another forger — de Hory's biographer, Clifford Irving.

The connections do not end here, however. Welles reveals yet another link between Irving, Hughes and himself (and there we get the first glimpse of the charlatan Welles' beginnings as an actor). Impunity is the forte of a great forger — and Welles has it, right from the start. (At 16 — broke, and out of work — he got his first role as an actor in Dublin by claiming he was a Broadway star. How's that for bare-faced cheek?)

With all this fakery and impostering, Welles quizzes:

'How important is an artist's signature to his work?' How he answers his own question is the most revealing aspect of his whole attitude to subject. I leave it to you to find out what he says.

*Fake* is a beautiful masterpiece, (or is it?) with Welles looming through, OJA KODAR sensuously floating by, ELMYR DE HORY playing at being himself, and CLIFFORD IRVING desperately trying to maintain a facade of innocence.

Harlech's mob were so impressed with it, they have awarded *Fake* the unique certificate M (for masterpiece). *Fake* is now showing at the Essential Cinema, 76 Wardour Street, Soho (439 3657) and the Electric Cinema, W11

# CONCERTS

## Slapstick and intimacy.....

Ralph McTell at IC's Great Hall (last Saturday)

First off, congratulations to Ents for a superb Saturday evening's entertainment! (makes a change from last week — Ed). They had us in stitches for the first hour, with an original line-up called Theatre Slapstick — two girls and five lads with a bewildering conglomeration of instruments (including a gun and duck mating calls!) which they used well in a wide range of songs. These ranged from fairly serious funk rock numbers to dead funny quickies.

Throughout, we had sketches a' la Monty Python, mimicry, mime and just general silly buggers (all well rehearsed, timed slapstick). All in all Slapstick made everyone have a good time; they should go far.

Having being put in a good mood, we all waited, with baited breath, for Ralph McTell. He received a lovely welcome, and got stuck in with 'You Were My First Song'. This was the second time I've seen this fella live, and on both occasions he's managed to generate an intimate atmosphere almost immediately. There was absolute silence — apart from the drunken bum someone mercifully escorted out — while he sang. I felt as though he was singing to (and for) me alone — quite a feat in a packed Great Hall.

He played many tracks off his new LP, including 'It's a Long Way from Clare to Here' (Clare being a place in Ireland), 'Tequila Sunset' and 'Weather the Storm'. The latter in tune with the air conditioner.

Ralph also showed his talents on the piano ('Naomi' and 'Old Grey Rag' — an attempt at ragtime he still hasn't quite mastered) as well as on guitar. Throughout all the songs there was a depth of frivolity.

'Streets of London' finished the set; encores were 'Sweet Mystery' and yet

another cockney folk song. You're the best McTell, and I think we all agreed that you didn't need to wear brown trousers after all.

Plum

## .....with Ralph McTell

Ralph McTell — 'Right Side Up' — Warner Brothers

Ralph McTell's fourth LP for Warner Brothers is the second version of this album; the first of these he scrapped because, whilst technically perfect, he felt it was not truly his style.

The 'second' version proves to be a well-balanced combination of light-hearted, introspective songs. When I first heard it, I thought 'oh yes, just another bit of background music'. But after a while I found that the emotional content of the songs genuinely gets to you — they're sincere, and it comes across well. Give the LP a chance, I thoroughly recommend it.

The eleven tracks include 'Weather the Storm' (his new single), as well as two beautiful songs from a couple of his contemporaries: Tom Waites' 'San Diego Serenade' and John Martyn's 'May You Never' (a personal favourite). His musical ability is well exploited — with keyboards on 'Naomi' and a good range of vocal melodies. The mellow mood is carried over from the first side onto the second.

I reckon it's an ideal record to curl up by the fire to, with a hot cup of coffee and someone nice.

Plum

Would anyone with black and white photos of Rag Week please bring them into the FELIX Office as soon as possible, preferably today or over the weekend but certainly by Monday lunch-time.

# PLAYS

## A Princely Production

Hamlet at the Olivier, National Theatre

Albert Finney's *Hamlet*, directed by Peter Hall has reached its final resting place in the new Olivier Theatre. It is nearly twelve months since its journey began at the Old Vic, before being transferred temporarily to the stage of Lyttelton, the National Theatre's proscenium stage. At the Olivier we may now see Mr Finney in all his glory, no longer cramped behind the picture-frame. Suddenly the whole production takes on an air of authority which I found lacking before.

How exciting to see *Hamlet* for the first time, again! Yet I felt that, in this *Hamlet*, I was seeing the play anew. No longer is the Prince the drooling tow-haired youth driven to the depths of despair by his inability to make up his mind; here he is dynamic, decided, but frustrated by an inability to do the deed. Mr Finney's performance is designed to extract the maximum of humour from the play, from the emulation of Osric, the affected courtier, dropping r's all over the place, to the instructions to the players, where he looks to the audience for assent.

Apart from bringing the play out onto the open stage, the Olivier brings the audience up to the actors' eye-level with extraordinary results. In the 'To be or not to be' speech, the eyes continuously dart around the audience drawing the whole house into the mind of the Prince.

Mr Finney is supported by an excellent cast, Susan Fleetwood's Ophelia and Denis Quilley's Claudius in particular. The length is somewhat excessive — the play being split into two acts of about two and a half hours and one hour, but the ending is well-worth waiting for, as are the blue denims protruding from the bottom of one cloak in Fortinbras' army.

Thomas Stevenson



# WHAT'S ON

## Friday 26th November

### Disco

IC Ents Disco: 8pm. Union Lower Refectory.  
Chelsea College Student Union Disco at Union Refectory. 8pm 15p.

### Gig

City & Guilds Rag Carnival Featuring Sassafras, Foster Brothers Band & Alan White. Disco and late bar, Food and Films. Tickets £1.90 from Guilds Union Office this lunchtime or £2.20 on door tonight.

### Film

IC Filmsoc presents Buster Keaton in 'The General' and Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in 'Casablanca'. 7.30pm. Great Hall, Imperial College. Free with membership card or 25p to non-members.

### Club Activity

Orienteering Club. Lunchtime Meeting. 12.40pm. Union Senior Common Room. Cheap lunch available.

## Saturday 27th

### Disco

ICWA Disco: 8pm. Union Lower Refectory. 10p. All welcome. 'Fanny's Amazing Disco': Play Canterbury Hall. 8pm. Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, WC1 (Russell Square Tube). 50p including supper. 73 or 30 Bus. Canterbury Hall is an all female establishment!

### Gig

IC Ents present 'Split Enz' 8.00pm. Great Hall, Imperial College. Tickets: IC Advance 70p, Advance 85p, on door £1.00. Bring IC Union card to Ents office today to obtain the special IC Advance Price. Racing Cars at Chelsea College Student Union Hall 8pm.

### Miscellaneous

Rag Week: Chariot Race at Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. Meet at CCU Offices 11am.

## Sunday 28th

### Disco

QEC-Disco. 8pm. Union Bar Campden Hill Road, W8. 20p. Nearest tube Hight St. Ken (for the lazy bones).

### Club Activity

Jazz Club present a Sunday session with 'Mekkers' & Disco 7pm - 10.30pm. Free. (Mekkers are a Rock & Roll band).

### Miscellaneous

'Heckle the Reds' outing by: C&G Union and Rides in 'Bo. Meet C&GU office at 10.30am.

## Monday 29th

### Club Activity

IC Latin American Society. 'The current situation in Argentina'. Speaker from Argentina SM. 6.30pm. Lecture Theatre A, Sheffield Building. Wellso: 'What Clever Morons We Are!' Prof. Scorer. 7.30pm. Mech Eng 220. Meteorological and Environmental Society Lecture. 'Tidal Flood Protection Problems of the River Thames' by RW Horner, Chief Engineer GLC. 5.30pm in Room 719 New Huxley Building.

## Tuesday 30th

### Film

IC Latin American & Hellenic Societies Present 'Born of Americas' (About Fidel Castro's visit to Chile) 6.30pm. Mech Eng 220. 40p.

### Club Activity

Imperial College Railway Society 17.40. Mech Eng 340. A talk on 'The London Underground and Metros in other countries' By Mr RM Robins.

IC Yacht Club present a Talk on single handed transatlantic races. Physics lecture theatre 3. 7.00pm.

IC Latin American Society 'Born of America' - A film about Fidel Castro's visit to Chile. 6.30pm. Mech Eng 220. 40p.

Socialist Society meeting with a speaker on Gay Rights: 1pm. Maths 341

### Miscellaneous

External Affairs Committee Meeting. 12.30pm. Union SCR. Observers welcome.

Hall Dinner: 7.00 for 7.30pm. Sheffield Building. £2.55. All applications to PAT by noon today.

RSM Geophysical Society Lecture. Geophysics an aid to mineral exploration. By N Gant (Huntings) 5.30pm. Mining Geology Lecture Theatre (RSM 3.14). Tea before at 5.00pm in Conference Room (RSM 3.10)

Stoic's Film Talk: An interview with the Director and Producer of 'The Omen' 1.00pm. JCR Southside TV Lounge, Union TV lounge. Includes Film Clips from 'The Omen'

## Wednesday 1st December

### Folk Club

IC Folk Club: Singer: Miriam Blackhouse. 8.00pm. IC Union Lower Refectory.

### Club Activity

Lecture - Discussion: Title: 'Suicide, to do or not Do'. 7.00pm Mechanical Engineering. Lecture theatre 220. Free. The Talk will be given by Jean Burt (Joint General Secretary of the Samaritans)

Careers Seminar on Marketing. Free beer, and sandwiches provided. 18.00 hours. Ante Room, Sheffield building. Free. Seminar is for final year students of any discipline interested, however vaguely in a career in marketing.

Women in Science Group. 1pm. ICWA Lounge. Union Building.

C&G Aeronautical Society & The Royal Aero Soc present A Talk On 'Trends in Soviet Military Aircraft Design' by J.W.R. Taylor. (Editor of Jane's 'All the World's Aircraft') 7.30pm. Chem Eng Lecture Theatre 1. Free tea beforehand. At 7pm.

IC Latin American Society: 'Chile: Future Perspectives' Speaker: Srclaudio Huepe (Former Christian Democrat MP). 6.30pm. Lecture Theatre A, Sheffield Building.

## Thursday 2nd

### Film Club

IC Ents present 'The nine lives of Fritz the Cat'. 6.30pm. Mech Eng 220. 15p.

IC Latin American Society 'Multinationals in Puerto Rico' Speaker - Sr Antonio Ramos (University of Puerto Rico) 6.30pm. Lecture Theatre A, Sheffield Building.

### Miscellaneous

IC Union General meeting. 13.00 hours Great Hall. Meeting feature the 'LSO Debate' & a discussion on the 'London Student Travel Service'. STOIC 'Lunch Break' 13.00. JCR, Union, Southside. Rounding up the more unusual aspects of IC.

## Friday 3rd

### Gig

QEC Christmas Ball featuring Mungo Jerry, the Pasadena Roof orchestra, Hot Wax, Johnny Thunder & the Earthquakes & Disco (till 4 am) and Films.

Aitkings Buildings, QEC, Campden Hill, W8 (Tube: Ken High St). 8.00pm - 8.00am. Tickets from social Sec, QEC Student Union. £7 double, £4 single. Includes buffet and breakfast Formal dress please.

### Club Activity

IC Latin American Society 'Latin America Today' Speaker: Mr Hugh O'Shaughnessy (Financial Times). 6.30pm. Lecture Theatre A, Sheffield Building.

### Miscellaneous

Royal College of Art: Dept. of General Studies). Lecture by John Carswell: 'A passage to India'. 2.00pm. RCA Lecture Theatre.

## Saturday 4th

### Miscellaneous

Guilds: Year Rag Collections. 9.30am. C&G Union office. Years to arrange their own stunts and let Dave Lord know as soon as possible what they intend to do and where they intend to do it.

## Sunday 5th

Jewish Society outing: To Bloom's restaurant for Haute Kosher Cuisine and Celebrations Meet 6.15pm. Mech Eng Foyer. Approx £3. Contact Charles Caller (Civ Eng 2 or 202 0642) by Thursday 2nd Dec. To book your place.

## IC Ski Club

Come and dry ski at Alexandra Palace on Mon. 29 Nov and 13 Dec. Meet 6pm Southside main entrance.

Lessons available. For further information see either Dave Laing Mining III, or Pete Ross Civ Eng III Tizard 427.

### Sweepstake Winner

The IC Rugby Club winner for last week was T LINDON of Civ Eng 3 with 133 points.

# ICWA

## Treasure Hunt

The 3rd clue is an easy one. All I want to know is the name of the creator of 'the fair now of Perth' and 'the bride of Lammer moor.' He also wrote:-

November's hail cloud drifts away,  
November sunbeam wan  
Looks coldly on the castle grey.  
When forth comes Lady Anne.

Hope its not too much of a 'thorn' in your side! (Hm): He may have had relations with the Hon Sec! (5 letters)

If anybody has not entered and would like to then send your answers (along with 20p entry fee) to Room 98 Beit Hall by lunchtime Thursday 2nd December. The penalty for late entry is a donation of £1 of the prize money to Rag. Good luck.

## Xmas Luncheon

Now, on a more festive note, we have a few more details of the Christmas luncheon. This year the luncheon will be held in the Union Dining Hall on Tuesday 14th Dec. On the same day, a Christmas dinner in hall. The delights (at the ICWA function) include home cooked chicken, sausages a large variety of salads, mince pies cider ...What more could anybody ask for? The actual cost will be known by the time you read this article. Whatever the price (which will be minimal) the luncheon is bound to be good value for money.

## ICWA disco

This Saturday the ICWA Disco moves back, down to the Lower refectory. The charge is only 10p, so why not come along. Its better than those boring problem sheets and will be a good way to end a lively Rag Week.

Isobel Donnelly

## Solution to Prize x-word No 3 in FELIX No 434.

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The winner of x-word no. 2 in FELIX no. 433 was MISS B HILLARY of Mech Eng 3. Another bumper Crossword next week.



# FELIX SPORT

## Football

### Last minute fight scrapes a point

IC 1st XI 2 v Queen Mary C. 1st XI 2

Determination and an attitude of 'Let's fight for every ball' enabled IC 1st XI to grab a point in this close league match last Wednesday.

The IC team had resolved to average an earlier defeat by the strong Queen Mary College. Nevertheless the odds were against this since IC had not played a competitive match for two and a half weeks - due to wet weather and a flu epidemic at Middlesex Hospital. Moreover QMC were supremely confident following their defeat of the reigning league champions, Bedford College, by 4-1 the previous week.

The game began at a lively pace and although QMC had a slight edge they were refused control of the game by an IC side apparently unshaken by an exploding coach windscreen on the way to the match. However, mid-way through the first half QMC did put the ball into the back of the net only to have the goal disallowed for offside.

#### Panic - stricken goal

Soon afterwards IC took the lead. Steve Bates sent Ian Huntingdon clear with a measured through-ball. Still suffering from mild concussion after a clash of heads, Huntingdon experienced a complete loss of direction, panicked, and drove the ball past the keeper and into the net.

Nevertheless, IC did not hold on to their lead for long. QMC's equaliser came from a right wing corner cross that was powerfully headed into the net from close range. Halftime 1 - 1.

#### Upper hand to QMC

With the IC team apparently affected by the half time news that England had lost 2-0 in Rome, QMC proceeded to take control of the game. IC were now restricted to rare break-away attacks one of which very nearly brought success when Terry Lindon blasted the ball just over the bar.

It was not long, though, before QMC deservedly took the lead when one of their forwards was put right through, leaving keeper Kev Allen with no chance.

Determined not to allow QMC to do the 'double' over them, IC decided to step up their work rate and fight for every ball. This, and a tactical reshuffle which sent Andy Baker forward out of defence, finally paid dividends when with less than 15 minutes left Baker sent a searing right foot shot in to the roof of the net to make it 2-2, and give IC a share of the points.

Team:- K Allen, C Howley, R Young, A Baker, D Brabbin, T Grimwade, S Bates, P Framp-ton, T Lindon, I Huntingdon, S Gee.

## Rugby

### Injuries and problems stall IC efforts

Imperial College 1st XV lost a rather disjointed encounter with Kings College Hospital 6-4 on Wednesday 17th November. IC had several players absent through injury, and were also without K Lipscombe (who had a problem sheet overdue!) and Ian MacLain, who had an operative society meeting.

IC started well, playing some good rugby. The forwards gave the backs a good share of possession, and Alan Gregory scored a good overlap try. The hooker, Sam Heath, alias the Flying Friar, was having an excellent match, and in addition he encouraged his makeshift front row, with S Aspdén, playing tight-head prop. Unfortunately, IC did not translate their territorial advantage into points, and allowed KCH to narrow the

deficit to 1 point at by conceding a penalty at a ruck.

The new scrum half, Rocky Hobbs, was having an excellent game, despite trouble with his right arm. This arm was severely strained by having to lift up Aspdén's gut to put the ball in the scrum. Aspdén was later penalised at a lineout for tightening his corset at the resultant maul, and KCH's kicker made no mistake.

At this stage, M Cotter, would be flyweight champion of St Helens, decided the time was right for a sparring session. From the ropes, A Gregory came close to his second try. This was the start of a concerted college effort to score; but unfortunately, time ran out, and KCH ran out rather lucky winners, while Aspdén undid his corset and got back into his flower pot.

## Ladies Hockey

### Good fight despite human shortage

IC 1 v Barts Hospital 3

IC Ladies Hockey team turned out for this league match against Barts two players short, one of these being a goal keeper.

Due to this shortage of players we were forced to adopt a rather defensive style of play throughout. However, the team put up a good fight and took the lead with a goal from Diana. This prompted one of the opposition to remark 'Thank God there aren't 11 of them'.

IC held on to this lead for some time until Barts scored their first goal and the score remained 1-1 until almost the end of the match when Barts

got two quick goals.

The final score was a disappointing end to a match which could have been much better if IC had had a full team.

So far the ladies hockey team have had their most successful season for some years. They have played 7 matches with 3 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw.

Anyone who would like to play ladies hockey on a Wednesday or Saturday, please contact Janet Coxage (Bot. III) or Chris Forsyth (Mat Sci II). Goalkeepers especially welcome.

## Lacrosse

### More players needed here too

Imperial College 5 v Bexleyheath 'A' 8

On Saturday 20th November IC Lacrosse Club played their first league fixture of the season. As usual IC were two players short, whereas Bexleyheath had a full team. So it looked like the match was going to be a walkover for Bexley. This, however, did not prove to be the case.

In the first quarter this two man advantage did not prove decisive - at least in defence. Bexley did in fact have difficulty in keeping control of the ball, and often lost possession through bad passing and catching.

The attack had a different problem. Whenever IC attacked, Bexley's two extra players would come back and this meant that every man was marked, leaving two or three

players free to go for the man in possession.

Hard graft and a refusal to loose possession meant that IC were attacking Bexley's goal quite often. At half time the score was 3 all.

At the start of the third quarter Bexley realised that their best policy was to play a waiting game. All they had to do was keep possession and look for any unmarked man getting into a good position and then play the easy pass. However their finishing was not so good, and the defence and goalkeeper were able to break up most of Bexley's attacks. IC's attack continued to harass Bexley's defence and managed to get a couple more goals. The final score was 8-5 to Bexleyheath.

## Boat Club

### Police launch thwarts Senior success

The senior team had rather a busy time in their first match of the season (on 13th November). In the University of London Winter VIII's they had to row their semi-final and then go straight back to the start for the final against University College Hospital.

This was really the race of the day! A police launch got in the way on the course!, setting up an enormous wash which hit UCH first, causing them to stop. We were leading at that point, but the judges called for a re-row. This was closely contested and - would you believe it - was a dead head.

Back for another re-row! This time the crew felt about ready to curl up and die - we rowed hard but lost.

In addition to the Senior crew, a Junior crew and two novice teams did battle that day.

The Novice crews had the first races, the B crew winning their first race (after 1 month's

rowing!). The 'A' crew pulled some spectacular crabs by half disappearing in a cloud of spray on their start. Sadly they couldn't make up the lost distance.

The 'B' crew won their semi final narrowly and then lost in the final to Queen Mary College, who had rowed for over a year. A promising performance.

The Junior crew rowed two hard races and won their semi final and final in excellent style. They made a bad start in their final, but by the halfway point rowed through the opposition to win by 1½ lengths. This made it the third consecutive win.

P.S. We need coxs: If you are less than 9½ stone we're interested in you. It's lots of fun, ample reward - a good crowd of people. Contact Roger Hale (Mech Eng II).

Roger Hale



# IC LEADS MOVES FOR NEW TRAVEL SERVICE

ICU PRESIDENT, Nick Brayshaw, and External Affairs Officer, Hugh Barrett, have this week been heavily involved in discussions aimed at setting up a London Student Travel Bureau to provide, on a brokerage level only, similar services to those of the now liquidated NUS Travel.

At a meeting on Wednesday night leaders of some 40 London Student unions, including ICU, were told of a plan to set up such a travel bureau. Trevor Phillips, LSO secretary, and author of the plan, envisaged a pilot scheme with three retail outlets, sited at the University of London Union, Imperial College and Queen Mary College, where former NUS Travel offices exist. Mr Phillips pressed for a 3 week trial of the scheme to test its viability.

But this was not agreed to at the meeting. Instead, student leaders decided to elect a committee to look into the proposals. In the meantime they will go back to their unions to get support for the idea and, possibly, financial backing. No monetary commitments were made at the meeting although the ICU Exec, who had seen Mr Phillips' plans the day before, had provisionally agreed to spend £50 on a pilot scheme.

Last night this 7 man committee, which includes both Hugh Barrett and Nick Brayshaw, expressed optimism about getting an alternative Travel Service for IC students very soon.

Nevertheless, Mr Brayshaw is sceptical about the scheme's viability, since NUS Travel had always maintained that winter provided the least business of the year. Both he, Richard Silver (ULU President) and Marcus Turner (QMC President) are also disgruntled that Trevor Phillips wants to see LSO running the new bureau. They, and ICU Exec, would prefer to see a more general and stable body - such as ULU - in administrative charge rather than LSO.

ICU Executive would show more favour to the scheme if assurance that the British Rail Student Card would be available for the bureau to sell were given. At present, BR has indicated that they are willing to continue the card. Half price tickets will still be

available to those with Cards; those who have yet to purchase a card can still do so by writing to their British Rail area office.

Up till five years ago ICU did have its own travel brokerage scheme which was making a profit.

Another organisation that has already agreed to help any new student travel bureaux is the Student Air Travel Association (SATA). This is the centralising body that co-ordinates air travel operations of many student travel organisations across Europe. SATA has agreed to become an air travel booking agency for any local student travel bureaux and provide the services it did to NUS Travel.

The Australian Travel Service, which operated flights down under with NUS has also indicated its wish to help these new bureaux. The Euro-train facilities may also continue, although negotiations are not yet at a conclusive stage.

The decision to wind up NUS Travel along with 2 NUS printing companies had been taken at an emergency NUS Executive meeting last Friday. Throughout that week the Boards of the companies had been exploring ways of avoiding liquidation. At one stage the selling of Endsleigh Insurances was considered, but this would not have raised sufficient capital to see NUS Travel permanently out of the red.

## £1½M Loss

NUS Travel crashed with losses just under £½M. Of these the main creditors are the International Student Travel Conference and British Rail. Charles Clarke, NUS President, has refrained from commenting on how much each is owed, but *The Guardian* put the amount to British Rail at £¼M. IC Union is in fact owed £300 in back rent for the NUS Travel office at IC.

Nobody on NUS Travel holidays will be stranded due to the ABTA bond.

NUS itself lost £80,000 of share capital as a result of

# STUDENT WORLD

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## Means Test Loophole

The September issue of 'Which', the Consumer Council's magazine, has exposed another loophole in the means-test.

According to 'Which', if a student is over eighteen, unmarried, and not earning over £350 a year, the student's parents can pass their parental contribution through a covenant to their son or daughter. The advantage comes through tax relief on the covenant for the parent, and reclaimed tax for the student, providing he or she earns less than £350.

## The Grub War

The Grub War continues at Central London Poly, but the student strategy of boycotting the New Cavendish and Wells Street Canteens on 16th November is unlikely to starve

out their adversaries, the Taylorplan caterers.

In their assault on the New Cavendish redoubt, the students were helped by inside agents (a shop-steward and staff of Taylorplan) and by some NUPE members.

## New College

Having failed to buy New College outright, Westfield College, London, has agreed to rent it from the successful bidder, the Open University. Half of the £35,000 bill for renovations will be met by the University Grants Commission, but on this condition: that New College will become a mixed, intercollegiate hall of residence for post-graduates only.

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cessation of trading of the three companies. On a more optimistic line, Endsleigh Insurance Brokers, NUS Marketing and the NUS Discount Scheme will continue trading as before.

The NUS Executive decided to close down the three companies rather than risk the National Union itself failing through a banking set-off arrangement.

Under this arrangement the National Union's general account maximum liability was either the amount in the account or the amount overdrawn by the service companies as a whole, which ever was

the lesser. Hence if the three companies had not been put into liquidation, a situation could have arisen where a failure of one or all of them endangered NUS's survival.

Last Friday's action prevented such a failure, although a little amount of money was lost by this set off arrangement when the companies were liquidated. The exact amount was not made clear at a Student press conference on Tuesday. Some student leaders do put this in the region of £10-50,000. Charles Clarke, has already promised a full financial breakdown of the effects of the failure at next month's NUS Conference.

# IC Union General Meeting 1P.M. GREAT HALL THURS.DEC.2nd

Agenda includes

LSO debate  
London Student  
Travel Bureau  
Disaffiliation from NUS

