



RAG



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

RCS PLAN TO KIDNAP DUKE

Is Nobody Safe from Imperial Rag Stunts?

A Royal College of Science Union meeting on Tuesday voted to kidnap HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in order to raise money for RCS Rag.

Martin Watson, proposing the motion, told the meeting that Prince Philip would be attending the annual dinner of the Arctic Club at Imperial College on Monday 22nd January. The meeting voted almost unanimously that RCSU should kidnap him for a ransom of half the Queen's annual income. It was pointed out that the Duke might be accompanied by armed bodyguards, but this objection was brushed aside.

RCS Union members had earlier heard that the Duke of Edinburgh had declined an invitation to attend the RCS Annual Dinner later in the year. Revenge at this refusal was also a motive of the kidnap plan.

HJT Hustings

Three candidates are standing for the post of RCS Honorary Junior Treasurer following the resignation of John Mottishead.

The candidates are Cathy Hyde proposed by Anthony Cox, Dennis Kelly proposed by David Barrie and Julian Radowicz proposed by A. Brown. Cathy and Dennis were present for the hustings at the RCS Union meeting.

Cathy has been Acting HJT since John Mottishead's accident and subsequent resignation and would like to carry on this job. Dennis told the meeting that he would be the best man (sic) for the job if Cathy were not standing.

Voting takes place next Tuesday, 23rd January, in all RCS departments.

Collection

A brief meeting of the RCS Camival Committee was held as part of the Union meeting, at which RCS Vice President Rachel Snee proposed that £800 be collected to buy a phonic hearing aid for Jerome Candin, the 11 year-old deaf brother of a student in Life Sciences 1. This hearing aid enables a child to hear his teacher at a distance of up to half a mile and therefore allows the child a much more normal life than is possible with an ordinary hearing aid.

The collection, which has to be organised through a registered charity, was agreed by the meeting.



Dennis Kelly and Cathy Hyde, two of the RCS HJT candidates

STOIC Returns

The ASTMS technicians dispute is now over and this means that STOIC can use the college TV Studio equipment again. This should result in programmes of a much higher technical standard than recent ones.

STOIC is hoping to begin making special programmes to be shown on Tuesday lunchtimes this term and any club or society interested in featuring in its own programme should contact Bryan Steele or Dave Ghani via the college TV Studios, as soon as possible.

At present STOIC is investigating the possibility of extending its network to include Linstead and Tizard Halls. STOIC also hopes to further extend its system to the Northside Halls at a later date.

AP Conference

The University of London Union Students' Representative Council, meeting last Thursday, decided to recommend to the next full meeting of the SRC that a London Alternative Prospectus Conference be held under the auspices of ULU.

The decision was made in response to a paper prepared by Roger Stotesbury, ICU Academic Affairs Officer, who thought that other London colleges could benefit from IC's experience in producing an Alternative Prospectus.

It was agreed that Roger Stotesbury and Sheyne Lucock, the ULU Executive member responsible, should organize the conference

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LETTERS

Dear Editor, - I noticed, with horror, that the FELIX dinner is this year to be held in the "El Vino" restaurant in Fleet Street.

El Vino's have a discriminatory practice against women in not allowing women to be served in the bar.

A woman journalist took the management to court, with the help of the Equal Opportunities Commission. The case was one of the most farcical in the history of the Sex Discrimination Act.

The management claimed that the rule had been brought in because allowing women to sit on stools by the bar had meant that their handbags had caused congestion.

The judge said the management did not intend the rule to be derogatory, that there was a lack of inferior service and that it was only a matter of courtesy as "being served at the bar would expose a person to the risk of being pushed or jostled". The final insult was the judges finding that the case was *De Minimus*, i.e. too trivial to bother with.

The E.O.C. could not afford to take the case to the High Court, so unfortunately it has been left.

The least that people can do who are concerned about women's rights is to boycott the restaurant, which I hope FELIX readers will do.

Yours anti-discriminatory,
Mary Attenborough

Dear Sir, - On Saturday 6th January, I bought a fountain pen at Barkers on Kensington High Street. It turned out to be faulty, but when I took it back, Barkers refused to replace it, in direct contravention of the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973.

The assistant manageress of the stationary department told me company policy would not let her offer me a replacement, although she would send it back to the manufacturers under guarantee, if I wanted to wait five weeks.

I can only hope that other students at I.C. do not suffer the same treatment, if they still choose to go there.

Yours faithfully,
J. Robinson

Dear Sir, - I read with interest an article published in your last edition which informed us that refectory prices had risen due to a rise of 1.9% in the Financial Times Index. I had thought that the F.T. Index was related to city share prices and fail to understand what bearing this could have on food prices in our refectories. Perhaps someone could enlighten me on this matter.

Yours faithfully,
F. Bongolia

Eds Note - The refectory prices are linked to the Financial Times Retail Price Index NOT the Financial Times Share Index which, as you say, is linked to the City Shares.

Dear Sir, - In the latter half of the Christmas term I.C. Music Society presented no fewer than four concerts, three of an orchestral nature and one choral. Approximately 320 musicians took part in these concerts and almost 1000 people attended as members of the various audiences. The majority of these people have access to the college newspaper and would be interested to see a review of these concerts, and yet the producers of Felix make no attempt to provide coverage in any form. In one case the Society even made arrangements for a review to be written and presented, and yet it was not published.

The Music Society has probably the largest active membership of all the college clubs. We do not demand week by week accounts of our activities, but simply ask for printing space as and when we give concerts. Nor should it be necessary for the Society to arrange their own critics - are all the Felix minions so narrow minded that no suitable reviewer can be found?

It is time that Felix adopted a realistic attitude to music at Imperial and stopped revolving around the interests of the few students who produce the paper!

Edward Richards
President, I.C.U. Music Society

Sue Crawley
Secretary, I.C.U. Music Society

FILMSOC FILMS FOR SPRING '79

19th Jan	Skin Game
26th Jan	Man For All Seasons
2nd Feb	Grapes of Wrath
9th Feb	Jabberwocky
16th Feb	Steelyard Blues
23rd Feb	Prisoner of 2nd Avenue
2nd March	Robin and 7 Hoods
9th March	A Man Called Horse
16th March	(Excellent Film Needed)

SIR ARTHUR ACLAND ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE 1978 - 79

1. The object of the competition is to encourage the writing of good English.
2. The competition is open to all registered students of the College.
3. Essays must reach the Registrar not later than 1 October 1979.
4. A total of £90 is available for the award of a first prize of £50, a second prize of £25 and a third prize of £15.
5. A successful candidate may not compete again.
6. Prize essays may be published subject to the permission of the College.
7. A candidate must submit an original English essay of about 3,000 to 5,000 words in length on one of the suggested topics listed below or on any topic of his choice. All essays should be readily understandable to the non-specialist reader.

The importance of cars.

A scenario for a world of expensive energy supplies.

Does Britain need a National Theatre?

Censorship.

Waste.

Punk.

SMALL ADS

WANTED - Football Game

The Biochemistry All-Stars XI wish to challenge any other departmental team to a game of football. Would anybody interested please contact A. Mountain (Biochem PG) or M. Silcox (Biochem PG) via the letter-racks.

Wanted

Two cashiers for lunchtimes in the refectories. Free lunch plus £1 per hour. Contact Mrs. G. Rawley on Int. 3343.

Ents Chairman Resigns

At an Ents meeting last Monday, there was a vote of no confidence in Bob Morrison, the Ents Chairman. There were 25 people at the meeting.

The two new acting Chairmen are Andy Warne and Chris Chajeki and elections will be held in two weeks.

Ents plan to hold two concerts in the Concert Hall featuring After The Fire and Punishment of Luxury. The Great Hall will probably be used for a concert on March 3rd with UK.

SMALL ADS

For Sale - 1 pair San Gorgio Ski Boots size 11, good condition £10. See Z. Zbrzezniak, (Selkirk 676 or Chemistry letter rack)

For Sale - Honda CB 250G5 'T' Reg. only 9,500 miles. £425 o.n.o. Ring Martin Watson Int. 3906.

For Sale

1974 Honda 250 Motorbike. In good condition, New MOT & Tax, Top-Box, a very reliable machine, Only £250. Tim Luker, Chem Eng. 3.

For Sale - SUZUKI GT500A. P. Reg. 1 year MOT, roadrunners, G.P. Chain, Cast iron disc, New ferodo pads, very reliable and economical. £425 ono. Steve Warrin, Mech. Eng. or 01-946-4442

Found - In RCC red van Silver Badge engraved Hartlepool School of Nursing. J. Tait, Oct. 1971
Roy Attwood Int 3113.

Bunac

Anyone interested working in North America this summer? Come to Bunac Meeting held every Friday 12.30 - 1.30pm in Green Committee Room, Top Floor of Union Building.



editorial

Carl Seaford Dies

It was with regret that I learned of the death of Carl Seaford. Carl had been Domestic Bursar at IC from 1958 to 1975 and from then until his retirement on 30th April 1978, Domestic Manager. He was probably best known by the students for his "3 Carl Trick" at the Summer Fete. He died peacefully in his sleep during Wednesday night.

ICWA Ball

So just when I thought there was only one mistake on the calendar it turns out that the ICWA Ball is on **Friday 2nd March**, not as advertised. I think that it's still being held in the JCR, although the price has not yet been finalised.

Getting Wet

It is usual to hold the ICWA V. Executive pancake race on Shrove Tuesday **February 27th this year** to coincide with the annual testing of the fire hoses in Beit Quad. As yours truly referees the event, and therefore stands still the longest, I can forsee getting very wet and cold.

News Page

Students are often accused of being very inward - looking

and cut off from the outside world. In an attempt to remedy this situation, at IC, FELIX will be carrying a brief summary of the past week's important news items. I would like some response to this idea. Is it worthwhile or do students read newspapers anyway? Letters to FELIX Office, please.

Election Publicity

Manifestos for the forthcoming elections will be printed in FELIX on the 2nd and 9th of March **ONLY**. Entries should be neatly written, preferably typed, and **not exceeding 300 words** (they will be cut at the 300th word). Accompanying photos should be black and white with good contrast. I will print a reminder later on for candidates who forget/change their minds.

Credits

Everything was going according to plan until I remember the awkward space at the bottom of page 3. Many thanks to Sheyne for writing the article that appears below. He did so at very short notice. Thanks also to Colin, Eric, Jill and John for contribution and paste-up and also to Anita for typing and pasting-up correction and Ian for printing. Cheers,
John

THERE IS AN OPEN MEETING OF THE

**Overseas Students and External Affairs Committees
to discuss Shirley Williams and Tuition Fees.**

**on TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY at 6:30 pm
in UNION LOWER REFECTORY**

**All Council members are expected to attend
and everyone else is very welcome.**

A Plotting Union !

Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has announced that tuition fee levels will be increased again for next session, but supposedly only to keep pace with inflation. Even so, this could probably mean a 10% increase.

Our union policy is to oppose increases in tuition fees, oppose the fact that overseas students are charged more than home students (discriminatory levels are in operation), and especially to oppose any increases for self-supporting students - such increases not necessarily reflected by an increase in income.

For many of us who are supported financially in some way and don't have to pay our own fees it is very easy not to be all that bothered about whether tuition fees go up or not. We must remember, though, that a sizeable number of our colleagues **do** have to pay their own fees - and this includes home students as well as overseas students - and as such we should all act together as a Union to help them with this problem.

The most sensible manoeuvre is to try to persuade the College not to increase fee levels for next year for self-supporting students but only for supported students. Retaining discriminatory levels, this would only cost the College about £56,000 which is a very small sum when compared with the several million collected via tuition fees.

Ideally, of course, we could ask that there be no increases at all, and that overseas students be charged at the home rate, but this would cost over £400,000 and is perhaps a little over-optimistic. There are several concessions which the College could make, however, between these two extremes.

At the Open Meeting of the External Affairs and Overseas Students Committees on Tuesday (6.30 pm, Union Lower Refectory) we can all discuss how the campaign should be run, and what form it can take, so please come along if you have any ideas, or if you're just interested.

A far wider question is the Government's attitude towards overseas students in general, and I'm at the moment preparing a paper on the subject for ULU SRC so if anyone has any constructive comments on the subject, I'd be pleased to hear them.

Competition

One unfortunate aspect of being a card-carrying member of the Liberal Party (shock, horrors, gasp!) is that I get to hear **all** the Jeremy Thorpe/Norman Scott Jokes. But, if you think you have one which is really original (and most probably sick) then I'd be pleased if you didn't send it to me, and then I won't have to give you a prize of a towel and a tube of stuff, (toothpaste?). If you did send it in, however, and you did win, then you will get the prize. Entries should be sent to the FELIX office not later than Monday 22nd 5.30 pm.

Sheyne Lucock

External Affairs Officer

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 19th January

Disco

ENTS Disco - 8:00 pm. Union Refectory, 20p.
IC CHINESE SOCIETY - Variety Show and Disco. 7.00 pm.
Union Concert Hall. Members 90p, Non-members £1.

Film

IC FILM SOC presents -The Skin Game with James Garner
7.00pm, ME220. Members free, non members 20p (membership £1)

Miscellaneous

MATHS GARDEN GNOME PARTY - 8.00, J.C.R. 40p.
Disco, Bar, Food, prize for best garden gnome costume.
I.C. RADIO - Broadcasting to Southside Halls on 301 M, Stans Bar
and Linstead Bar from 6.00pm through to 1 am. With at 9.00pm
Boogie Time.

SUNDAY 21st

Miscellaneous

I.C. RADIO - From 8.00 am to 1 am with 8.00 am - Wake up with
Harvey, 11.00 am - The Wibbly Wobbly Wireless Show, 1.00 pm -
Grooving, 4.00 pm - Roundtable, and 8.00 pm - I.C. Radio Live.

MONDAY 22nd

Miscellaneous

I.C. PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15. - Room 211, Linstead Hall.
I.C. RADIO - From 6.00 pm to 1 am with at 6.00 pm - request
time, 7.00 pm - Outlook, 9.00 pm - (Specialist Programmes),
11.00 pm - Through Midnight.

TUESDAY 23rd

Club Activity

MOPSOC LECTURE - by Prof. John Taylor (King's College):
"Black Holes, Gravity, and Unifying the Forces of Nature".
1 - 15 pm. Lecture theatre A (Room 213). Maths.
RIDING CLUB - Information & Bookings. All Welcome. 13.00 -
14.00, Electrical Engineering Department, Room 1110, Level II.
WINE TASTING SOCIETY - A tasting of Beaujolais. 5.45pm.
Union Senior Common Room. 60 p (Non Members 80p)
I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - Slide show - "Through the Vosges
Mountains by Bicycle" by P.G.C. Wilding. 7.00 pm. RSM 1.02.

Miscellaneous

JOINT MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OVERSEAS
STUDENTS COMMITTEES - 6.30 pm. Union Lower Refectory,
Council members are expected to attend and everyone else is
very welcome. Discussion on Shirley Williams and Tuition Fees.
STOIC TRANSMISSION - Union TV Lounge, JCR, Southside Halls
(except Tizard), Southside Lower TV Lounge (near Stan's Bar).
Special programme featuring one I.C. Club or Society. This Week:
"Karate Soc."

I.C. RADIO - From 12.00 pm to 2.15 pm, to the J.C.R., Alans Bar,
and Buttery. For evening programmes See Monday.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm, Read Theatre, Sher-
field Building. The Restorers Art. 2. The Decoration of Secular
Buildings, Kenneth Campbell, Managing Director, Campbell,
Smith and Co., Ltd.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm, Lecture Theatre 1,
Blackett Laboratory. Centenaries of Two Great Physicists.
2. Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955), Professor G.J. Whitrow, Professor
of the History and Applications of Mathematics, Imperial College.

WEDNESDAY 24th

Club Activity

I.C. CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY - Cheese & Wine Party. 7.30 pm
Huxley 644. 25 p.

Miscellaneous

I.C. RADIO - From 6.00 pm to 1 am, see Monday for details, but
includes 301 newslines at 6.40 pm. For the Weekly "In Depth"
Look at Issues around college.

THURSDAY 25th

Film

ENTS Film Show - 6.30 pm. ME 220. 30 p. The Amsterdam Kill

Club Activity

LIBERAL CLUB MEETING - 12.45 pm. Green Committee Room
(Union). All members and interested people welcome.

I.C. CHINESE SOCIETY - Lunchtime Gathering - 12.45 pm.
Elec. Eng. 606.

Miscellaneous

UNION ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - 6pm, ICWA Lounge.
An important meeting: Agenda at time of writing includes formulat-
ion of job description for dep. reps., preparation of paper on
college's relationship with schools, and discussion on library
facilities. Further details from Roger Stotesbury: ICUA AO

"LUNCH BREAK" STOIC TRANSMISSION - 13.00 & 18.00
(except JCR). Union TV Lounge, JCR, Southside Halls (except
Tizard), Southside Lower TV Lounge (Near Stan's Bar).

I.C. PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15. Room 532, Linstead Hall.

I.C. RADIO - From 12.00 pm - 2.15 pm and 6.00 pm to 1 am, see
Monday for details.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. The Music Room, 53
Princes Gate. Lunch - Hour Concert. Jonathan Blackledge (violin).

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. The Great Hall. Sher-
field Building. Film: Civilisation: A Personal View. (Kenneth
Clark), 12. The Fallacies of Hope.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. Read Theatre, Sher-
field Building. Persecution 1979: Political Prisoners in Indonesia,
Carmel Budiardjo Secretary of TAPOL (The British Campaign For
the Release of Indonesian Political Prisoners). (Arranged by IC
Group, Amnesty International).

Social Cultural and Amusements Board

SCAB

FRIDAY - ENTs Disco in Union Lower Refectory. 8.30 pm.
Admission 20 p.

MONDAY - Folk Club Concert. Union Lower Refectory. 8.00 pm.
Admission 60 p. Members 30 p.

WEDNESDAY - Orchestra Rehearsal. 7.00pm. in Great Hall
- Jazz Club presents The London Vintage
Jazz orchestra in Stans Bar. From 8.30 - 11.00
Admission Free -

THURSDAY - ENTs Film "The Amsterdam Kill" .6.30 pm in
Mech. Eng. 220 Admission 30 p.

FRIDAY - ENTs Disco in Union Lower Refectory. 8.30 pm.
Admission 20 p.

*Remember the Scab Reciprocal Discount Scheme gives the members
of any Scab Club reduced admission to the events of any other
Scab Club.*

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How to Survive the Cold- an introduction to ICU

It was very good news that college is back to work following the agreement with A.S.T.M.S. Now all you need worry about is freezing in lectures (if you manage to get into them due to the rail strike) owing to the fuel shortage. If you do get too cold you can always nip up to the union office (which is very warm).

WELFARE DAY

Just to prove that the union carries on against all odds we are organising a Welfare Day on Wednesday January 31st 12.30 onwards in the Junior Common Room. There are discussions planned on topics such as; Consumer Rights, for which we have invited the Consumers Association and West London County Court (to explain the small claims procedure), Housing rights, for which Shelter Housing Aid Centre has been invited, Police and the law, for which the local police and Release have been invited, Social Security, for which the Department of Health and Social Security have been invited (to explain their excessive bureaucracy) etc. etc. etc. The Welfare Centre will be there as well as the Health Centre and the Student Counsellor.

BEER

If you think that you have no problems and are never likely to have any you can still go to Welfare Day to get some free beer although one thing that must interest everybody (except us lucky research students) is exam. study technique, which Dr. Haines, the Health Centre Director, is an expert on and has agreed to do a talk.

SEX

If you aren't interested in beer or exams, you must be interested in sex. There will also be information on contraception provided by the Family Planning Association and abortion by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service to say nothing of the controversial sex education film "Growing Up". All this and some silly games too! (relay teams needed for condom blowing competition - apply to Union Office for details)

Union Meeting

Don't forget is on Tuesday at 1.00pm in the Great Hall. Among motions on the agenda are Iran and Housing (concerning such issues as head tenancy schemes).

Industrial Society

This is a national Society to extend information on industry and has 15,000 member organisations including industrial and commercial companies, trade unions, nationalised industries, central and local government organizations and employers associations.

The Society has eleven student societies and would like to establish one at Imperial. It would be a great help in getting information on various career prospects and other aspects of life outside. Could anyone interested in setting up such a society please contact me or Sheyne Lucock, External Affairs Officer (who I am trying to pass the buck to).

Mary Attenborough
President I.C.U.

An Historic City

How did you spend your time yesterday, can you remember?

It was a Tuesday and below freezing point in London. She had been half an hour late in meeting him, but the wait had been worthwhile for her dark shining hair was perfection and in any case, the thought of being stood up had been too awful to contemplate.

He had brought a camera, and after a meal together took pictures of her in Brunswick Square. They had not known each other long, and now, as he studied her face for the best profile, the right expression, he realized just how different she had seemed in the light of the gas fire as they had snuggled closely together. That night, whether due to the light or, perhaps, mental association, she had seemed the perfect image of a former girlfriend.

They caught the tube so as to spend the last hour together which they spent strolling around Regents Park. It was so picturesque. Ice covered the lake, and the cold drew their frozen bodies together for warmth. Passing through iron gates, they climbed a knoll and sat down. London sprawled before them.

Her voice assured him that they would meet again, and feeling better he rested his head on her shoulder. She felt compelled to remain passive.

Days later their respective terms would start. For him it would be a BSc. at Imperial, and for her a BA in French at Durham. Their lives contained different friends, different opportunities, different hardships. What had made them choose such different universities? Perhaps for one it was the collegiate system and the historic city, and for the other maybe the academic reputation and the West End. No one will ever know. One can only guess at the factors that influenced their decisions; friends, headmasters, the college prospectus or the alternative prospectus. Yet ask either, and they'll happily tell you which of the above brought them together. At Baker St., with red tulips under her arm, she disappeared.

To help with the information given to schools and prospective Science and Technology students, the Union publishes an Alternative Prospectus each year. Written by student representatives, this gives a consumers guide to higher education, and Imperial College. Courses, facilities, accommodation, clubs and societies and Post-Graduate opportunities are examined with a different emphasis from that given in the official 'glossy' college prospectus.

It is mailed out by college, along with their own, to the schools and colleges on the UCCA list as well as to individuals who write to the Union. This year's edition is being completely rewritten to bring it up to date. Also, for the first time, the prospectus will be

or The West End?

made more attractive and appealing to read due to the new facilities available. One part is to be devoted to students' daily routines as we are sure that this would be useful information for prospective students.

If you would like to write half a side of A4 detailing things such as your accommodation and its condition, rent, travel arrangements, fares, lectures, work load, eating and social life, we would be very grateful. I do ask you to spend a little of your time in the knowledge that your contribution would be of great help to those of us who will be spending a lot of our time working on the publication, and to those who can only imagine what life here is like.

Send notes through the Internal Mail to, The Academic Affairs Officer, ICU Office or hand it in to your Departmental Representative.

Thanking you in advance,
Roger Stotesbury
ICU Academic Affairs Officer
and AP Editor

SOCIALIST SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

DATE:- 22nd January

TIME:- 1.00pm

PLACE:- Maths 340

... to discuss forthcoming meetings, re-election of committee members and other important matters.

All members, and anyone interested or wishing to join, are urgently requested to attend.

The Brain Drain

Hope you all had as good a Christmas as I did, it was nice to escape back up to Newcastle for a while. This was the location of one of the years' major social events, the Newcastle Pub Crawl, which was attended by 25 people despite six days' heavy rain, snow imminent, and flood warnings in the area. Mark Corrigan and myself each had a pint of Scotch (Scottish and Newcastle Breweries best bitter, "Scotch" to the natives) as promised, and followed them with many more. The Pub Crawl only managed two stops due to heavy rain, but it was a worthwhile outing which I hope will become an annual event.

Lower Lounge

Has now been redecorated, my apologies to anyone who wanted to use it during the holidays. Unfortunately, it will have to be closed again for a while at Easter when a carpet is fitted. I need hardly remind people that anyone making any mess on the walls after all the work that's been done will find themselves in front of Discipline Committee with me in the Chair, breathing fire!

Whilst in Newcastle I saw an electronic amusement machine called "Breakout", which I couldn't beat (despite many attempts) and got rather annoyed at. I hope to have one installed in the Lounge next week.

Crash Pad

Is open again (as if it really ever closed) due to some people being thrown out of their flat. My apologies for any inconvenience caused to people using the ICWA lounge for meetings etc., but I feel that this is an important and widely appreciated service.

Piscatorial Society

This was set up last year by a few people who for various reasons (exam failures, involvement with the Union and other societies) have not been able to keep it running this year. There's plenty of support in College for a fishing club, and the possibility of having matches with other London colleges, so if you would like to help come and see me in the Union Office any lunchtime, or Malcolm Clarke (R.C.C. Chairman).

Incidentally, if you have any interests which are not covered by a Union Society and which you think should be, set up a society yourself (which will be financed by the Union). It's really not difficult, if you want to know how to do it come and see me in the Union Office sometime.

Noise

I've been getting more complaints about noise in the Union building again, both from residents in Beit and beside the Albert Hall. I'm looking into the possibility of having the Concert Hall and Senior Common Room soundproofed, but meanwhile please keep the noise down during parties and when leaving the building, especially after midnight.

Malcolm Brain

ICU Deputy President

REMINDER
All money outstanding
from the Pram Race
last term, has to be
in to Muscular
Dystrophy by 16th Feb
at the VERY latest.

MATHS GARDEN GNOME PARTY

FRIDAY JAN 19th JCR

8pm till LATE

TICKETS 40p

Disco - Bar - Free Food - Prize
for best Garden Gnome costume

CHEM ENG SOC 35th ANNUAL DINNER

on February 16th

Tickets price £4 Students

£5 Staff from

D. O'Connell, Chem Eng 3

The return of Mel Kinkie

I don't know if my article is going to be illustrated this week or not - I'm not sure if having the face of '79 is worth two consecutive illustrated articles. Last week's photo was dishonestly obtained - I've got much more interesting photos than that which might be worth printing.

Now onto the interesting stuff.

Sports Centre

If you have played squash this term you will have noticed that when you book a court you have to pay in advance. This has been made necessary by people persistently booking courts and then just not turning up - meaning the sports centre loses money because somebody else could have booked it; and this has reached such an extent that this move has had to be made. Also if you do cancel there is no refund - all you can do is find somebody to play your time and then pay you the 20p. So next time you book to play squash, be ready with the readies, if you see what I mean.

V.M.

As Gary Warren, the Mineral Resources Engineering Dep. Rep. has resigned, I have to elect a new one for the rest of this session. The papers went up on Monday and will remain up for another week. I'm hoping to have the hustings on Tuesday 30th January somewhere in Mines and the election on Monday 5th Feb., which is by ballot box. So if you're in Min.Res.Eng. then think about standing for Dep. Rep. - also remember the Dep. Rep. elections for next year are also nigh, with papers going up on 5th February.

Club Insurance

At the moment I'm chasing up all clubs as to what insurance they've got, so there is some central record of it - I've sent out letters to all you club captains/chairmen and if you haven't replied to my letter yet, then pull your finger out and do it, for it's most important.

UGM

Your big chance to exercise your democratic right comes on Tuesday with a UGM at 1pm in the Great Hall; and is packed with such goodies as the election of a chairperson and a motion on student housing and the possibility of naked bodies writhing on the floor is an eternal ecstasy; although the latter isn't confirmed yet.

Well that about wraps it up for this week, so I hope to see all you people at the UGM; stay cool,

Mel Kinkie (anag.)

E.C. Cushion (anag.)

Songs, Blackouts and Beasts

Somewhere near half past ten last Sunday evening the old tradition of singing in the Beit Quadrangle was once again performed to the noticeable delight of the appreciative Beit residents.

Although the show got off to a shaky start with a mixed key version of "Auld Lang Syne" the enthusiasm was regenerated

by the "Kangala". It was obvious that this melody had been well rehearsed and was delivered in strong harmony with a good treble.

"God Save The Queen" lacked something of the inspiring anthem that it's meant to be. Maybe the bass was a bit off. The concert ended to my displeasure, with the classic aria, "American Pie", and all twenty odd soloists singing at once.

I would like to have heard the R.C.S. (Royal Choral Singers ?) Messiah from Scrap or even a Delta Blues with Bottle Neck.

The Quad lighting was poor and so I unfortunately missed the square dancing.

Ever tried a blackout! It seems to be a new fashion. Once popular in war time, it is only recently that it has been put to good effect.

One example of note resulted in one of the most incoherent and dramatic evenings Dave Haddon has ever had.

The occasion was at a certain notorious "House-warming" party last Saturday.

The amazing thing is that he did not seem totally aware of what he was doing.

"Yes, I'm fine". He said, confused when he saw the ambulance driver.

The climax was: Dave was put to bed by a young lady whose name I am not free to announce just yet. (i.e. He can't remember who it was).

Has Dr. F.H. Berkshire ever considered imaginary paper cups I wonder. It can almost be proven that 5 is a perfect number in the system of "Mathematical Beasts".

If interested please contact the Felix Office on Thursday evening.

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Monday 1st

UFOS in New Zealand

Pictures of UFOS taken from a freighter aircraft south of Wellington, New Zealand, on the 30th December were shown on television around the world to-day. The film clearly showed a number of objects in the sky and close-ups of one of them.

Radar reports from Wellington and the erratic behaviour of the objects ruled out suggestions that they were either sightings of the moon or a reflection of one of the planets.

Sir Bernard Lovell, a distinguished astronomer, said "I think it is deplorable that whenever people see something in the heavens they don't recognise, they think it has some fantastic origin".

Oil tanker disaster

A Greek owned super-tanker Andros Patria was abandoned after a fire. With most of her crew dead, the tanker spilled oil off the NW coast of Spain.

Snow covered Britain

The death toll grew as hundreds of people were trapped in drifts up to 15 feet deep. The minimum temperature was 29 deg. F below freezing point. The snow covered the whole of Great Britain for the first time since 1963.

Tuesday 2nd

Georgi Markov inquest

An inquest decided that a metal pellet containing poison twice as deadly as cobra venom killed Mr. Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian defector. The poison was ricin derived from the seed of the castor oil plant.

Vietnam invades Cambodia

Vietnamese troops launched an invasion of Cambodia with thrusts along a 200-mile wide front. Cambodian President, Khieu Samphan, said that the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact countries were supporting the Vietnamese drive.

Iran forces down London bound plane

Iranian fighters forced a Boeing 707 to land in Tabriz. The airliner was carrying 39 British and Irish air hostesses home to London. They had been stranded in Teheran for 10 days because of a strike by Iran Air workers.

Wednesday 3rd

Lorry drivers strike

15,000 lorry drivers went on strike in support of 22 per cent pay claim. The Road Haulage Association was surprised at the sudden militancy of the lorry drivers, and is seriously worried about the consequences.

Ice deaths

Three men from Kentish Town died when they fell through ice on a pond in Hampstead Heath.

Test result

Australia wins 3rd Test by 103 runs at Melbourne Cricket ground. Mike Brearley loses his first test as England Captain.

Thursday 4th

Sea damages Devon villages

300 villagers from the S. Devon resorts of Torcross and Beesands were evacuated this evening as force 9 gales produced waves, some carrying large boulders, which smash-



by
Jill Dawson

Day By Day

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF FOR JANUARY

Saturday 6th

Computer analysis of music

Prof. Richard Voss, of the IBM research centre at Yorktown Heights, New York claims that he has discovered the precise relationship of musical notes that makes the difference between good music and bad, irrespective of what type of music it is.

He has experimented with every type of music from Bach to Rock and has found the answer to the ancient question "What does music imitate?"

According to his theory, it imitates our subconscious longing to observe the process of change.

Just as we admire a fast moving story in a novel, so in good music the notes must be unpredictable but closely-related.

The achievements of successful musical composers through the ages and perhaps also of good story tellers is to have discovered subconsciously these subtle sequences.

Sunday 7th

Petrol £5 for 3 gallons

Long queues formed outside the few petrol stations open yesterday, and at one garage in Manchester motorists willingly paid £5 for a three-gallon "ration" - about double the usual price.

Ports shut to lorries

Picketing strikers succeeded in closing most of the country's ports to lorries confronting Mr. Callaghan's Government with the most serious industrial crisis since the Miner's strike which caused the downfall of the Heath Government in 1974.

Monday 8th

Shell and Esso men accept deal

Immediate threat of a fuel crisis receded with the vote by Shell and Esso tanker drivers to accept pay rises of 13 to 15 per cent.

Oil Tanker Inferno

A French tanker, Betelgeuse, unloading 120,000 tons of crude oil at the Gulf Oil terminal in Bantry Bay, Eire, was ripped apart by a series of explosions and 50 people were feared dead.

Frozen Books

Thousands of priceless books damaged when a burst pipe flooded the Taylor Institute, Oxford, have been stored in a deep freeze.

The chief librarian said, "This keeps the situation dormant and we can take them out at leisure to dry them in laboratory conditions. We could not have dealt with all of them at once because they need careful ventilation."

Tuesday 9th

ITV football monopoly blocked

The £5 million ITV deal for exclusive

coverage of all Football League matches for the next 3 years has been blocked, at least temporarily, by the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Jeremy Thorpe

The Jeremy Thorpe trial is to start at the Old Bailey on April 30th. It is expected to last for 3 months.

Wig Inferno

A woman who says a waiter set fire to her wig while trying to light a flambe steak Diane is suing Holiday Inns hotels.

She seeks personal injury damages of \$5,000 (£2,500) and \$200 for her brunette wig.

She said the wig, her natural hair, forehead and eyebrows were scorched by the flames and that she still suffers physical effects of the "embarrassing and painful incident."

Wednesday 10th

"I see no chaos" - Callaghan

Mr. Callaghan flew back from his visit to the Caribbean and denied that Britain was facing "mounting chaos" and ruled out the immediate declaration of a State of Emergency.

Texaco deal ends petrol crisis

Texaco shop stewards decided to recommend acceptance of a 13 to 15 per cent pay rise by the firm's tanker drivers.

ICI calls for action

Nearly two million workers face lay-offs next week because of the lorry drivers' dispute and the disruptive effects of flying pickets.

ICI, Britain's biggest manufacturing company, said yesterday it will be virtually halted next week unless the drivers' strike is settled quickly.

Snooker shot kills man

An inquest heard how Raymond Priestley of Melbourne tried the snooker shot of a lifetime. He suspended himself upside down over the table, hanging by his legs from the rafter. Sadly he slipped, crashed head first on the concrete floor and died.

Beer consumption

A spokesman for the Brewers Society said that the average consumption of beer in Britain is 208 pints per person per year.

Thursday 11th

"Nation on precipice" - Healey

The lorry strike was made official today. Supermarkets report that stocks will run out by the middle of next week unless pickets release their grip.

As the Bank of England was forced to support Sterling, Mr. Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, warned the unions that they were "moving towards the precipice" by pushing for excessive pay claims.

Full Emergency declared in Ulster

The Government, this evening, declared a State of Emergency in Northern Ireland because of the decision by the province's tanker drivers to continue their unofficial strike.

and
Colin Palmer



Korchnoi loses rights

President Brezhnev has signed an order stripping the Soviet chess grandmaster, Viktor Korchnoi, of his citizenship. The decision follows Korchnoi's defeat last October in his challenge for Anatoly Karpov's world title.

England retain Ashes

England won the fourth test by 93 runs and gained a 3-1 lead in the six-match series. To-day's victory ensures that England will return home with the Ashes.

Mike Brearley said that it was the best fight back in a Test that he'd ever played in.

Friday 12th

British Airways pilots strike

Hundreds of British Airways flights were cancelled to-day because of a 24-hour unofficial strike by short-haul pilots.

They said it was because a long-haul crew operated a long-haul Tri Star on the short-haul London to Paris service on Tuesday last week.

Water supplies cut

Water supplies and sewerage services covering 750,000 people in central Lancashire were hit by an unofficial strike of about 400 North West Water Authority workers.

People in Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Rossendale, Bury, Rochdale, Bolton and the surrounding areas were told that from to-day they must not take baths, flush lavatories or wash their cars.

Saturday 13th

Tories hit out at 'dithering' Callaghan

Top Tories criticised Mr. Callaghan's handling of the industrial crisis and his credibility as the man to curb militant union power.

Mr. St John-Stevas said, "We have a Prime Minister who turns his back on the growing food shortages, the plight of the farmers, the motorists, and the commuters, and the increasing threat of massive lay-offs."

"If the Government is unable or unwilling to take the decisive action which this grave situation demands let it give way to those who are prepared to act ...

This is a failed Government of failed men".

Shah hands over in Iran

The Shah appointed a nine-man regency council to run Iran while he leaves the country, probably for a holiday in U.S.A.

The Shah's main opponent, Ayatollah Khomeini, said in a Paris interview that he expected an Islamic State to be established in Iran within a few days, and he would be the ruler.

Sunday 14th

Test-tube baby

The world's second test-tube baby, Alastair Montgomery, was born to-day.

Alastair, weighing 5 lb. 12 oz., was born normally to 32-year-old cookery teacher Grace Montgomery at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Mr. Patrick Steptoe performed the implant. He was the gynaecologist whose work led to the birth of the first test-tube baby, Louise Brown last July.

Syria and Iraq to become a single state

Plans have been made for Syria and Iraq to become a single state under one leader.

Diplomats said that the merger had been agreed in principle and that details would be worked out in talks between Syrian President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr in Damascus next week.

Sex attacks in Bristol

Girls at Bristol University have been warned not to go out alone at night following a series of sex attacks.

Poison gas cloud mystery

A black cloud of hydrogen sulphide swept sixty miles across Scotland. A spokesman at Glasgow weather centre said: "I can't understand why it drifted from the east to the west. Wind conditions at the time would not have allowed for this."

Monday 15th

Britain's heart transplant

The first British heart transplant for more than five years was performed at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

Charles McHugh, a 44-year-old father of two teenage daughters, was said to be doing fine.

The heart donor was a 23-year-old journalist who was injured in a car crash last week. He was kept alive for five days only with the help of a life-support machine. His parents accepted that there was no hope.

The operation on Mr. McHugh follows the lifting of an informal Government ban on heart transplants. Experts in America say that heart-swap patients' chances of survival are comparable with those of kidney transplant patients.

Tuesday 16th

National rail strike

Many London commuters stayed at home to-day. The national rail strike disrupted the whole country. Worse effects appeared to be in the north of England.

In London the morning rush hour lasted from 6 am to 10 am. Many underground trains were cancelled, primarily because staff could not reach the train depots.

Shah leaves Iran

Rejoicing erupted in Iran at the news that the Shah, who has ruled for 37 years, had left the country.

The Shah, carrying a casket of Iranian soil, was given a red carpet welcome when he arrived in Aswan, Upper Egypt.

£4 million bank fraud

The English investment adviser of Credit Lyonnais, one of France's top banks was said to have disappeared after a £4.4 million fraud had been uncovered at the bank.

Cannabis

The Home Secretary has been presented with proposals to make cuts in cannabis penalties. Professor J. Graham, of the University of Wales said that on consideration, there was no compelling evidence that occasional moderate use of cannabis was likely to have detrimental effects on individual users.

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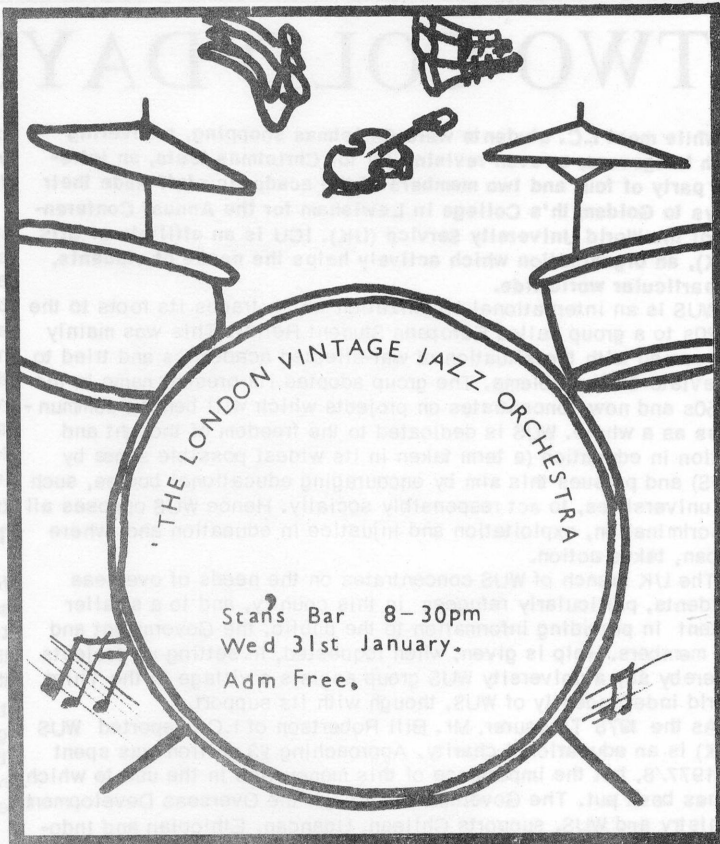
The discount is available only to SCAB club members, not guests, and is available on both tickets purchased in advance and on the door. Any queries to SCAB clubs, or SCAB chairman c/o IC Union Office.

Railway Dispute

Due to the Railwaysmen's dispute, a number of students have been unable to get in and out of college. If you live very far away and are having difficulty, Crash Pad is open for anyone who wants to use it. Please see Malcolm in the Union Office as soon as possible to give us some idea of the number of people likely to be involved.

We would also be very grateful if anyone living out of London who commutes by car who would be willing to give anyone living nearby a lift during the dispute would tell Annie in the Union Office. Int: 2232.

Crash Pad Open



Your Rights as a Licencee, Tenant etc.

Now that you have found somewhere to live, you may occasionally wonder what your chances are of staying there if your landlord takes a sudden dislike to you. Can he just put your belongings out into the street and change the locks, or is there more to it than that?

Parliament, through a series of Rent and other Acts, has evolved a system of protection which varies in strength with the kind of accommodation that you occupy, but unfortunately it is often difficult to decide which particular category you fall into.

The two main categories of accommodation for this purpose are licences which can be terminated with very little notice after which you have no protection at all, and tenancies where there are varying degrees of protection.

Licences include rooms in hotels and hostels, genuine bed and breakfast arrangements and places where the landlord or his agents have free access, without reference to you, to all parts of the accommodation that you occupy. If you are given an agreement which calls itself a licence, this does not necessarily make you a licensee but if the arrangement of the accommodation is such that you don't have a room to yourself, and the agreement contains a clause to the effect that the landlord has the right to move one of you out and move in a replacement and if each sharer signs a separate agreement, then it is quite possible that this would make you a licensee. Rooms in a hall of residence are also usually licences. When a licence is terminated, you become, in effect, a squatter. This means that although the landlord cannot use force to evict you, there is nothing to stop him changing the locks while you are out.

All other types of accommodation count as tenancies which means that your landlord can't get rid of you without a possession order from the courts. In addition you are entitled to adequate notice of the landlord's intention to rescind his arrangement with you, so, except in the case of a tenancy for a fixed period, the landlord must give 28 days notice in writing before he can even start applying for a possession order. Any other attempt by the landlord to exclude or harass you constitutes a criminal offence for which he can be prosecuted by the local council.

So, what are the chances of the court granting a possession order to a landlord who has given you a valid notice to quit?

There are a number of cases where the court will almost certainly give an order. These include tenancies of places which used to be the landlord's residence and he wants to live there again or wants it for members of his family who used to live there or if he bought the house as a retirement home and now wants to retire there. In

both cases the landlord is meant to notify you of any such intention at the beginning of the tenancy, in writing, but the court can dispense with this requirement. Other cases are where you signed an agreement to stay for a period of less than eight months in an out of season holiday letting or if the letting is for the purpose of a holiday (though you might sometimes be able to argue that it was clearly not let for any such purpose). The same applies to student lettings where the landlord is the college or university; places with a very high rateable value or extremely low rent and council and housing association owned property. Another example of this is where the landlord offers you suitable alternative accommodation.

If you are a tenant and your landlord lives in the same building (so long as the place is not a purpose built block of flats) the court will grant a possession order unless you apply to the rent tribunal before the expiry of the notice period. To find out how to do this contact the welfare centre or the housing department at your town hall. The Rent Tribunal can grant you an extension of up to six months. At the end of that period you can reapply but once the tribunal protection is exhausted a possession order will be granted.

There are a number of cases in which a court might grant an order depending on all the circumstances - usually where you are in breach in your tenant's obligations. For example, if you fail to pay rent, break a condition in the lease, damage the furniture, sublet or assign without your landlord's permission, allow the place to be used for illegal purposes or if you annoy the neighbours by making too much noise or some other anti-social act. Other instances are where you have given notice that you intend to leave to the landlord and then changed your mind, if as a result of your not leaving the landlord would lose out and where the landlord (who didn't live there before) wants the place for himself or for a member of his family. In this case, however, an order will only be granted if the court thinks that greater hardship would be suffered by the landlord if you were allowed to stay than would be suffered by you if you had to look elsewhere.

In most other cases than those outlined above you would have security of tenure for as long as you wanted to stay there so long as you fulfill your obligations. Owing to the complexity of this subject, the above can only be a rough guide and if you are threatened with eviction you should seek advice at the Welfare Centre with reference to your particular circumstances.

Michael Arthur
Welfare Adviser

TWO COLD DAYS IN DECEMBER

While most I.C. students were Christmas shopping, recovering from hangovers, or even revising (?) for Christmas tests, an intrepid party of four and two members of the academic staff made their ways to Goldsmith's College in Lewisham for the Annual Conference of the World University Service (UK). ICU is an affiliate of WUS (UK), an organisation which actively helps the needs of students, in particular worldwide.

WUS is an international organization which traces its roots to the 1920s to a group called European Student Relief. This was mainly concerned with the situation of war-affected academics and tried to alleviate their problems. The group adopted its present name in the 1950s and now concentrates on projects which will benefit communities as a whole. WUS is dedicated to the freedom of thought and action in education (a term taken in its widest possible sense by WUS) and pursues this aim by encouraging educational bodies, such as universities, to act responsibly socially. Hence WUS opposes all discrimination, exploitation and injustice in education and, where it can, takes action.

The UK branch of WUS concentrates on the needs of overseas students, particularly refugees in this country, and to a smaller extent in providing information to the public, the Government and its members. Help is given, when requested, in setting up projects whereby say a university WUS group assists a village in the Third World independently of WUS, though with its support.

As the 1978 Treasurer, Mr. Bill Robertson of I.C., reported WUS (UK) is an educational charity. Approaching £3 million was spent in 1977/8, but the importance of this money lies in the use to which it has been put. The Government, through the Overseas Development Ministry and WUS, supports Chilean, Ugandan, Ethiopian and Indo-Chinese refugee students in the UK and African students at the University of Rhodesia. Through charitable trusts and individual donations, aid is given to Kurdish students in the UK and Palestinian and Nepalese students overseas. I.C. collected £500 for WUS during registration last term; similar collections were held around the country. Some university and college WUS groups even finance scholarships themselves. College authorities assist by waiving fees for needy students. However, Bill Robertson warned against over-dependence on finance from Government sources, which might not always be forthcoming.

Nebulous

Richard Luce, MP, Shadow Minister for Overseas Development spoke about "Human Rights and Educational Aid". He began by emphasising that human rights' problems are basic but "nebulous". Having laid down certain conditions for considering human rights, in particular that condemnation of inhumane regimes must be irrespective of the political complexion of the particular regime (e.g. Soviet Union and Iran), Mr. Luce went on to say that human rights' problems have to be dealt with country by country with due regard to historical, strategic and economic factors. This contradictory stand-

point was typical of a speech that asked many questions, but answered very few; it seems strange for a Shadow Minister not to be full of possible solutions to such basic (but "nebulous") problems.

However, Mr. Luce made several points that are worth repeating. In principle he expressed support for voluntary organizations, such as WUS, Oxfam and Amnesty International, who can gain credibility abroad by being politically neutral. Such charities are vital since they have the organization to bypass regimes and distribute aid and education where needed, i.e. the people, efficiently and at short notice. In most cases it would be difficult for the Government to do this while working with the regime in question. At the moment, refugee students are officially classed as overseas students and there is no Governmental strategy for refugees, particularly in regard to education. Mr. Luce suggested that human rights policy should be institutionalised in Britain and that in the long-term refugees should be helped so that they could return home.

Tuition Fees

The Rt. Hon. Shirley Williams, MP, gave a speech on "Education for Overseas Students". After reaffirming her strong belief that there should be a "substantial proportion of overseas students" in British further education, she outlined the Government's strategy in this area. This includes, as described in FELIX last week, that the "hidden subsidy" of £100 m towards overseas student fees from the Government should be used "positively" to help "selected groups" particularly from developing countries. This would mean the others would have to pay more, and the Minister suggested means-testing and academic scholarships to help those less well-off. (NB ICU is opposed to both of these).

Mrs. Williams echoed Mr. Luce's point that a systematic approach for overseas students and refugees is needed and emphasised that admissions are the responsibility of the academic world and not of immigration officers.

Workshops

Between speeches and conference business, three workshops took place. Unfortunately, very little was achieved in terms of new policy or new ideas, since most of the time was spent in defining the problem to be discussed. This was due to the wide range of experience (or lack of it) between the delegates. Hence the WUS workers leading the workshops tended to dominate; a position shown in the resolutions prepared by each workshop, which on the whole, supported the present work of WUS and its workers.

This year ICU has collected about £500 for WUS and organised an Anti-Racist Week. However, there is no WUS group in ICU and consequently External Affairs Committee are responsible for WUS affairs in ICU. So anyone interested in WUS, and its affairs, is welcome to contact Sheyne Lucock for more information.

IC Delegates: Mr. Bill Robertson, Dr. Leo Pyle, Mary Attenborough, Sheyne Lucock

IC Observers: Dilip Kumar, Tim Hillyer

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If you are interested and would like to hear more about TM then please come to our talk on **Tuesday 23 January** in **Mech. Eng. Room 664**. The talk will last about 40 - 50 minutes. Please bring any questions you have.

* Scientific Research on the Transcendental Meditation Program: Collected Papers Vol. 1. Ed. by David W. Orme-Johnson and John T. Farrow. MERU Press.

£10 COMPETITION

Following last weeks article, there has been a change to the conditions of the slide competition being organized by I.C. Photographic Society. As college will want to keep selected slides for their permanent 'show', they will take copies of these slides, and the originals will be returned to their owners - i.e. everyone will get their original slides back.

As before, we are looking for any slides (in a 2" x 2" mount), related to Imperial College. There is a **£10 prize** for the best slide (judge to be announced) and the closing date is **Tuesday 27th February**. I hope that two members of the Committee, who shall be nameless, are now happy and will accept your entries at the Photosoc shop (see What's On). They can also be handed in at any Meeting, or to me, if you can find me.

Selected slides are to be used in a slide show by the Rector in the summer, and will be kept as a permanent collection for members of staff to take to schools etc.

Tim Ellison
Chem Eng 2

Amnesty International

Camel Budiardjo was born and raised in Britain, met and married her Indonesian husband in Europe and in 1952 settled with him in Indonesia. Mr. Budiardjo had a government job and she joined the Foreign Ministry.

In 1965 there was an anti-communist counter-coup in which, it has been estimated, about one million people were killed and half a million imprisoned. Since then many thousands have been imprisoned without trial or charge, many of them not even directly connected with the communist attempted coup or the communist party.

In the purges that followed the Budiardjos were dismissed and Mr. Budiardjo was imprisoned. He was freed in late 1967 but in Sept-

ember 1968, the army arrived to arrest Mrs. Budiardjo herself. Her husband happened to be in the house at the time and so, despite his carrying a document declaring his unconditional release, he was arrested also.

Eventually, due entirely to efforts by Amnesty, Mrs. Budiardjo was released in November 1971 and allowed to return to Britain, where she has been campaigning for the release of other Indonesian political prisoners ever since.

She is giving an Associated Studies Lecture at 1.30pm on Thursday 25 January, talking about Indonesia and her experiences - an excellent opportunity to hear a first hand account of political oppression.

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Summer Stateside

Wouldn't you like to work in America this summer and earn enough to tour around the States? Of course you would, so why not do it this year with the British Universities North America Club?

BUNAC is a non-profit making body which organises an exchange programme enabling British university students to work in the States - foreign students are also welcome. BUNAC arranges students' work permits, flights, insurance and the first night's board in America. They also keep a representative in New York throughout the summer to give help to the students when, or if, they need it.

Students have the choice of finding their own job or of working in a summer camp. Those who choose to work on a camp have

the further choice of whether to work with the children (it helps if you are the 'sporty' type) or (for more pay) working on the kitchen or maintenance side of the camp.

Those students who choose to work on a camp have everything arranged for them. However, those choosing to find their own job have to arrange everything for themselves although BUNAC does publish a job directory later in the term.

We are the I.C. Committee for BUNAC. Come and find out more about the BUNAC schemes from us. We meet every Friday at 12:30 in the Green Committee Room, 3rd floor, Union Building.

Robert Jorro, Physics III, Sue Newson, C.C.D.II, John Bothan, Mech. Eng. III.

RCS



The Bar Night last Sunday was very successful - several new songs being added to the R.C.S. songsheet to increase the repertoire or "Rude Singing". H.J.T. (Honorary Junior Treasurer) Hastings took place on Tuesday with three candidates standing - Cathy Hyde (who has been acting H.J.T. since Snowdrop's unfortunate accident on the rugby pitch), Dennis Kelly and Julian Radowicz. The elections are being held next Tuesday by Ballot Box, so don't forget your union card.

Tonight is the Maths Garden Gnome Party, fishing rods and all welcome.

WHATS ON

Friday 19th: Maths Party 8.00 J.C.R.

Tuesday 23rd: H.J.T. elections

ENTS night out to the sun, meet 6.00 Stans.

Thursday 25th: Results UGM & Garnival Committee. 1.00 Physics Lecture Theatre 3.

Hangliding Club

Dear Anyone, - If you are interested in hang gliding, or would like to know more about it, please contact me through Mech.Eng. letter rack or in Room 517 Tizard Hall.

If there is enough interest I would like to establish an Imperial College Hang Gliding Club.
Aloysius Dempsey
Mech. Eng. I

Mary Barnes at the Royal Court

David Edgar's play "Mary Barnes" opened at the Royal Court Theatre in Sloane Square On Wednesday 10th January

Never before having heard the name I had no idea what sort of show I'd let John Harris talk me into reviewing. I must confess, however, to have enjoyed an unusual, provocative and sometimes amusing drama-cum-documentary.

The play is about a "Half-way House" in 1965; then an unorthodox and unproven treatment of schizophrenia based on coexistence and "Family" therapy, "Curing is something you do to bacon".

It was there, following a mental breakdown that Mary Barnes spent five years of her life.

Today, the real Mary Barnes is living in Devon, where she paints and also awaits the publication of her second book.

The calm and humdrum beginning of the play is exploded by the shock waves of Patti Love's highly convincing performance as the hysterical Mary.

Also notable is Simon Callow as the American psychotherapist Eddie. He nurses Mary as she crazes for rebirth and develop-

es an obsession for painting.

I got the impression that the therapists are indeed as deranged as the patients. As the play progresses one loses track of the threshold of sanity, so much so that when at last two "normal" characters appear they not only seem out of place, but they are the ones who look mad.

The absence of a proscenium curtain brings the audience closer to the production. I felt almost as a child playing with a toy theatre.

Christopher Morley's two level set is stark but surprisingly effective as are lighting and noises off stage, courtesy of London Underground.

The play is punctuated by total darkness, four lettered words and Beatles' music. The paintings used are true originals. Farago's direction was detailed and realistically superb.

Don't stay away from this moving production!

John Shuttleworth

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Cross Country Club

The end of last term saw history in the making as the cross country club staged their annual handicap in Richmond Park. Having helped his team win two trophies in the previous week, Maurice Wilson then achieved the remarkable feat of winning the handicap for the third successive year, so crowning what must be the greatest eight days in his short, yet brilliant career.

Setting off over two minutes behind the slowest runners and only just over a minute ahead of the fastest, he still managed what everyone had imagined to be impossible. Disregarding the threat from Acford that he would be passed within the first two miles, Maurice went scorching off at the start and soon had the slower runners in his sights.

Pausing only for a troublesome dog, and to direct those ahead of him onto the right path, he surged into the lead up the final hill and sprinted away at the finish to win by a clear 20 seconds, in a new personal best time of 30.21. Gary Longhurst ran on well to finish second, and Rich Green, running from the back, recorded the fastest time to finish third. Ian Morton was fourth, Geoff Sherwood, fading badly at the end, was fifth, and Bryan Acford was a disappointing sixth and last for the second successive year. Credit to Ian Alvey for producing a close race, but the day must belong to Maurice Wilson, a truly magnificent athlete, surely destined for greater things.

A number of hardy souls ventured to Guildford on December 16th to compete in the annual 10 mile road race along the Hogsback. Generally treated as the start of the Xmas festivities, the I.C. team were astounded, to say the least, by their success this year in finishing 17th behind many more experienced club teams.

First for I.C. was Steve Kirk, who, despite having a bad race, completed the hilly ten miles in about 56 minutes to finish 55th, beating the first woman home in so doing. Not so lucky were Rich Green and Paul Clarke. After being beckoned out of the bushes by Paul with less than a mile to go, Rich outsprinted him on the downhill

finish. They were closely followed by Bryan Acford, who just failed to finish in the first 100, but nevertheless recorded a creditable time, well under an hour.

There were a number of other successes by I.C. athletes during the vacation. Several had very good runs in their county championships, and Ian Morton won his club's Xmas handicap and drinking competition.

The first fixture of this term was last Saturday at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Traditionally an I.C. fixture, the invitation was this year extended to U.L., who, in their usual tradition, supplied two runners to complement our team. Despite Bryan's attempts to dissuade even these from travelling with us again, we arrived in one piece.

Having time to spare we explored some of the acreage and tried our hand at part of the assault course, not anticipating that worse was to come in the race. A good quality field assembled at the start for a briefing of the course by the Sergeant Major, who pointed out some of the obstacles on the course which had to be scaled. Unfortunately, he made no mention of the state of the course, which was more suitable to ice skates than running shoes.

Despite falling through thin ice and other hazards everyone returned without any broken bones. The first Imperial man back was Steve Kirk in 11th place. Not far behind was a close bunch in 18th to 20th places consisting of Ian Morton, Rich Green, and Mike Kelly. And these, together with the U.L. runners, completed the team which finished a close third behind Thames Hare & Hounds and Milocarnians, beating several others. The other I.C. runners were Bryan Acford (29), Paul Clarke (33), Rich Harrington (38) and Ian Alvey (47) running his usual captain's race, out of 74 finishers.

After the debriefing in the tearoom, Rich drove home to save the train fares. But remember, Back Straight, Head Up, and Bowels Free Are Very Good Soldierly Habits!!!
Long John Silver

Table Tennis

Six matches this week, not seven as I said lastish, (four league and two cup).

I.C. I V. I DON'T KNOW (A) (?-?)

Would, Kumar (if he played) or anyone, please tell me about this match sometime, please ??

I.C. II V. FULHAM IV (H) 6-3

This was a good victory over a team level on pts with the seconds, and maintains I.C.'s challenge in div 5. A young lad for Fulham must be mentioned -he looked like Desmond Douglas and was twice as good - (he won his three matches and spent the time between winning, in giving advice to our team!).

I.C. III V. FULHAM V (A) 5-4

The match of the week - I don't think! (no comments about that last phrase Calum!). We scraped a win - no thanks to a dismal performance by me - but Stean and Reed pulled us through.

I.C. III V. MARKS AND SPENCER (H) 4-5

This cup match was given away, (as we had only two players, and the pressure to win 5 games out of 6 was too much), which was in complete contrast to the jammy luck of the fourths who played the same team, two days later, only to find that M & S were this time a player short; (they scraped a 6-3 win somehow). I think Lambert was distracted by his bread roll firing photon torpedoes (chips) at him during his tea (sorry, Mark!). The fourths also played a home cup tie against a team one division higher Dept. of EMP III, the amazing Pete Rutherford again won all his 3 sets, including one against an opponent with an 88% average in div 5, and with Lambert's 2 wins, they triumphed 5-4!!

Superhewk

Orienteering Club

The clubs first event of 1979 was held last Sunday over Crooksbury and Ruttenham Commons. The combination of open heath-land in the East and forest plantation to the West proved very fast terrain for those who were fit enough to stand the pace.

With the advent of a new year many club members have moved up to longer and more difficult courses. Despite this, performances were above average, indicating that it could prove a successful year for the club.

Perhaps the best run of the day was Steve Kirk's 4th in M21A, less than 3 mins. behind the current ranked British No. 1. In M19 Ken Warren was equal 4th with Gary Longhurst close behind, and Andy Quickfall, K. Pratt and M. Boyes also did well on their courses.

The results of the S.E. Galloppen (a type of league) were also announced on Sunday, and congratulations are due to David Rosen for winning M21A by a clear 21 points.

Club meetings are held every Friday at 12.40 in the Senior Common Room. All interested in Orienteering are most welcome to attend. Some details are also available on the club notice board situated in the Union main entrance hall.

Ken Warren

Kings Frozen Out

by IC Fourth's

In wintry conditions and despite the inclusion of several Fifth team players I.C. Fourth's put up a spirited performance against Kings Thirds at Colliers Wood.

The game began with Kings on the attack but the I.C. defence held out well with Al

Cable and Phil Lakin performing well in the centre and Barry Witts catching anything that came through.

As the first half progressed, midfield players Bill Caffyn and Adam Esberger began to get a grip on the game. A sustained period of pressure culminated in Steve Marten wrong footing the keeper and scoring I.C. Fourth's best away goal of the season.

Almost immediately from the centre I.C. were on the attack again. James Rowley headed to Patrick O'Kelly who beat the full back and then crossed superbly for Steve Sims to score an excellent goal.

After half time Keith Rake replaced Steve Sims to add more weight to the midfield. Shortly after this, Bill Caffyn was injured after making a brave challenge foiling an almost certain goal.

With I.C. now down to ten men and facing uphill, Kings applied further pressure forcing Veteran Steve Veats and strong man Pete Walker to make some brave tackles.

With fifteen minutes to go Kings scored from a corner, but I.C. contained further attacks and James Rowley nearly scored on the break but his effort was cleared from the line.

As the sun faded in the west referee John Healy blew the final whistle and I.C. Fourth's had two more valuable points.

Final Score: I.C. IV'2 Kings III's 1
Team: Barry Witts, Steve Veats, Al Cable, Phil Lakin, Pete Walker, Bill Caffyn, Adam Esberger, Steve Sims (Keith Rake), Paddy O'Kelly, James Rowley, Steve Marten
Match Reporter: Barry Witts

L.S.E. II 1 IC III 2

I.C. 3rds started the second half of the season with an excellent win away to L.S.E., under almost arctic conditions. The pitch was extremely hard due to frost, and was covered by an inch of snow. Despite having several very big men in the team, I.C. kept their footing much better than L.S.E. and, although failing to score in the first half, produced some excellent football which their opponents failed to equal.

The non-appearance of Zambian star Ollie Pis enabled I.C. to call upon the services of first team player Brian Davies, who responded with some excellent play in mid-field along with Alan Donaldson, Adrian Clarke and Ken McPhail. I.C. came close to scoring on several occasions in the first half, none closer than when Peter Twigg was brilliantly tackled by Dave McPhail on the edge of the L.S.E. penalty area when threatening to score.

However it did not take long for I.C. to score in the second half when, in the first attack, the L.S.E. keeper could only parry a shot from Dave McPhail and Dave Hall hit home the loose ball. This goal only resulted in some very lethargic play from I.C., and L.S.E. deservedly equalized after a moment of slackness in the I.C. defence, following a period of fierce pressure. I.C. continued to live dangerously for a while but when Alan Donaldson rose above the L.S.E. defence to head home a corner, the home side lost heart and I.C. went on to an excellent win. The pleasing feature about the I.C. performance was the all-round teamwork, with every player making a significant contribution to the game, and on this form I.C. have the beating of all the other teams in the league.

After match conversation was based on reassuring L.S.E. that this really was I.C. 3rds and, with one exception, not a mixture of I.C. first and second teams. Perhaps we should thank them for the 'compliment'.

Team: George Okuniewski, Cyril Knowles, Giles Brereton, Peter Twigg, Dec McCruckin, Brian Davies, Adrian Clarke, Ken McPhail, Alan Donaldson, Dave Hall, Dave McPhail.

Fifth's Half-Time Summary

As Christmas approached the Fifth's pulled off two fine 2-1 wins against very strong opposition in the form of R.S.M.II and Chelsea 3rds. These results brought the team's record for the term to Played 16 Won 13 Drawn 1 and Lost 2; both defeats were incurred when players had to be loaned to higher teams to keep them going.

In the Cup the Fifth's are through to the quarter-finals to be played later this term. Following tough encounters against both Charing Cross 2nds and R.S.M. II. The latter game was particularly notable for a "Jekel and Hyde" performance by Stu Dillon, who was unable to do anything right in the first-half, but after a few 'Reactivan' tablets at half-time proceeded to bemuse the opposition defence and score a brilliant hat-trick. Damion Kelly also has reason to remember this match as he scored probably one of the finest goals ever seen at Harlington. This result probably, along with the victory over I.C. 3rds (sorry Cyril), were the outstanding performances of the term.

As for players, Alan Cable (the captain) is probably the most outstanding and could easily be in the First's if he wanted to. When playing alongside Phil Lakin the central defence looks as solid as Fort Knox. Phil has done a brilliant job at centre-half and has also been forced to help out an over-worked fourth team defence. At full-back Steve Kaye has come on in leaps and bounds throughout the term, with Dennis Cooke doing a brilliant job as the replacement for Paul Gohil who appears to have disappeared after some excellent early season performances. The only problem at the moment in defence is the goalkeeper's jersey, which has been filled by eight different people throughout the term. The midfield of Damion Kelly, Adam Esberger, Mark Clegg, and Graham Dewart has been one of the strongest features of the Fifth's, with the large amount of running and tackling it does. Up front Mark Folliguet, Aled Phillips, Stu Dillon, and his brother Bob Dillon have proved an excellent strike force and if at times they may have failed to score as many goals as expected this has been made up for in a willingness to continuously cover back and help the other members of the team.

Commiserations to Dennis Cooke on failing to score in the 7-3 win against London Hospital III. He sent an accurate shot towards the top corner, only to see it brilliantly saved by a keeper who had moved out of the way of far easier efforts. By the way, if you get injured keep clear of London Hospital one of their players went down injured clutching his ankle only to be informed by a team-mate that it was cartilage trouble.

It is interesting to note that the seconds best win last term of 8-0 was achieved when half their team was made up of Fifth team players.

P.S. Please come back Paul Gohil.

Beit Hall football team would like to play any other hall that is interested. Please contact John Shuttleworth, Int. 2753 or Beit Hall letter racks.

RUGBY- Firsts Slaughter R.A.F.

I.C. 1ST 62

R.A.F. UXBRIDGE 3

After the Christmas break everyone was bound to be unfit - and with a couple of exceptions this was the case. What was needed was a good hard game to tone everybody up - unfortunately we were playing R.A.F. Uxbridge (say no more!).

After an uneventful coach journey we arrived at the base to find what appeared to be brand new changing rooms - many of the team had never seen such luxury, especially Steve Gunn who lives in a pig sty so we understand.

Anyway we all changed, ran onto the pitch, kicked off, and the slaughter began.

Scoring was so easy that it was hard for I.C. to maintain concentration. However, tries came at regular intervals and the score escalated to 32-3 at half-time. Yes, they actually scored 3 points from a penalty beneath our posts!

The second half continued as the first half had finished off and by full time the above total had been clocked up. The only

events to break the boredom being a snow shower and M. Cotter being warned by the referee not to make the opposition look like fools. At one time Bas, our travelling linesman, was slide tackled by one of their players and ended up on his back waving his flag - not a pretty sight!

It must be said that had we played to our full extent the score would have been over 100 - and this was not achieved because too many tries were missed due to dropping the ball etc.

After the game we spent a long time in their bar (25 p per pint, 18p per short) thanks to a great coach driver - enough said!
Try Scorers: M. Cotter 3, M. Russel 2, D. Lilley 2, E. Budgen 1 and 7 conversions, J. Chanoller 1, J. Wright 1, P. Goring 1, R. Smart 1

Footnote:

This term has seen the retirement of three great Welsh players - Gerald Davis, Gareth Edwards and Jerry Swain. We wish them luck!

Steve Townsend

ASTMS- The Settlement

The dispute between the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staff at IC and the College, which ended last week, is estimated to have cost the College a quarter of a million pounds.

For ten weeks technicians refused to work on almost all electrical equipment as it had not been inspected in accordance with College Safety Policy. Because their action did not amount to a strike, College was still paying up to £25,000 per week in wages to idle staff.

The settlement gives ASTMS members the extra five days' annual leave which they were demanding, giving them parity with academic related staff. It was the granting of extra leave to academic related staff last year which led to the similar demand by ASTMS members. The agreement will be reviewed in the case of any future revision of leave entitlement for academic related staff.

College has also agreed to a phased programme of implementation of the Safety Policy and a detailed examination of the safety position in each department. ASTMS is to cooperate in this and has assured the College that it cannot see any future circumstances arising in which action on safety matters will be combined with industrial action on non-safety matters.

IC ASTMS Secretary Arthur Sier told a meeting of the union last week that the agreement was "a considerable victory"

for ASTMS. He said that members must keep up the momentum on safety and look out for any unsafe equipment.

As a result of the agreement normal working has been resumed.

One matter which held up the resolution of the dispute for two days was the question of Pam Martins, a Metallurgy Department photography technician, whom ASTMS claimed was being victimised for her part in the dispute. A statement was finally signed by Lloyd Thomas on behalf of the Department giving an assurance that "it will return to the status quo that existed before the dispute."

The dispute over holidays started in June last year and is therefore probably the longest dispute involving a whole section of staff in British university history. IC ASTMS stepped up the dispute in November by taking action over College Safety Policy. At an 8 hour meeting between College and ASTMS on Friday 5th January under the chairmanship of a Conciliation Officer of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) agreement was reached in principle on leave entitlement parity for the technical staff. Further discussions extended the agreement to other ASTMS members in college.

Similar disputes in other London Colleges have not been settled. ASTMS accepted that the agreement would not set a precedent for staff in other colleges or universities.

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at IC before the summer.

IC is at present the only London College producing an Alternative Prospectus. The Conference would explore the possibility of ULU publishing an AP for the whole university or of other colleges producing their own publications.

College Fires

Two small fires broke out in college last week but both were extinguished before the arrival of the fire brigade.

The first occurred on Wednesday in the Chemical Engineering Department. A postgraduate in a level 5 laboratory was working with the chemical tetrahydrofuran which overheated and caught fire causing a small amount of damage to the fume cupboard. Two postgraduates using hand-held fire extinguishers managed to put out the flames before the fire brigade arrived on the scene.

The fire on Friday lunchtime was slightly more serious. Contractors carrying out repairs to the lightning conductor on the roof of Mines were using a propane gas cylinder and torch. Gas escaping from the cylinder caught fire setting light to a tarpaulin and damaging a fume cupboard extractor hood.

College staff ran out a fire hose from level 4 of the building and extinguished the flames. The fire brigade arrived in time to finish the job. Damage is estimated at £100.

CROSSWORD

The only entry for Crossword No. 503 was from Ginny White in College Administration. SCROT will be returning with another bumper X-word later this term.

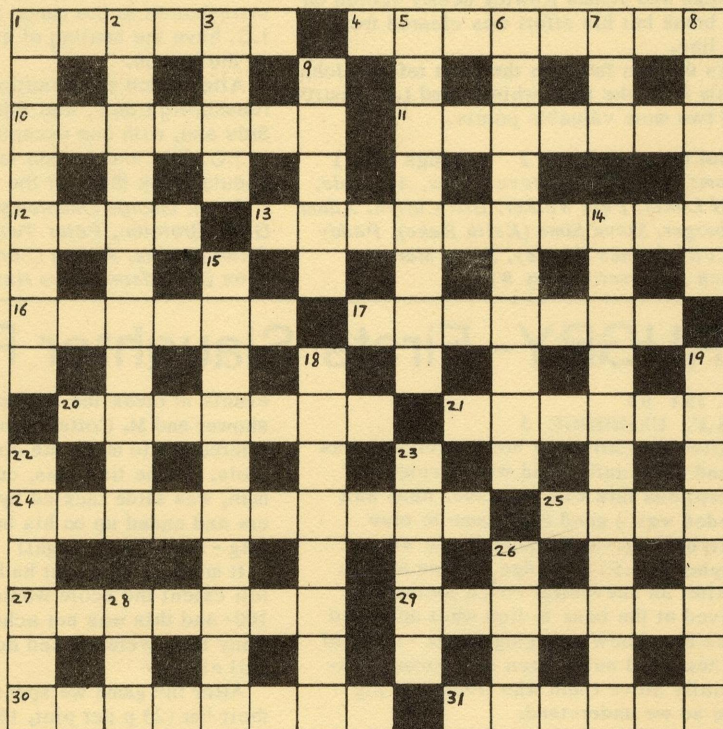
Competition No. 505

Across

1. Make Sid get the best out of a book (6)
4. When they're after money they hold on to it (8)
10. There's nothing in the army list so what's it crowing about ?(7)
11. The ref backs the 'Gunners' against a vicious player (7)
12. Way modern materials dry (4)
13. Obviously the chap for new gimmicks (3,2,5)
16. Award for the best layer? (3-3)
17. They make good Sapper twins (7)
20. In a few words Nicola takes a century to change (7)
21. I'm having an agreement regarding that collision (6)
24. Precious little company inside for the unusually early developed (10)
25. One of the travel authorities? (4)
27. Put shortly, a Brunsel feat of engineering, maybe (7)
29. Initial move applying to that vacant post?(7)
30. Take in a pear cocktail to satisfy each individual(8)
31. Land abeam! (6)

Down

1. What the rascally photographer did to see what developed? (4,4)
2. Sprouting garden stake getting whiter and whiter? (7,4)
3. Situation that arises in draws, perhaps (4)
5. How you peruse the 'Across' clues? (4,4)
6. Surely one too young to be equipped for war? (4-2-4)
7. Newt with a point on a rather small foot (3)
8. Emphasise the amount of worry ? (6)
9. Brother Cook, we hear! (5)
14. What the worker must do to merit his existence (4,1,6)
15. Like 1,3,2,4 for instance (3,2,5)
18. Being industrious makes Di tingle (8)
19. Like the forward who doesn't take corners? (8)
22. Says words that are the very limit between identical Poles (6)
23. He may express impatience or finish as a coach (5)
26. Pale about what was heard in church? (4)
28. A young one possibly - on Van Winkle's grave? (3)



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