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Fire in Southside

When Richard Ellis, an aeronautics 1 student, saw smoke billowing out under the door of a room in Tizard Hall on Wednesday morning he acted quickly in raising the alarm and evacuating neighbouring rooms.

The fire occurred in room 457, which belongs to Anthony Thompson, a Zoology 3 student, and is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

Richard Ellis first smelt smoke on staircase 5 at about 9.45 am and saw a small amount of smoke coming from a level 4 light fitting. Assuming it was a short circuit he turned off the light and reported it to the wardens' assistant, Mrs. Jo Rice.

On returning to level 4 he noticed that more smoke was coming from under the door of room 457. Fortunately Rick Ellis has had naval training in fire fighting and acted quickly. He checked that nobody was in the smoke-filled room, secured the fire door and told Mrs. Rice to dial 999. He then personally evacuated staircase 5 and checked from a neighbouring room that the windows were closed.

When College Fire Officer Bob Foggon arrived he found that the fire was too big for him to deal with. Fire engines from Kensington, Chelsea and Knightsbridge fire stations quickly extinguished the blaze.

As a precautionary measure the fire alarm was raised to evacuate Southside. But most residents ignored the alarm, and Mr. Foggon said he was still trying to get people out of the building 12 minutes after the alarm first sounded.

The fire was contained within room 457 and damage was estimated at around £700. Most of the ceiling plaster had fallen down and the room will need extensive redecoration.

Furniture was destroyed but Anthony Thompson said that a stereo system and £500 worth of

photographic equipment in the room were only stained.

Mr. Foggon said that everything had been done to make Southside as safe as possible.

But some residents and cleaners engage in the dangerous practice of wedging the doors open and Mr. Foggon is constantly having to remove the wedges.

There is a full interior signposting system to direct residents to the nearest means of escape from the building.

Also notices in four languages are to be placed in all bedrooms telling residents what action to take in the event of a fire.

Mr. Foggon wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to Richard Ellis for the prompt action he took in dealing with the fire.



Fire engines outside Southside yesterday morning

REFECTORY BOYCOTT

It looks like there will be no new refectory boycott for the time being following the Governors' decision not to remove Refectory Committee's power to fix prices.

And Chris Fox, RCSU President and one of the student observers at the Governors' meeting, summed up the result as 2:1 to the students.

The College Finance and Executive Committee meeting last Friday was to discuss a proposal by the Rector to hand over all pricing decisions to the Domestic Secretary, Capt. J.W.G. Lindley, and Refectory Committee Chairman Prof. Eilon.

But after it became clear that there was a lot of opposition the Rector did not put his proposal to the meeting.

Instead the Governors decided that termly price reviews by Refectory Committee, on which students have six representatives, should continue and recommended that the Committee consider overall pricing policy rather than just put up prices to balance the accounts.

The Governors also decided that the use of the regulator to up refectory prices in line with inflation should continue and should include increased costs other than food.

Union President Mary Attenborough said that the Governors' decision was better than she expected and welcomed their confirmation of the right of consumer representatives to have a say in pricing policy. She was disappointed at the recommendation that the regulator should not be limited to compensating for food price inflation.

About 30 students lobbied the Governors as they went into their
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LETTERS

Dear Sir, - I would like to clear some points which Mr. Walker has made in his letter in the last issue of FELIX (no. 509) regarding the Islamic system. The main confusion seems to arise from a mis-understanding of the differences between ideology and the way a system has to be put into practice. So far, in most countries that claim to have adapted the Islamic system, a very important factor, that of education, has been missing.

In these countries the people are not educated according to the principles of Islam but rather according to imported educational systems which have been forced upon them. (which do not match their social-cultural needs anyway). Yet the same people are punished according to Islamic rules, which is only a tiny part of the complete Islamic system.

The free indulgence in drinking, gambling, sexual promiscuity and similar activities do not seem to be the signs of a healthy society, and so any society should have punishments for them.

Due to domination, (economic and political) of these countries by the West, the ideology of Islam, has not had an opportunity to be given expression in its complete form.

With the revolution in Iran and other such movements in the countries of the third world we hope the local cultural traditions in these countries, will have the opportunity to free themselves of the shackles of foreign suppression. (Whether it be Western or Eastern). Instead we believe the world would benefit from an atmosphere of mutual respect and regard for the diverse cultural traditions in different countries.

S. Ahmadi Elec. Eng. PG

Sir, - After reading the comments on the refectory boycott made in last week's issue of FELIX, I would like to make my point of view known. I am one of the people who ate in Southside on that day, at lunchtime, in defiance of the boycott. I did so only after a lot of thought, and after reading most of the publicity put out on the subject.

I eat in Southside every weekday lunchtime, and find the quality and price quite reasonable. At this point I would like to add that I am in favour of action taken against the mis-use of the regulator, which appears likely in the near future, rather than action just taken about present quality and prices generally.

One of the arguments put forward for supporting the boycott, about which I thought longest and hardest, was that I should support the boycott to show solidarity with the views of

the vast majority of Imperial College students who are dissatisfied with the service. However, I finally decided that, as I personally had no complaint about the refectory service, to support the boycott would be to forego my views in favour of those of the majority. I decided that this would be wrong and I think most people would be reasonable enough to accept this.

I hope that I have put forward my views sufficiently well for Malcolm Brain to realise that the people who ate in Southside were not necessarily "the moron element who go out of their way to oppose the views of the vast majority.", but people with opinions of their own.

The description "SCAB" applied as a generalisation by Jan is derogatory and typifies the attitudes of extremists who attach to these "worthy" causes, i.e. that anyone who holds the opposite view to theirs should be attacked as violently as possible, physically or verbally.

Finally, I would just like to add that the behaviour of the pickets outside Southside at lunchtime was excellent, and no effort to intimidate was made, the pickets merely stating their case.

Thank you for your time,
Peter Kirkham, Chemistry I

Dear Sir, - Having ordered a 20 p hotdog (not a student-type price) in the Union Lower Lounge last Thursday evening, I found one side to be undercooked and inedible upon taking the first bite (ugh!). I asked the barman to replace it with one which was properly cooked. The answer was a plain NO. Would he give me my money back? He refused to do either of these things because; "you've already taken a bite out of it." Well I never. It's like taking a pair of faulty shoes back to a shop and an assistant saying "But you've worn them." It seems that the college bars are very keen to take your money and offer you no service in return, no pleases or thank-yous. The barman, Roger Pownall conceded only one thing; to give me his name, so that I "could go through the proper channels and make my complaint." My main interest however was to eat an edible hotdog.

In the U.S.A. that barman would have been reprimanded or sacked for the attitude 'the customer is always wrong'.

Yours with hunger,
**J. Chamberlain.
Mech. Eng. II.**

Dear Sir, - In view of the recent debate on homosexuality and the proposed motion likely to be discussed at the next Union General meeting, I would like to state, or clarify, the Christian position on this issue.

Many people feel that one has

no right to interfere with another person's private life, or to tell them what is right and wrong; and as a child I too felt this way about homosexuality. I knew by my conscience that homosexuality was wrong and abnormal, but I couldn't see a reason for prohibiting it by Law - until I read the Bible. (For all Christians the Bible is our first and last line of defence in any matter of dispute: we believe it to be the absolute standard). God has said in the Bible, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman ... If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination." (Leviticus, chapter 18 v22 and 20 v13). It is because of what the Bible says, that I believe homosexuality is a sin, which should be prohibited as much as, say, incest.

Finally, I would like to say why I believe God abhors this act. God created us and knows our form and make-up. He designed our bodies for heterosexual relationships, instituting marriage between a man and a woman. Sexual relationships between two people of the same sex was not intended, and such acts will cause harm to the persons concerned.

Yours faithfully,

**Jamie Shotter
Civ. Eng. 3**

Dear Sir, - You may be pleased to hear how interesting FELIX is considered to be. Having spent a Friday in the college health centre 8 out of ten people visiting me greeted me with "I thought you might be bored. I've brought you a FELIX!" Congratulations!

**Marion Hill
Biochem. III.**

Sir, - Mr. White's letter (FELIX 508) exhibits the typical form of wishful thinking which many abortionists adopt. The great lengths to which Mr. White goes to try to prove that an unborn child is vastly different to a born child, apart from the fact that they are based on prejudice and not on fact, still do not give any satisfactory reason why we can sentence such a child to death.

Mr. White, you haven't proved that the unborn child is inferior. You haven't shown why you can do things to him that you can't do to a newly-born infant. I simply ask you to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the child in the womb is second-class. You want to do the killing, so the onus of proof is on you.

You say he is merely 'dependent'. But so is an infant. And anyway, why should that mean that you can kill him?

You say he is merely part of his mother. This is biological nonsense. He is a distinct person. You don't say that his mother has 'lost' something when he's born, do you?

You say he's unwanted. But why does that give you the right to kill him? If it is permissible to kill the unwanted, most forms of murder, mass-killings and genocide cease to be wrong.

You say he's not yet as developed, not yet as conscious or social as a born person, and hence less valuable. If that's so, a handsome, intelligent, middle-class adult is more valuable than an illiterate peasant or a crippled Ghetto negro (because he's more developed), and a teenager more valuable than a child. That's horrifying talk. A civilised society carefully protects the weak and vulnerable, that is, the undeveloped, and gives equality before the law to all.

The factory-master used to say that his workers were merely 'dependent' on him and at his disposal. Remember how often European powers have argued that their colonies were 'part of' the motherland and that nobody should interfere with them? It was often claimed of the millions of Africans shipped across the Atlantic to slavery in America that they weren't really humans or that they would be better off as slaves. Apartheid rests on the 'principle' that Blacks are less developed than Whites and therefore inferior.

What the abortionist now says we've heard a hundred times before. This is the way, all down history, that men have tried to justify oppression, discrimination and rejection. The unborn child is simply the latest victim of age-old double-talk.

Mr. White, in typical abortionists style, tries to suggest that birth is the biggest step in the development of a child. There isn't room to discuss this here but if Mr. White or anyone else has the inclination to buy or borrow any of our leaflets from our weekly bookstall when PATA gets started he will find that birth - which occurs about four months after even the baby's eyebrows and eyelashes have begun to grow, is simply an incident in an already far-advanced process.

In similar style, the Liberal Club's latest edition of FORWARD! attempts to suggest that abortion is just a religious question. Well I would like to see the Liberal Club, or anyone else for that matter, try to pin me to a religious belief. The article says that "the foetus has no feelings on the matter at all." Is the author of this article aware that, within twenty five days of conception, before the mother is even likely to suspect that she is pregnant, the two sides of the child's brain are already coming together and the child is already doing some elementary thinking? If I were in such a position, and knew I was going to be torn to shreds by a

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editorial

Copy Deadlines

As it's been a while since I last reminded you, and some of you are getting a little slack, I'd like to point out that the copy deadline for **ALL** material to FELIX (ignore what it says on the What's On forms) is **5:30pm on Mondays**. Articles etc. should be **typed**, double spaced, on one side of the paper only, or **very neatly** written on alternate lines.

Words

Furthermore, it would be very helpful (and *might* save your articles from being cut) if the total number of words was written at the end of the article/letter/report etc.

University Challenge

There will be a test quiz (written, as B.G. is otherwise engaged) for all those who want to be in the IC team at **6:00pm on Monday March 5th in the Union Dining Hall**. The purpose of this is to pick a team with knowledge of as wide a range of subjects as possible. So the more people who put their names down the better. Names to Jen.

More Deadlines

Remember that manifestos for the Sabbatical Elections have to be in by **Monday 26th February**. For details see the Editorial in issue 507. When you hand in your manifesto, remember to state which issue (2nd or 9th March) you want it to appear in.

Adverts

Advertisements larger than a Small Ad. will **only be considered** for publication if the ready pasted-up artwork is supplied. They will be included only if space is available and may be subject to enlargement or reduction. If you are unsure as to what is required then come and see me. Paste-up sheets with standard sizes ready-printed are available from the FELIX Office. Anyone wanting a full page Ad. or a large spread for their club/society should see me a week ahead of the normal deadline.

Congratulations...

to Charlie Newens on his engagement to Vina Quinn, the sister-tutor at Brompton Hospital, whom he met through his work with the Red Cross. FELIX wishes them every happiness for the future.

Credit

Many thanks to Dave H. for the orange! T.C. rools yet.

Cheers,

John

SMALL ADS

FOR SALE

Les Paul Copy. Brand new. Natural grain finish. Excellent condition, v. good action. Unrepeatable offer 44.95 pounds o.n.o. (includes good quality case).

Practica SLR camera. West German, only six months old. Ideal for enthusiastic beginner. 39.95 pounds o.n.o. (includes hard case and carry strap).

Contact: Paul Johnson, Elec Eng

WANTED

Strong helpers to assist a wheel-chair bound film critic to attend press previews of new films on week-day afternoons.

Reward-free viewing of new films and a possibility of food, etc. at press receptions. Transport provided. For further information Contact: Dave Shuker, Chem PG, (Int. 4126).

FOR SALE

Mini 850, very reliable. MOT June, Tax May. 250 pounds o.n.o. Contact: A. Baynam, Physics 3

WANTED

Editor, for 'Debsoc Book of Refusals'. Must be prepared to handle large volumes of correspondence-further details at Debsoc events. (Bring your Editorial Staff along too). Perks include one pair knickers in the Union Bar. (Don't Contact: J.M. Berry)

WANTED

Copy of New Scientist No. 1139. Contact: D. Trevor-Jones, Centre for Environmental Technology.

WANTED

One Small Ad. Need not be too specific, but should be just over one inch in length, preferably set on Comp. Set 550 (or similar) with line length of 10 06, in Megaron style, 8pt on 9pt.

Also wanted, a space-filler more blatant (but less conspicuous) than this one.

Contact: John Harris, FELIX Office, before 9:00am Thursday 22nd. February.

DOUGHNUT DISECTION

Its not often I get the chance to eat a doughnut. In fact I don't recall devouring a single one since I arrived at college.

Yes, I was shocked at the price, but it was worth it. Anyhow this article is not about value for money.

Upon sitting down with the beauty begging on a plate in front of me, I was reminded of the dissection problem.

"What's the maximum number of pieces you can get with three simultaneous cuts through one doughnut?"

I had vague memories of the solution but was not certain. I closed my eyes and tried to picture it but the problem gave me a headache so I gave up for a short while.

Then I hit on the idea of actually trying out the cuts on a real doughnut, so I purchased a couple to bring back with me for this purpose.

Obtaining the full set of pieces was not easy. After finding that reasonably predictable cuts could be made with embedded toothpicks as guides, I made my first full-scale section, only to discover that no trace of two of the smaller pieces could be found. (There were plenty of crumbs, but I suppose they don't count.)

It turned out that the requirement that three planes be cut through a doughnut necessitates not only care in cutting but very thorough provision against movement under pressure as successive cuts are made.

On my final doughnut, using steel skewers instead of toothpicks, I achieved complete success and obtained more pieces than I should but this was due to the fact that the hole was not very round.

A very thin hulu-hoop-shaped doughnut might make cutting easier but I have not seen any on sale, so this theory might be difficult to explore.

John Shuttleworth

I.C.W.A.

EASTER BALL

FRIDAY MARCH 2nd

CARBARET DISCO

BAR EXTENSION

Tickets now available from :

I.C. Union Office

I.C.W.A. Reps.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 23rd February

GIG

AFTER THE FIRE plus 64 spoons - 8.00 pm. Union Concert Hall. 75 p. I.C. Advance 1.00 pound Door.

FILM

I.C. FILM SOC - presents Prisoner of Second Avenue. 7.00 p.m. M.E. 220. Members Free. Non-members 20 p.

SUNDAY 25th February

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDS SOCCER SIXES - For more details contact C and G Union Office.

LONDON COLLEGE'S JUDO TOURNAMENT - 11.00. Great Hall. Spectators welcome. Admission Free.

MONDAY 26th February

CLUB ACTIVITY

LATIN AMERICAN WEEK - 12.45 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Chem. Eng. Dept. Talk about Venezuela.

EXPLORATION SOCIETY MEETING - 6 pm. Botany - Zoology Common Room. "The Royal Geographical Society Guong - Mulu Expedition" Clive Jermy, Botanist, British Museum (Natural History); Scientific Co-ordinator of the Expedition. This is the RGS's largest, longest, most productive and most diverse expedition.

COMMUNIST SOCIETY MEETING - on "SILICON CHIPS - The Sociological implications of their widespread use". 6.30 pm. ICWA Lounge, Union. All welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

I.C. PHOTSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Linstead Hall. Room 211.

TUESDAY 27th February

CLUB ACTIVITY

LATIN AMERICAN WEEK - 12.45 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, Chem. Eng. Dept. 20 p. Film: "The most painful hour" (Chile)

I.C. CHEM. SOC. - A talk by Dr. B.J. Tighe. 5.30 p.m. Chemistry Theatre "C". Subject - "Biomedical Polymers"

PARACHUTING COURSE - 6.30 - 9.30 pm. Union Lower Refectory. 33 pounds for beginners. Free if you trained but did not jump last year. Contact Jo Armitage (C and GU or Elec. Eng. 2) for details.

RAILSOC TALK - Mr. V. Goldberg on 'American Railways'. 17.40. Mech. Eng. 640. Everyone welcome.

MOPSOC LECTURE - by Prof. N.C. Wickramasinge (University of Cardiff) "Extraterrestrial Origins of Life". 1.15 p.m. Physics L.T.I.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE - "Malaria" by Dr. Bannister. 5.30 pm. Botany Seminar Room, 2nd floor. Free tea and biscuits.

GO CLUB - weekly meeting. 7 p.m. Southside Upper Lounge. Free to Members.

RIDING CLUB - Information, Bookings and ULU Riding Club News. 13.00 - 14.00. Electrical Engineering Dept. Room 1110. Level II. All welcome.

I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - Portrait Lighting - W.H. Chadwick A practical demo. 7.00 p.m. Quiet Room Sherfield Building.

MISCELLANEOUS

I.C. UNION GENERAL MEETING - 1.30 pm. Great Hall. Motions on Cannabis, Gay Rights, Union Policy and Tyrannical Clocks.

"MOTORBIKE CLUB" - I.C. Clubs and Societies Programme, Stoic Transmission. 13.00. JCR, Union, Southside Halls (Except Tizard) Southside Lower T.V. Lounge.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1. Chemical Engineering. Engineering in the Ancient World. 2. Roman Civil Engineering. Dr. Norman Smith, History of Science and Technology Department, Imperial College.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. The Edwardian Style. 3. The Edwardian Writer - H.G. Wells Don Jacobson, University College.

WEDNESDAY 28th February

CLUB ACTIVITY

LATIN AMERICAN WEEK - 12.45 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Chem. Eng. Dept. Talk about Academic Situation in Latin America (speaker: WUS).

LATIN AMERICAN WEEK - 18.30. Lecture Theatre 1. Chem. Eng. Dept. 20 p. Film: "The Double Day" (Latin American Women's Situation)

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - 12.30 p.m. ICWA Lounge. Judith Walker, First ICU Woman President, will speak to the group.

TENPIN BOWLING - Meet 2.30 in entrance to Aero (opp. Union Arch). Minibus to Tolworth. Handicap singles competition: 1st week.

RADIO SOCIETY MEETING - 2.15 p.m. R.S.M. 1.47. Talk by David Chapman (G3NGK): "Police Radio Systems". Non-members welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE OPTICS FILM - (1 hour 15 minutes duration). 1.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Blackett. Free. The enormously successful comedy film made by Optics Postgraduates for last year's Optics Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The essential film for all those who wonder what it is really like to do research. What goes on in a PhD exam? Why is the Black and Decker splattered with blood? Which lecturer wears plastic bin liners? Everyone very welcome.

THURSDAY 1st March

FILM

ENTS FILM - The Enforcer (Cert X). 6.30 p.m. Mech. Eng. 220. 30 p. Clint Eastwood. As Harry Callahan.

CLUB ACTIVITY

LATIN AMERICAN WEEK - 12.45 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Chem. Eng. Dept. Talk about Central America. Speaker: Hugh O'Shaughnessy.

PARACHUTING COURSE - 6.30 - 9.30 p.m. Union Dining Hall. 33 pounds for beginners. Free if you trained but did not jump last year. Contact Jo Armitage (C and GU or Elec. Eng. 2) for details.

MOPSOC LECTURE - by Prof. E.H. Bellamy. (Westfield College/Cern) "Structure of Elementary Particles". 1.15 p.m. Physics L.T. I.

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDS MOTOR CLUB - Econo-Run. For more details contact C and G Union Office.

SHEYNE LUCOCK ELECTION MEETING - 1 pm. Maths 340 (Huxley Building). All welcome.

"LUNCH BREAK" STOIC TRANSMISSION - 13.00 and 18.00 (except JCR) JCR, Union, Southside Halls (Except Tizard) Southside Lower TV Lounge.

I.C. PHOTSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15. Linstead Hall. Room 532.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. Conversion - Psychological or Spiritual? Dr. David Booth. Reader in Physiological Psychology, Birmingham. (arranged by IC Christian Union).

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. The Great Hall, Sherfield Building. Film: The Life that Lives on Man (BBC Horizon).

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. Lunch-hour concert Gerald Tolan (Guitar).

Social Cultural and Amusements Board

SCAB

FRIDAY

ENTS Concert. "After the Fire" and "64 spoons". 8.00 in the Union Concert Hall. Admission 75 p.

MONDAY

FOLK CLUB EVENING OUT. See Committee Member for Details of Venue and Starting Time.

WEDNESDAY

JAZZ CLUB present their Guests "Mary Conn and The Merchants", an unusual Jazz Rock Band. In Stans Bar 8.30 - 11.00, admission free.

THURSDAY

THE ENTS FILM, "The Encorcer" 6.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 220. Admission 30 p.

I.C. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT, Frank - Le Chasseur Maudit. Barber - Cello Concerto OP22. Beethoven - Symphony No. 5. 8.00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Admission 50 p. Tickets on door or from members.

FRIDAY

THE ENTS DISCO.

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machine, poisoned slowly to death whilst the outer layer of my skin is burned off over a period of more than an hour, or dragged out into the open, to have my head pulled off immediately to stop me crying, and tossed into a bucket along with a number of other dead heads and bodies. I think I would have quite strong feelings on the matter. The only difference is that I wouldn't be able to shout out, hit back, 'phone the police or write to my M.P. And that is what we - an allegedly civilised society - are taking advantage of.

The same article goes on to say "it should be the right of the woman to terminate her pregnancy, as it is the woman whose life is directly affected." What piffle! You mean it is the convenience of the woman that is affected; the only person whose life is affected is the child's - his right to life is being withdrawn. Why should a parent be given the right to kill a child because of convenience? It's not the child's fault - the mother and father chose to take the risk. Of course, you do not like the term child, you prefer "foetus" because that makes people think the thing in the womb is something vastly different. But are you aware that by the time most abortions take place the foetus is almost identical to a new born child except in minor details e.g. eyelashes (as mentioned above) and size?

The last bit of blind abortionist propaganda was thrown at us last

week by our "enlightened" president, who implies that it is disgusting for anyone to interfere with a woman's right to kill her own unborn children. She says that a woman should not be made to support a child during pregnancy against her will. Is Ms. Attenborough aware that we can easily use the same argument to say that affluent people should not be forced to support the poor or even be made to pay to keep the old, the sick and the handicapped from starvation. More so in this case, as it is not the fault of the taxpayer that others are in need. But in a civilised country we all accept the need to make sacrifices for the benefit of others who are in need. In the same way, it is incompatible with any civilised society to allow a woman to kill her children because of convenience.

I would like the readers finally to consider the following extract from Doctor J.C. Willke's "Handbook on Abortion". "For two millenium in our western culture, specifically protected by our laws, and deeply imprinted into the hearts of all men has existed the absolute value of honoring and protecting the right of each person to live. This has been an inalienable, and unequivocal right. The only exceptions have been that of balancing a life for a life in certain situations or by due process of law.

Our new permissive abortion laws represent a complete about-

face, a total rejection of one of the core values of western man, and an acceptance of a new ethic in which life has only a relative value. No longer will every human have an absolute right to live simple because he exists. Man will now be allowed to exist only if he measures up to certain standards of independence, physical perfection, or utilitarian usefulness to others. This is a momentous change that strikes at the root of western civilization.

It makes no difference to vaguely assume that human life is more human post-born than pre-born. What is critical is to judge it to be, or not to be, human life. By a measure of "more" or "less" human, one can easily and logically justify infanticide and euthanasia. By the measure of economic and/or social usefulness, the ghastly atrocities of

Hitlerian mass murders came to be. One cannot help but be reminded of the anguished comment of a condemned Nazi judge who said to an American judge after the Nuremburg trials: "I never knew it would come to this." The American judge answered simply: "It came to this the first time you condemned an innocent life."

The inescapable fact is that, regardless of the appealing slogans of "a woman's right to choose" or the misleading talk of "foetus" or "termination of pregnancy" or whatever, **abortionism is all about killing**, the unjustifiable slaughter of innocent, defenceless children in the interests of people who by their own voluntary actions have created the child in the first place.

Barry Austin

THIRD WORLD FIRST

Third World First works mainly with students, explaining and campaigning against the causes that lie behind world hunger, economic exploitation, and violations of human rights.

Their aims are "to publicise the facts of international poverty: to support the growing efforts of the poor to organise together to combat poverty and decide their own path of development; and to expose and oppose the interests of the rich and powerful who stand in their way". It all sounds very red-blooded stuff, but they do really undertake a lot of very worthwhile work. The following are two examples of the work of Third World First (3W1).

Argentina

"We shall kill as many as necessary to restore order" - so said General Videla in November 1975. Since March 24th 1976, when the military took power, he has carried out his threat. Thousands of people have been killed and imprisoned, and 15,000 have simply 'disappeared'.

Such repression, which the Junta must carry out if it is to succeed in its economic policies, has meant a drastic fall in living standards for the vast majority of Argentines, and the destruction of all organised opposition - whether trades unions, student organisations, or political parties. 3W1 is campaigning to add Britain's voice to the growing international condemnation of the gross violations of human and democratic rights in Argentina, and calling for: the implementation of a visa programme for political prisoners by the British government, an end to aid from international agencies, and a halt to the arms trade between Britain and Argentina.

Higher Education and Development

Many students are concerned about the problems of underdevelopment in the Third World:

unemployment, extreme poverty, exploitation of labour, etc. But the desire to 'do something about it' often ignores the fact that their own college, which so liberally allows the time and resources to carry out such action, is itself helping to perpetuate inequalities in the Third World and in Britain. 3W1 has already begun some research and action on these issues, and some preliminary talking points include: - Who funds military and other research in colleges, and why? Why is so little money spent on research into alternative technology? Why the lack of activity in the student movement on international issues? Why does the NUS only have policy on Chile and South Africa?

If you would like to know more about Third World First, then contact me via the Union Office.

Sheyne Lucock

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED

As I said in FELIX a few weeks ago, if our Tuition Fee Campaign fails it will be more due to student apathy than the strength or otherwise of our case. The chances are that most people reading this will not be affected by the fee increases, because your fees are paid by someone else. But spare a thought, if you will, to those of your colleagues, who may well suffer financial hardship as a result. We still urgently need people to take part in the lobby-a-day and the speak-in. The latter is at Speakers' Corner **this Sunday (25th Feb.)**, so please come along and take part - (we've prepared a set speech to read) - especially if you can speak a foreign language. Ideally, pop into the Union Office and see Jen today, but if not, just come along on Sunday - any time.

Sheyne Lucock
External Affairs Officer



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SPONSORED 24 HOUR WALL-WASH

While the minds of almost everyone else in College were turned to romance (and all that that entails!) on Valentine's Day the members of I.C. Rugby Club had their minds on other dirty things - i.e. washing the walls in the Union Building.

So at noon we all gathered to begin the ghastly ordeal and trooped up to the Table Tennis room.

With just twenty minutes gone Ray Parkinson showed all his skill as a cleaner when he came down his ladder surveying the good work only to step straight into a bucket of detergent. So now we know he has at least one clean sock!

After this things went relatively smoothly and we were making an excellent impression on the walls with our detergent and acetone for the graffiti and dirtier spots.

Now a note for all those who scribble on walls. For future scribbling do not use indelible felt tip markers (unless it's green as this appears to come off more easily) - but stick to normal ink or pencil!

One gets a fairly good impression of peoples' extreme political views while doing things like this and notices such as "Down with the fascist regime of the Shah" and "No to NF" seemed particularly prevalent. If these people spent more time airing their views through the usual channels rather than wasting our time and their felt tip ink everything would have been easier for us. (No political comment is intended here and the above notices are only examples!).

Rather than give a wall to wall account of each room in the building I will just mention two that were of particular interest.

During Wednesday evening we tackled the Union Refectory and were amazed at the grime on the walls. I just hope everybody appreciates how much cleaner it is now - and if they don't we have left an uncleaned square on one wall to illustrate just what it was like originally.

The most amusing event came at about 2 am in the gym. Steve Townsend had placed himself precariously on top of the basketball nets to clean high up

and someone removed his ladder (the only way down). Then everyone proceeded to chuck sopping wet rags at him - and even a bucket of water! Needless to say when he finally jumped down he found a bucket and drenched both Robin Davies and Ronnie Howard!

And so at noon the next day the saga finished and we surveyed the clean walls - a job well done we thought.

It is too early yet to say how much we raised but it should be quite a tidy amount.

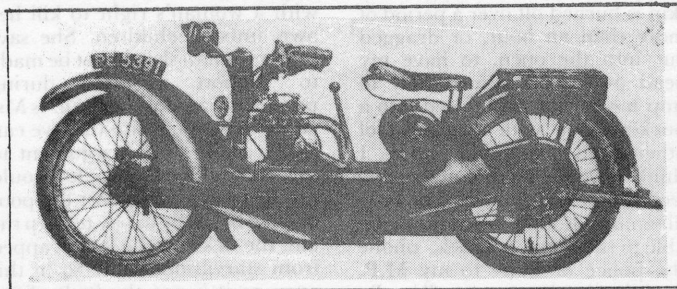
Our reason for a wall-wash? We wanted to do something original and this was certainly that. All those who use the Union Buildings will benefit as well as the Rag Collection, to which half the proceeds will be given. The rest is going to help pay for the rugby club Easter Tour.

So at the end of the day this was a really successful event enjoyed by all those who took part.

Thanks to the members of the club and to Ray Parkinson for arranging it.

"Turnip"

NER-A-CAR...BUT NOT FAR FROM A BIKE!



In 1925 a mere (?) £60 would have bought you a model 'C' Ner-a-Car, pictured above, "So what?" I hear you cry, alright then mumble. Well in 1979 Guilds have been given one, tax free!

It's not quite in the same condition as the one in the photo, in fact it's in a couple of hundred bits, (anybody seen Clem. and Jez.?) but it will be back on the road by the turn of the century, God willing. It has been dormant for several years since it had a front end smash. It was rescued by Roger Serpell, who intended to restore it but never found the time, who has now given it to us.

Only about a dozen Ner-a-Cars still exist, four of which are model 'C', only one of these four is running.

What the press said:

The Clarion: "In the model 'C' Ner-a-Car the Sheffield Simplex Company have produced something which will give all the speed a sane man can desire, plus the riding comfort and safety which make the Ner-a-Car famous.

The new Blackburne engined Ner-a-Car is probably the finest example of two wheeled comfort in the world."

Powered by a Blackburne 350 c.c. side valve engine, with a Sturmey Archer 3-speed gearbox, the Ner-a-Car has all the usual features of a Vintage motorcycle; acetylene lighting, throttle lever instead of throttle grip, hand gear change, total loss oil system and no rear suspension. But the real oddity of the Ner-a-Car is the hub-steering system (Wallis are the only other firm that has produced Hub-steered road machines). This hub-steering and the chassis instead of a frame give the design its name.

The design speed of the model 'C' was 55 mph. and at speeds like that it is best to bear in mind the fact that both foot and hand brakes operate on the rear wheel only.

What the Owners said!

"It gives me great pleasure to express my satisfaction with your Blackburne engined model 'C'.

I took the machine on a holiday run to Edinburgh and back. It climbed everything in top gear and the cost for oil and petrol was 11/10d.

I had no occasion to open my tool bag or make any adjustment whatever, and on wet roads and tram lines the model 'C' is quite as safe as your earlier models, and the extra weight is hardly noticeable.

After three years of riding on Ner-a-Cars I consider your model 'C' absolutely it".

This bike with its foot wide mudguard and totally enclosed transmission was aimed at sales to the upper classes, among the riders of Ner-a-Cars were the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Bective and the Duchess of Marlborough.

The Ner-a-Car was produced by the Sheffield Simplex Co., Canbury Park Road, Kingston on Thames from 1919 to 1926 when the firm suddenly closed down. Perhaps there weren't enough Earls to go round.

Andy Rushton

DEBATE ON STOIC

Those of you who missed the showing on STOIC, of the Programme on Debating Society with scenes of violent discussion from the debate on "The Campaign for Homosexual Equality", please read on.

The speakers for the motion that "The House Supported" the campaign were Bob Rigby and Roy Burns. They stressed the circumstances of the oppression of Gays and the aims of the campaign.

Speaking against the motion were Shlomo Godsfi and Dave

Haddon.

Dave quoted from the good book, though he denied that he believed in God, just the Bible!

The speeches provoked further discussion from the floor to prove that the crowds weren't just there because of the camera.

After a summing up speech from Shlomo and Roy, the camera and crew left for the safety of the S.T.O.I.C. Studio. The campaign has proved it had overwhelming support.

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Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 14th

U.S. Diplomats attacked

American prestige in Iran and Afghanistan suffered setbacks when American embassies were attacked. In Teheran, the embassy was ransacked by Marxist guerrillas and its occupants were rescued by militia loyal to the Ayatollah Khomeini. The American Ambassador to Afghanistan died when security forces stormed a hotel room where he was being held by a terrorist gang demanding the release of prisoners held by the pro-Moscow regime.

Maudling dies

Reginald Maudling died from kidney failure and haemorrhages. Mrs. Thatcher, in a personal tribute said he "brought to politics one of the most brilliant minds of his generation". Mr. Callaghan said: "He never bore malice and he was always ready to think well of his opponents as well as to defend his friends."

W H Smith ban Thorpe hearing book

W H Smith, the newsagents and booksellers, has banned the paperback, "The Thorpe Committal", for "legal reasons". A spokesman said, "In the opinion of our legal advisers the book is calculated to prejudice a fair trial."

Thursday 15th

Russian students protest over sex rules

A recent issue of the Soviet Union's Young Communist League newspaper publishes a lament for the love-life of Russian students.

Soviet universities abound with old-fashioned regulations, including hostel room inspections. Married girls at a hostel in Rostov University could invite their husbands to their rooms, but only for an hour a day, and never during the night. Western students attending universities in the Soviet Union say most of them are just as permissive as in the West, and that the rules are usually ignored.

A British post-graduate student said, "It just seems more immoral because of the lack of privacy." She had her own room at her hostel in England but at a Russian provincial university she shared with three other girls, whose boy friends usually stayed the night.

Western students speak of the warmth and camaraderie of Russian student life, and to the survival of love in a cold and bureaucratic climate.

Tutankhamun hits North America

Tutankhamun, the Boy King, the most celebrated former resident of Thebes and the Valley of Kings, has inspired a giant shopping spree by his admirers in New York.

Americans admit to spending more time at a Tutankhamun gift shop than at the exhibition that has been staged at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The sale of official Tut reproductions has grossed 7 million pounds profits which will be sent to the Cairo Museum and other beneficiaries.

Friday 16th

Generals executed in Iran

Six men, five of them generals, were executed after trials by Islamic courts in Iran. At least 20 other people have been condemned to death, and many more people face trial.

Concordat team set up

A small group of senior ministers will have the job of making the concordat between the labour party and the unions more than just a document. It consists of the Chancellor, Mr. Healey; Mr. Foot, Leader of the house, and three other ministers.

Blessing saves ex-MP

A former Conservative MP "arrested" by Transkei security police said a last prayer and blessed his captors, who said they were going to shoot him. Mr. Humphrey Berkeley said his would-be assassins thought he had cast a spell over them and they fled!

Saturday 17th

Ireland beat England at rugby

The final score was Ireland 12 pts, England 7 pts. The game, played at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, lacked excitement. Ireland's captain, Fergus Slattery said he was never alarmed when England were in possession. They were not, he stated with chilling truth, dangerous.

England have only taken 1 pt. from their last two games and lie fourth in the International Table.

Wales just lose against France

France 14 pts, Wales 13 pts was the final score. The difference of only 1 pt could have been much greater because France outplayed Wales but made hard work of capitalising on their advantage. Wales stay top of International Table with 4 pts from 3 games.

Birmingham student wins National Cyclo-Cross

Chris Wreghitt retained his National Open Cyclo-Cross Championship at Sutton Coldfield. 100 competitors had to cope with snow-covered and iced-up slopes of Sutton Park.

Sunday 18th

Russia warns China to withdraw from Vietnam

China occupied border towns in Vietnam in what Peking called "a limited punitive act" to avenge the Hanoi 'atrocities'. The Kremlin warned China to withdraw its forces from Vietnam or face the consequences.

The Soviet Union said it would honour its treaty of friendship with Hanoi. The treaty commits the two countries "in the case of attack or the threat of attack" to immediate

consultation "for the purpose of removing that threat and taking appropriate effective measures to ensure the peace and security of their countries".

Third World War forecast

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian author who is living in exile in the USA, forecast that a third world war will begin. He blamed both Russian and Western statesmen.

He said, "We are clearly moving towards a world war, yet Western Statesmen deceive themselves that we are moving towards detente."

FA consider a switch to summer soccer

Fixture chaos due to the postponement of hundreds of football matches has prompted the FA to consider the idea of a March to November season. Cricket and other summer games will vigorously campaign against further encroachment on their calendar by soccer.

Monday 19th

Sale of British Harriers to China delayed

The fighting between China and Vietnam threatened to delay the sale of British Harrier jump jets to Peking as part of a trade package deal. Mr. Callaghan faced Left-wing pressure not to sell the Harriers.

Duke leaves 500 million fortune

The fifth Duke of Westminster, whose family fortune, estimated at 500 million pounds, probably ranks second only to that of the Queen, died peacefully today.

The new Duke, Earl Grosvenor, spoke of his responsibilities for the estates which include Belgravia and Mayfair. Although he is only 27 he has already controlled much of the family wealth.

Student Union funding talks open today

The Government wants student unions to be more directly accountable for the 14 million pounds spent on them out of ratepayers' and taxpayers' money. They want to see a system introduced, under which a minimum per capita fee of 15 - 20 pounds would be paid to institutions by local authorities. The universities and colleges would have to negotiate any extra amount with students.

Tuesday 20th

China prepared for Russian border attacks

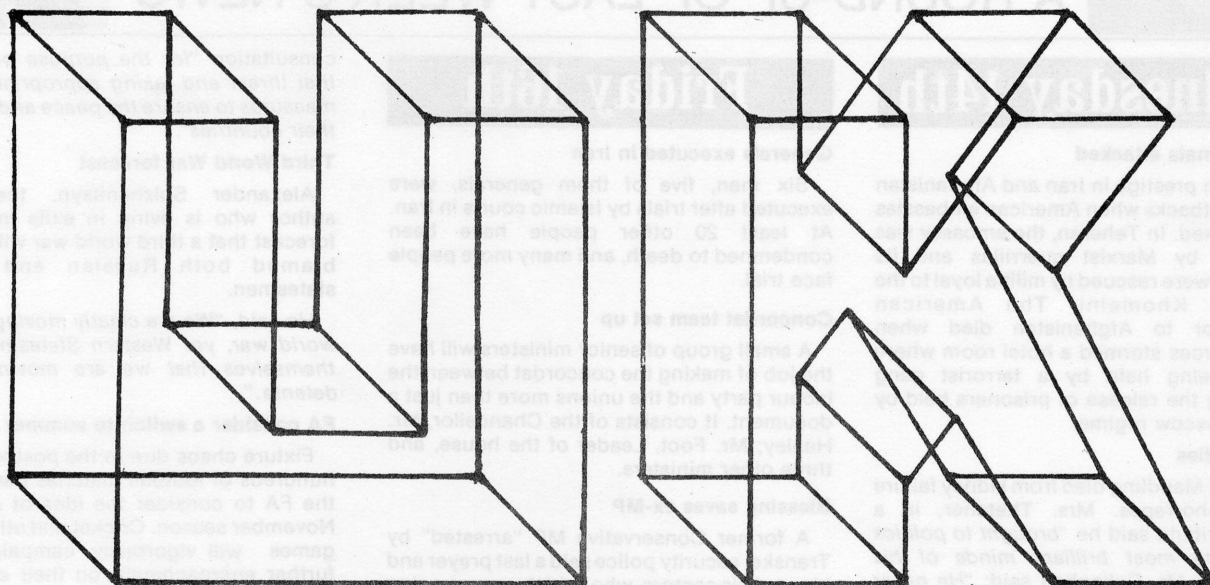
Chinese officials told foreigners at a briefing that Soviet reaction to the conflict in Vietnam might range from threats to attacks across the border. He also said that the "limited" combat with the Vietnamese would end very soon.

No premium bond draw as Ernie strikes

Weekly and monthly premium bond prize draws will be halted by an indefinite strike of 60 Civil service Computer operators at Lytham St. Anne's Lincs. The strike begins on February 23rd.

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DISCRETION- The Better Part of?

Most British IC students probably think that their mandatory grant award from their local education authority (LEA) is certain; and that at the start of each term (and, more usually, later) a cheque will appear in Sheffield. Generally, this is the case. However many are liable to be subject to the "discretion" of their LEA, often leading to hassles, particularly financial.

The most common occurrence of discretionary awards for IC students is for those who have to retake a year. The recent tightening of public finances has meant that it is now even more difficult to obtain LEA backing for a retake year, with the result that many have to beg finance from parents, work through their course, or even drop out. Of course, LEA finance for retaking is subject to College academic reports, but there are some who are considered suitable by the College, but are unable to return due to lack of money.

The other major victims at IC of the discretion of LEAs are those whose homes are in the London area, but who prefer to live away from home. In such cases, when the LEA considers that a student could reasonably commute from home every day, only a home grant is awarded. Such a decision is "at the discretion" of the LEA and is based upon their opinion of the particular circumstances. Of course, their interpretation of the situation may be wrong so, if you are one of those affected, it is well worth getting in touch with your Local Education Officer.

The DES has admitted that in 1977-78 local authorities underspent their budgets on discretionary awards by £23 million. If you hold a discretionary award and are unhappy about the decision, it is worth checking whether your LEA underspent last year. If so, it will add weight to your argument. The next step is to write to your Local Education Officer, and if this approach does not bring satisfactory results, try your local councillor. It will also help if you could let me know of any grant's problems you may have and of what progress you achieve in trying to sort them out.

Tim Hillyer

External Affairs Committee

Election Elk

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Well you all came - despite a complete lack of anything erotic (excepting me of course) at the UGM on 13th Feb. It was great - it remained quorate through the whole length of the meeting. However you have not escaped yet - due to the backlog of motions that we seem to have gathered over the past term and a half, an extra UGM has been called on **27th February** (Shrove Tuesday) to try and deal with all the motions left over - Cannabis, Gay Rights, Victimisation of Celts. Although I can't promise anything erotic (excluding me) I'll try to be even more erotic than usual, and display my naked kneecaps.

Elections

Well we're really into election fever now and to confuse you further about all the ones going on I'll say **i) Dep Reps** I'm not sure exactly how many departments are going to have elections for these, for at the time of writing I still haven't heard from all the Dep. Reps, but if there is an election it will take place on Monday (26th) by ballot box for the whole of the day. **ii) Sabbatical Officers** (yes, Deputy President is now also a sabbatical). Papers are up for this now. Need I say more? **iii) Other Officers** e.g. External Affairs Off., Welfare Off. etc. Papers for these posts go up on **Thursday 1st March** and stay up for 8 college days. The hustings and elections occur at the Results UGM on Thursday 15th March (not a college wide ballot). Well there you go, all you wanted to know about elections but were afraid to ask. So there.

Pancakes (Celtic ones)

On Tuesday (which you should know is Shrove Tuesday) we have the arrival ICU Exec. vs. ICWA Pancake race around the quad, which by coincidence happens to clash with the annual testing of the fire hoses in the Union Building. I hope everybody will be there to support the glorious exec. team as it fights the ICWA oppressors. We're using Celtic pancakes this year and not vile Anglo-Saxon ones that have been used before. After the pancakes, I hope everybody comes along to the extra UGM in the Great Hall at note 1.30 pm, and fight discrimination against Gay, Cannabis - using Celts.

Well folks, that's all for this week, more literary genius next week.

Mel Kinkie

ICU Hon. Sec.

Speakers' Corner, Academic Affairs and Stanley Kubrick or Getting Down and Getting Hon...

The Spring term is always the busy time for the holder of my post. With a string of college and union committees this has certainly rung true, once again.

In this article I hope to bring you up to date with some of the main spheres of our interest and some of the decisions made. Lastly I will then go on to describe the jobs of the Academic Affairs Officers of college.

Undergraduate Applicants

The figures for undergraduate applicants as of 31st January, show that there has been a slight fall in the numbers of applicants to RCS and RSM and an increase in the number of applicants to C and G.

Of the disciplines at IC there has been nationally substantial increases in applications for Aero (11%), Civ Eng (6%), EE (17%), Mech Eng (10%), Computing Courses (55%), Biology (7%) and Physics (9%).

Elitism or flexible?

Of major interest at a recent Admissions Policy Comm. meeting was a suggestion that the college sets up a scheme as operating in 5 Oxford Colleges for the admission of Science candidates.

Basically it is this. The ILEA will pay for special tuition for a pupil who has been accepted to one of the colleges with lower grades. Pupils for Inner London Schools are chosen on the basis of showing scientific academic ability. After an interview the colleges will give some a conditional offer. This conditional offer is lower than the normal level of ABB at a level of BCC. Thus the candidate, even though his school might not have the reputation of getting Oxbridge places now has the incentive to work.

This scheme is designed to generate motivation in selected schools and create opportunities for London pupils who are not on the receiving end of an education to match their ability.

The committee noted the thinking behind the scheme but saw **i)** that two C's, the entry requirement in most depts is a realistic goal for anyone **ii)** the danger of a "special" arrangement with one area. Yet they accepted the Union's view that what was needed was such a selecting procedure and special consideration of such candidates. This

means that these candidates are unlikely, I trust, to be rejected before an interview. It is this shift from the emphasis on past exam results and background to academic ability that the Union is working for.

Late Night Study

For those who have found the new, earlier, closing of the Lyon Playfair library inconvenient - good news. From now on if you wish to study late, Room 327, a Committee Room in the Sheffield Block, is available for use any weekday between 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. However, I should add that you are asked to comply with two conditions. Firstly, as you enter the Sheffield Block sign in with the security guard and be able to show him your Union Card. Secondly, no food or drink should be taken into the room.

A Year of Academic Affairs

Papers are up and flying everywhere for the jobs of ICU Academic Affairs Officer and the 3 CCU Academic Affairs Officers. All very, very important jobs and need very much to be done by people with drive, continual concern and imagination. All 4 chair large committees, sit on Council and the supreme Board of Studies. Thus their contacts should spread from Academic reps, to dep reps, to Union Executives, to heads of departments right to the very top. An active AAO instills a continual advancement of student interest and thinking. On the other hand, a person who just "fills" the post causes a stagnation. If you think you have what it takes, see the current holder of the particular post. (Bob Hart C and G, Steve Ruane RCS, Keith Barker RSM and myself IC).

Very briefly a little about ICU AAO. I have shown it to be more than just editing the Alternative Prospectus and doing 1001 other connected jobs. Much time is spent preparing for committee meetings, writing reports and letters and talking policy. Put simply it's a one-man Academic Affairs Office; what you don't do no one else is likely to do. It needs a good working relationship with a lot of people, a sense of beaurocracy and organisation, a lot of determination, ideas, and a personality that allows you to become concerned about a multitude of topics. Do come and see me, I should hate a lot of good progress this year to be wasted.

Roger Stotesbury

ICU Academic Affairs Officer

LOOKING BACK...

Last summer, while returning home, I travelled by ferry from Liverpool to Belfast. Not having previously booked a berth, I registered on board and waited. Eventually, I managed to obtain a berth in a four man cabin. Retiring late, I did not see my fellow cabinmates.

I slept soundly, except for two occasions when I was woken by the restlessness of the traveller in the bunk opposite me. Both times I rolled over and crashed into oblivion.

In the morning, I exchanged cursory nods with the other three occupants and continued about my business. I went up on deck to catch a breath of fresh sewer outlet and play moving target for the seagulls. Returning to the cabin, two of the three had gone to breakfast. The third one was just finishing shaving.

'Morning,' he said.

'Hi.'

'Your first tour?'

'?????'

'First tour in Ulster?' he repeated.

'Oh, no, I live there,' I said.

'Oh.'

'Your first time?'

'Yess. I'm a bit worried about it. I didn't get much sleep last night.'

'Well, it's never as bad as it sounds,' I said, lying through my back teeth. What *could* I say to him? Join the Army, see the world, be posted to Crossmaglen and enjoy the best laxative known to man?

Barely eighteen he was, just past basic training. I never asked of him where he was going or who he was. Nor he of me.

We chatted about the cricket results, the weather, fishing and all sorts of other trivia. We moaned about the cost and standard of Sealink breakfasts. We left the ship together. At the terminal he went to the military exit.

'Seeya,' he said.

'Good luck,' I said, as I plodded to the civilian exit. I remembered then, that I had meant to tell him about the excellent fishing country to be found in South Armagh. But then, I reckoned he would not have much time for fishing. He probably would not be anywhere near South Armagh anyway. Even if he was, he would certainly not be there to catch fish.

I will never know what happened to that young private soldier. Just eighteen, built like a tank, and scared. Wouldn't you be? Going to fight a war of shadows, where you cannot shoot except under circumstances decided by your Commanding Officer, where every smile may conceal a gun or knife, where every car might explode without warning, where just doing your job makes you a likelier target for a sniper's bullet. Wouldn't you be scared? And frustrated?

There is a saying that when Terence O'Neill (Prime Minister of Northern Ireland during the sixties) attended society functions in England during his premiership and was introduced, a diplomatic 'Who?' was the first reaction. On reply to this the next comment was 'Where?' Of course, that type of reaction may have been due solely to the man that Terence O'Neill was; however I am not so sure.

Until the current speight of unrest, the government of Northern Ireland was of little concern to Westminster. Parliament had little say in the affairs of the Province, preferring to behave as the ultimate absentee

landlord. Northern Ireland was governed by a perpetual one-party system of Unionist control. The Unionists, a combination of descendants of the nobility and hard line reactionaries, maintained their position, not by repressive legislation as such, but by a mixture of rigging election boundaries to their advantages (gerrymandering), allowing, under certain circumstances determined by property ownership, one person to have more than one vote to cast, by propagating the old adage of 'divide and rule', and in a country where jobs and housing have always been acute problems, keeping tight control of both their allocation.

Usually the 'Catholic Nationalist' minority got the raw end of the deal, being seen by nobility and majority alike as a potential threat to their comfy niche and their freedom of worship (that is, those of the majority who were really concerned about religion).

In the end, demands for Civil Rights became louder and louder. 'Brits Out' and 'Irish Unity' were not the immediate war cries in 1968. What was wanted badly was electoral reform, and fair allocation of jobs and housing. The IRA had not yet reappeared, having had little success with their previous campaign in the late fifties, and often Westminster was looked to as the saviour from the stagnation of fifty years of Unionist indifference and misrule. The CR Movement was a just and deserved cause. However, it went sour.

Reactionary 'Protestants', believing that any electoral reform weakened their position, and opened the door to unity with the South a little wider, responded with violence. In (London) derry, notorious for appalling housing, unemployment, and gerrymandering, a peaceful CR march was disrupted by 'Protestant' thugs. Events rapidly escalated into rioting, counter-rioting and razing of whole streets to the ground. Within days the country was poised on the brink of civil war. The Royal Ulster Constabulary could no longer control the street mobs. Protestant and Catholic clergy and moderates pleaded with Westminster to intervene. The Unionist heirarchy, now anxious for some sort of law and order to return, asked for the military to

be sent in to keep the hard men of both sides apart. In the end British troops arrived in a peace keeping role.

The attacks and riots upon 'Catholic' estates by 'Protestant' gangs, gave the IRA the opportunity to appear as the peoples' police. Support grew for them in these areas, not because of their ultimate political aspirations, but because of their appearance as the only means of defence. Once the IRA had gained the confidence and support of the people, they were able to move against their real targets.

Fired, as they always had been, by the watery-eyed romanticism of appearing as freedom-fighters, they gradually moved from the defensive to the offensive. Quickly forgetting the original reasons for the troops being in Northern Ireland, they launched bomb attacks on anything that they considered to be "part of the British war machine" - shops, cinemas, pubs, banks. Soldiers and police were automatic targets. The intention was, and is, to bomb and shoot all trace of Britain out of the North-East quarter of Ireland. Once the remnant of imperialism had gone, the next step was a 32 country Socialist Republic.

This is how I remember the current unrest beginning. Since then, there have been many attempts by successive British Governments to find an instant solution. That in itself is a gross error of judgement. In a country where memories are long, and fear of the other half remains for generations on end, any solution must be arrived at over a long period of time. Also, no solution can be imposed from Westminster. It must be arrived at in Northern Ireland itself. But with no competent politicians, with nothing better than skilled rabble-rousers for representatives, there would seem little hope of useful political activity occurring.

That private soldier should have completed two tours by now - perhaps three. I am sure he is still as confused as he was when I met him. I am not surprised. I am quite confused myself as to why some Irish don't have a cause, but are prepared to fight anybody in support of it.

David Crabbe

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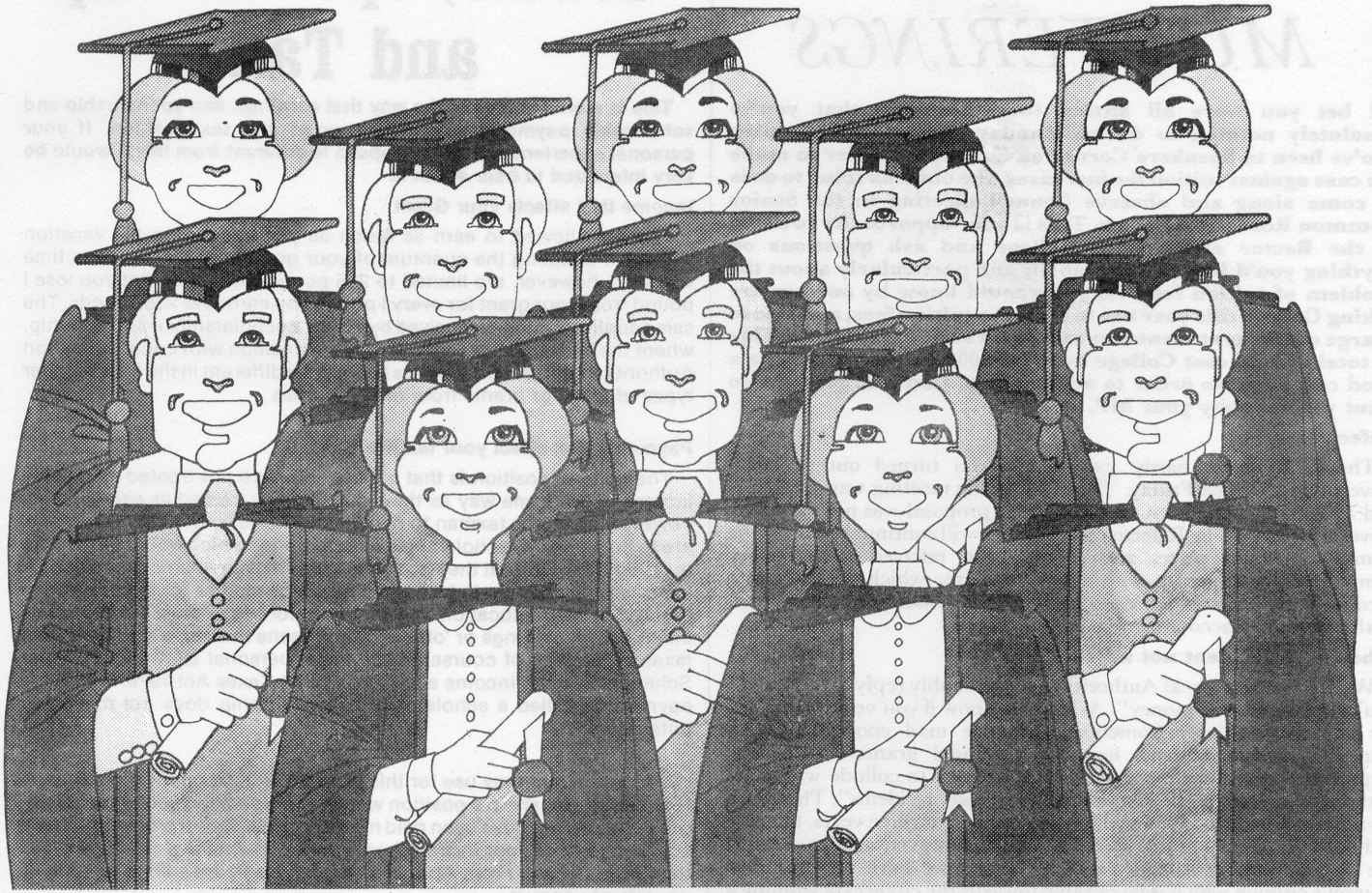
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MARY'S MUTTERINGS

I bet you were all sitting there thinking that you've absolutely nothing to do on Monday evenings. Well, after you've been to Speakers' Corner on Sunday, in order to make the case against tuition fee increases, the obvious thing to do is to come along and observe Council meeting in the Senior Common Room at 6 o'clock. This is your opportunity to listen to the Rector of Imperial College and ask questions on anything you'd like to know about and particularly about the problem of tuition fees. As you should know by now we are asking College this year not to increase tuition fees, and also to charge overseas students the same rate as home students. This in total should cost College over £400,000, so we need quite a good campaign in order to achieve this. Don't forget we also want you to lobby your MP.

Refectories

Thanks to those hardy individuals who turned out to lobby Governing Body last Friday. The result of the meeting was not half as bad as it could have been, and the worst proposal was not passed by Governing Body. The Refectory Committee will continue to discuss the termly review of prices and it has been referred to Refectory Committee to come up with a new regulator which will take into account both food cost increases and other increases on a regular basis to the Refectory accounts.

When is a Resident not a Resident?

Well, if you're a Local Authority you'd probably reply to this "when you're trying to save money". As you will know if you've been reading my column regularly (somebody must be mad enough), several Imperial College students have been refused grants because the Department of Education and Science decided to collude with local authorities to change the definition of "ordinary residents". Therefore, even though people have lived in this country for three years, they are still not able to get a grant. Michael Arthur, however, may have saved the day by writing a legal paper on which we have now received counsel's opinion which is favourable towards the chances of winning a case against a local authority. If we succeed, our one small Union will have defeated the entirety of the Education authority's bureaucracy!

Extra Union meeting

As you might have noticed from last week's issue, I have called an extra Union meeting for **next Tuesday, the 27th, at 1.30 p.m. in the Great Hall**. That is at a later time in order not to clash with the Pancake Race, which is an Imperial College annual tradition.

Motions on the agenda include cannabis and gay rights, to say nothing of a late addition of one campaigning against tyrannical clocks, calling for the ending of discrimination against all Celts. See you then.

Mary Attenborough
President, IC Union

Education & Apartheid

On Thursday 8th the Imperial College Committee on Overseas Students invited Sir Robert Birley to speak on the controversial subject of 'Education and Apartheid' in South Africa. Sir Robert, who is one of the leading educationalists in this country, was in South Africa for three years as Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Witwatersand.

He began by giving a few facts on South Africa. Of its population 72% are Africans, 16.75% Whites, 9% Coloureds, and 2.25% Asians. The South African Government came into power in 1948 and in 1953 the Bantu Education Policy was introduced and students were segregated by colour. He went on to explain how most of South Africa's economy depended on migrant labour and how these labourers had to leave their families behind and work in South Africa for a number of years, as they were not allowed to bring them with them.

He went on to say that in the Primary school there were about 3.5 million Africans, which is about 91.4%, and in contrast only about 14% in Secondary schools. Sir Robert explained this by quoting a South African industrialist who had said that they had to teach the Africans to read and write so that they could read and understand notices and

instructions in factories where they were required to work. Very little science was taught and the South African history that was taught was completely distorted and the African children, who did not believe any of it, had to learn it in order to pass examinations. The teacher, pupil ratio for white students is 1:20 and for black students it is 1:52. The per capita

Grants, Sponsorship and Tax

This is a brief survey of the way that earnings, and sponsorship and scholarship payments affect your grant and tax position. If your personal experience of what happens is different from this, I would be very interested to hear about it.

Income that affects your Grant

You are allowed to earn as much as you like during the vacation without it affecting the quantum of your grant entitlement. Term time earnings, however, are limited to 235 pounds and after that you lose 1 pound from your grant for every 1 pound you earn over 235 pounds. The same applies to money received by way of a scholarship or sponsorship, where the limit is 500 pounds. This is the position with Local Education Authority undergraduate grants but may be different in the case of other types of grant or grants from other sources.

Payments that affect your tax position

The general position is that scholarships are not treated as taxable income in the same way as the L.E.A. grant is treated as exempt. It is, however, up to the taxman to decide whether or not certain payments are to be treated as scholarships or as earnings which would be liable to taxation. The way that they do this is to say that payments over a certain fixed value are too big to be treated purely as monies for the purpose of assistance with education and that therefore they must be treated as income from earnings or 'offices'. This means that the whole lot is then taxable (subject, of course, to the usual personal allowances) under Schedule E of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970. Whether a payment is called a scholarship or sponsorship does not make any difference.

The figure that they use for this purpose is 2000 pounds per annum. However, if you are in a position where, had you been getting an S.R.C. grant, you would have been paid more than this, then the exemption will apply so long as your income from your sponsorship does not exceed this S.R.C. figure. From April of this year the figure will go up to 3000 pounds per annum.

Sometimes a sponsorship is given on the understanding that you will work for your sponsor during the vacations. If this is the case, that part of the money which can be attributed to the work that you do for your sponsor will count as earnings and be potentially taxable.

Accommodation

We are stepping up advertising for offers of accommodation and so hope to have a few more places than usual to offer. How about a house for five in SW16, or a flat in Wandsworth with one twin-bedded bedroom, livingroom, kitchen etc. for 30 pounds per week? Contact the Welfare Centre for these and many (well, a few) more.

Hamlet Gardens

Last Friday, at a meeting in Hammersmith Town Hall, some tenants from Hamlet Gardens decided to set up a Resident's Association. This is really designed to help those other than occupants of college flats (who have their own negotiating machinery through college). Most of those present at the meeting were not I.C. students. It is hoped, however that those of you who live in Hamlet Gardens will lend your support to this scheme, since, without support, it won't get very far! The initial objects of the Association are to explore the position as to Security of Tenure and Fair Rents and to assist in matters between individual tenants and the landlord. The Chairlady of the Association is Liz Hebblethwaite who is at I.C. If you want more information about what the Association can do for you, you should contact Liz, who lives in **Flat 20, Hamlet Gardens**.

Michael Arthur,
Welfare Adviser

expenditure for white students is R 644, and R 41.80 for black students.

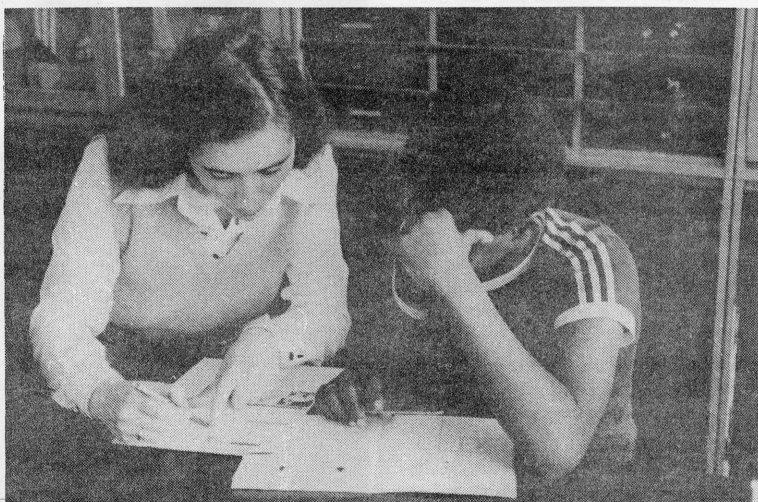
Commenting on the political awareness of the students, Sir Robert said that most of the English speaking Universities were against the government, and its policies. Due to people like Steve Biko, a medical student who was the leader of the Black

consciousness movement, the African students are very much more certain of their political aims and are determined to achieve it. In conclusion he stated that the African students were very much more intelligent than they are made out to be and are determined to achieve their political objectives one way or another.

S. Dilipkumar

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Elec. Eng. Bldg. 12.50 - 13.15 Tue. 27 February

REVIEWS

FILMS

Too Many Chefs (A)

Too Many Chefs is a half-baked comedy-thriller that was poorly directed. The film started as if silent movie custard pie slapstick would be served up throughout. Lovers of whipped cream fights will enjoy watching gallons of sticky gook showering around the set. Gradually the director seemed to get bored with slapstick and tried to make a comedy - thriller by using old jokes and a "who dunnit?" format.

The gourmet, Maximillian Vandervere (Robert Morley) featured the "perfect meal" in his magazine. Chefs throughout Europe prepared their most famous creations for each stage of the meal and the Maximillian was glad to eat anything they served up.

Gradually the top chefs featured in the magazine are murdered in the style of their creations. All very absorbing but after the third murder the plot became predictable.

Natasha (Jacqueline Bisset) realises that there is a pattern to the killings and she is the next on the list. The viewer is encouraged to suspect one gourmet after the first murder only to be contradicted as the story continues. The true murderer ... in typical "who dunnit" tradition is the person one always overlooks. By the time the identity is revealed the urge to hurry home for a good meal after sitting through two hours of watching food becomes more relevant than puzzling out who was the murderer.

The film was directed in the style of the



Natasha O'Brien (Jacqueline Bisset) prepares her special dessert Bombe

1960's, but the swinging sixties jet set image destroys the film. Robert Morley and the delicious Jacqueline Bisset hold the film together but the production team deserve to be thrown in the whipped cream for their poor performance.

Colin Palmer

"Interiors"

Showing at the Gate (Notting Hill), "Interiors" is Woody Allen's new "serious" film. It is written and directed by him though, unlike his earlier films, he doesn't appear in it himself.

The film is about a middle-class American family dominated by Eve, a depressive intellectual, and her 3 daughters (one of whom is played by Diane Keaton) whom she deeply influenced. Eve's husband leaves her, supposedly for a trial separation, returning with Pearl, a divorcee, who is the direct opposite of Eve. The film shows Eve's (and her daughters') reactions to Pearl, who eventually becomes their stepmother.

The structure of the film is similar to other Allen films: a series of separate scenes not necessarily in chronological order, but nevertheless easy to follow. All the scenes are beautifully arranged and filmed especially the one where Eve arrives at her ex-husband's wedding to Pearl. An almost overwhelmingly powerful scene, it is a very moving climax to the film, producing an awe-inspired silence from the audience. The relations between various members of the family, portrayed with telling detail, all rang true but were perhaps too open: no feelings at all were hidden. As a result there was hardly any light conversation at all until Pearl arrived to give Eve's daughters, in effect, a "culture shock". This, the scene where Pearl was introduced to two of the daughters, was brilliantly funny. It made the "tone" of the film much lighter, and it was only then that you realised how good the preceding part had been.

Having felt vaguely dissatisfied with Allen's earlier films, apart from the excellent "Annie Hall", I think this is easily his best film to date. Despite its serious nature this is probably more accessible than his comedy films: the humour is much sharper and more controlled. In this film Allen shows his true class as a director, which has not been as apparent in his earlier films. Though not as superficially exciting as some of the blockbuster films on at the moment, it is probably one of the best films showing in London. Go and see it, it won't hurt, honest.

David McMahon (Physics 3)

There won't be much

SEX at IC RAG FETE

We still need more stalls and help for the fete on **May 5th**. If you are a club/society/hall and have not thought of doing anything yet, please do so and drop your name and idea into IC Union Office.

MAKE THIS FETE THE BIGGEST AND BEST YET

For all those interested in the fete, whether regarding stalls or in general organisation, there will be a **Rag Meeting on March 7th at 6:30pm in The Rag Office (Union top floor).**

ALL WELCOME

THANKS TO-

- i) The Rugby Club for donating 50% of their sponsorship money (from washing walls) to Rag.
- ii) Refectory Committee for donating one hundred pounds to Rag from the increased bar profits during the Rag Week.

REVIEWS

THEATRE

"A Fair Quarrel" by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley by the National Theatre Company at the Olivier Theatre

It was the Royal Shakespear Company's "The Changeling" which I reviewed last week which tempted me into seeing this play by the same collaboration, and on arrival at the Olivier Theatre I was wondering whether I would be able to pay much attention to the play, so impressive was the nature of the theatre itself.

I soon found, however, that the open stage lent itself admirably to the play, and the actors' varied entrances from the back, front and sides of the auditorium and through the central well of the stage, served to make a pleasant change from the rather mere predictable 'pro-scenium' situation.

The subject matter of the play is mainly based around the ethics of duelling, and in

the times in which the play was written (1616 - 1617) this was fairly topical. James I, the "peacemaker's" reign saw a distinct rise of civil disturbance following an age of foreign hostilities; "When the drum's unbraced, and trumpets cease, soldiers must get pay for to live in peace", and ex-privateers and soldiers preyed on the civilian population of London, and the provincial gentry drawn to London at that time who "turn'd four or five hundred acres ... into two or three trunks of apparel" to get here (more fool them).

The production of the play leaves little to be criticised and much to the imagination (props are scarce and scenery is non-existent), the lighting was good (but the facilities for this seem to be virtually limitless), and the changes of situation are thus effected quickly and clearly.

Turning now to the acting, Ian Ireland was a striking Russell (father to Jane who was acted with some mediocrity by Harriet Walter). Fred Pearson and Nicky Henson as quarrelling soldiers were well cast and added flair to the play as did Mark Wing-Davey and Peter-Hugo Daly as cornishmen, forming the

fool and wit duette, common to plays of this era. But almost beyond doubt, the finest actor (in my opinion) to grace the stage that night was Dermot Crowley as the scheming and wicked physician whose sweet and sour role is demanding to say the least. The sudden revelation that he is in fact a vicious villain and not (as he at first seems) a selfless philanthropist is delivered so well that it is hard to come to terms with the dichotomy, or even believe it, and so it was intended in the play.

This leads me to point out that this play has much in common with "The Changeling", in that some of it concerns the lengths to which a man will go to get his way (in lust), but unlike it in that it contrives to have a good outcome, and the threats and schemes of the wicked fall to nothing instead of damning all, good or evil.

The script itself, I think, offers more in the way of historical interest and insight than that of entertainment or art, but the production reinforces these latter weaknesses, and hence the play has much to offer.

David M. Weston

Imperial College Folk Club meets every Monday evening of term in the Union Lower refectory. Most Mondays we have a guest act, and aim to cover the whole range of folk music with a wide variety of guests. To supplement the guests, about half of each evening is devoted to performers "from the floor" doing their own thing - unaccompanied singing, ragtime guitar, poetry (!) and everything in between; anything and everything is welcome with the financial persuasion that anybody who "performs" gets in free!

The first act of the term was "Dolphin Suite", a highly amusing three man band singing songs ranging from Buddy Holly to their own comic compositions.

By way of contrast, the next week's guests were "Brian Boru", three lads playing and singing trad. Irish tunes, one member of the band spending most of the evening fighting with a set of Irish Pipes!

Mr. Smith, a one man comedy act with a guitar, graced us with his presence the following week. He performed ethnic obscure, traditional material such as Bach's 'Air on a G-string' and some of Sousa's marches, promptly followed by putting a black plastic bag over his head and impersonating Al Jolson! As if this was not enough, one of the floor spots that evening was an excellent band called 'Arcadian'. They played a wide variety of instruments and entertained us with songs that covered the whole spectrum of folk music.

Panic ensued next Monday afternoon when at four o'clock that evening's guest, Nigel Mazhyn Jones, 'phoned to say he couldn't get here. He 'phoned a band called 'Waterfall', who were in a some studios in the back of beyond, and asked them to play. They immediately threw everything, including the dog, into the back of a van and arrived at I.C. at about 8.30 p.m. Despite the short notice, a hectic drive in bad conditions, and a lead singer with a sore throat, they turned out to be a superb replacement providing a very enjoyable evening culminating in a jam session with everyone present playing something (even if it was only a beer glass).

A week last Monday evening, Tony Rose, the West Country's finest revival singer, was the guest of I.C. Folk Club. We were lost for words about this man's talents.

Sunday evening saw the first in a new series of folk music programmes on I.C. Radio. They are broadcast between 5 and 6 p.m. and presented alternatively by Jeremy J. Farrell and Jonathan F. Clarke. Any suggestions for material to play on



FIRST: JAKKO. Lead guitar and vocals. Co-writer on all material. Aged 20. Finalist in Melody Maker National Competition; Graudated (?) to Warren Harry, and finally became good enough to join the Spoons.

SECOND: TAM. Aged 22. Keyboards, drums, co-writer. Plays synthesiser clarinet, electric piano. Father is sub-principle bass player in N.P.O. Tam trained at the Royal Academy.

THIRD: LYNDON. Keyboards, drums, vocals. Co-writer. Also classically trained, and from a musical family. No relation to Julie Andrews, but the 'good looking' member of the group.

FOURTH: ANDREW. Aged 23, as is Lyndon. Bass, classical guitar, flute. Royal College of Music. A very funky person.

FIFTH:but not in order of importance, **TED** the trumpet player that stands at the front. Ex-Salvation Army rumours incorrect but he may end up there. He's so young for his age21.

SIXTH: ELLIOT. Chief mechanic, electrical wizard and crew boss.

Assemble as above although the order may be flexible for metric punters. You should then have an extremely talented and entertaining combo, versatile to the point of envy by other would-be musicians, and quite capable of anything. Jazz rock is the wrong description..... as is new wave. Very clever and exciting rock with a lot of CLASS is more like it, and like it you will.

See them in the Union Concert Hall at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

the programme may be given to Jerry or Jon at folk club on any Monday evening.

Last Monday (19th February), we were proud to present a band by the name of "Desperate Scratch", giving us one of their last London gigs before departing for a tour of the Belgian folk-scene.

Remember! I.C. Folk Club meets every Monday in the Union Lower refectory at around 8.15 p.m.

Members get in for 30 p., others for 60 p., and memberships costs you £1.00, inclusive of one night's free entry. The exceptions are nights without guests when everybody gets in free, and floor performers of any sort who get in for free whenever they perform - come and try your hand!

If you've any enquiries, get in touch with **Jeremy J. Farrell, Physics II**, or come along any Monday evening - see you there!

SOCIETIES' PAGE

NUCLEAR POWER AND ENERGY PLANNING

The **RCSU Environmental Society** are staging two talks on the subject of energy and its implications within a week. The first will be held on Tuesday 22nd February at 4.30 in the Environmental Technology Lecture Theatre, 48 Princes Gardens. This talk is being given by Mike Flood of Friends of the Earth and is on 'Nuclear Power Decision Making - case study 'Forness'. The talk will highlight the problems in the decision making process and the impact public opposition can have on the

final outcome.

The second talk is on Tuesday 27th February at 5.30 again at 48 Princes Gardens, it will be given by Mr. John Syrett, Head of Strategic Planning, CEGB, he will be talking about energy planning with reference to environmental problems.

Membership of the society is only 30 p for the remaining academic year, anyone interested in the society should send a letter to the society in the Centre for Environmental Technology.

R.C.S.U.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, not to mention 2nd term apathy, 39 people braved the cold to come out and collect for Jerome Canvin's 'Phonic Ear' on Saturday. Early on it didn't look very hopeful, but once again our dedicated collectors proved themselves, the total now stands at 810 pounds, (with two cans still to be counted), more than enough to buy the aid.

Many thanks to all who turned up, to collect, count money, or even just donate. The top collectors were Zosia Zbrzezniak (who'd have guessed it...) with over 217 pounds and Pete Hewkin with over 90 pounds, closely followed by Dale Howard, Katy Tatchell and Tansy Hepton. Life Sciences were the top department (not counting Chemistry who've got the advantage of Zosia), but the barrel will be shared by all who came (date not decided yet).

I'd also like to thank the half dozen Guildsmen (and women) who came along and collected about 80 pounds between them.

Thank you again for this tremendous response, and I hope you'll be able to meet Jerome when he comes up for a presentation of the aid.

Rachel Snee

Forthcoming Events:

26th Feb.

RCS Papers Down

1st March

Hustings UGM

3rd March

Inter CCU Monopoly Rag Stunt

6th March

Elections

9th March

Results UGM

11th March

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WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Every Wednesday lunchtime a group mostly of women meets in the ICWA Lounge to discuss a variety of topics usually with an invited speaker.

The group is known as "Women in Science and Technology" and subjects discussed this term have covered such diverse themes as the Christian view of women and the position of women in Latin America.

The term started on a somewhat militant note with a meeting on an aspect of the Women's Liberation Movement at which the speaker came from a magazine sold strictly only to women.

The following week WiST listened to a speaker who runs a Christian community. She spoke about the Christian viewpoint which, she explained, considers both men and women as persons created by God in His own image and therefore of equal value. She denied that Christianity condemned women to an inferior role in religious or secular life.

The problems faced by women in Latin America were the subject of an informative talk by a Chilean student at a February meeting. She described the poverty and oppression of many women in the South American countries and the tremendous pressure to maintain women's traditional role. For example, if a woman went out to work it was considered a reflection of her husband's inability to look after her. In some countries it was very difficult for a woman to study.

St. Valentine's Day prompted discussion on the appropriate

theme of the concept of love. Many of the group felt that women did not always get a fair deal and a lively discussion followed Mary's introduction to the subject.

The variety of speakers and subjects allow plenty of scope for different opinions and the group in no way excludes those who do not hold "militant feminist" views.

Next week Judith Walker, ICU's first woman President, will speak to WiST and everyone is welcome to join us. The meeting will be on **Wednesday 28th February at 12.30 pm in the ICWA lounge.**

PARACHUTING COURSE

The parachuting course for beginners will be given by Bob Acraman of the RSA Parachute Club on: Tues. 27th Feb. 6.30 - 9.30. Union Lower Refectory and Thurs. 1st March 6.30 - 9.30 Union Dining Hall. The cost is 33 pounds which must be paid at the beginning of the

Tuesday session.

People who trained last year but have not yet jumped can retrain with no further charge but must attend both sessions.

Contact Jo Armitage (C and GU/Elec. Eng. 2) for further details - everybody welcome.

Drake's Seven

part 5...

DRAKE'S, HOPING TO SABOTAGE SOMETHING, HAVE TELEPORTED TO THE PLANET TEFLON 2. SUDDENLY...



CITY & GUILDS

On Thursday 15th February after some delay due to a major cock-up at the booking office, the Guild's UGM was held in Mech Eng 542. The main point of discussion was whether political motions should be discussed at Guild's Union meetings. The general consensus of the meeting was that procedures should be left as they stand at the moment.

Motions will receive publicity for the debate to allow opposers time to prepare their debates. If the motion is submitted less than three days from the date of the meeting the Chairman can use his discretion to decide if the motion should be put to the meeting. If the Exec feel that the motion would be more suited to an I.C. Union meeting, they will suggest this to the proposer and if he/she agrees, the Exec would offer all possible assistance in submitting it to an I.C. U.G.M. However, every member of Guilds has the right to submit the motion to a Guild's U.G.M. if they still so desire. It was felt that the motion should be heard at the meeting and then the meeting should vote on whether the discussion should continue.

The rest of the meeting consisted of an entertaining trial of a beer barrel, with Simon Lea eloquently prosecuting and Bob Hart defending. The barrel was found guilty of loitering for one-and-a-half years in the Guilds' Union Office and was sentenced to be placed in the I.C. Union Office.

The Guilds/I.F. party was a great success and like all Guilds' events was sold out with many people turned away at the door. Remember, if you want to be sure of getting in to an event, make sure you buy your ticket well in advance.

The Bristol 24hr pedal car race has been and gone, with Guilds coming a very creditable 6th against stiff opposition (Rolls Royce came 1st and 2nd-yawn!!) and with a lack of people due to the Guilds/I.F. party held on the same day.

Elections

Papers for all the Guilds' Exec positions go up on **Monday 26th Feb.** Please do see the present members of the Exec about any job that you may be interested in.

They will be more than happy to chat to you.

Sunday 25th Feb-SOCCER SIXES. Teams to Clive Whiteside, Mech Eng 3. Free transport to Harlington and free barrel for the winners!

Saturday 3rd March-JOINT CCU MONOPOLY RAG STUNT. Go round all the real places on the Monopoly Board solving clues etc.

Sunday 4th March-ELECTION BAR NIGHT where all the candidates show how good they are at yard drinking and boat racing and also get a chance to chat to the voters.

Tuesday 6th March-INTER CCU SWIMMING GALA. Come on you Guildsmen, get training and put your name up on the board in the Guilds' Union Office. Also see Jo Armitage or Bruce Willis to find out all about it.

Saturday 10th March-ELECTION RAG COLLECTION. All candidates must attend this one.

Tuesday 13th March-ELECTION UNION MEETING. Hustings and election of the new Exec.

THIS HOUSE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Or so the motion went anyway. The debate itself was very amusing with strong arguments being presented by both the proposition and opposition. Mike Pickup opened with an amusing, indeferent and lively speech for the proposition. Unfortunately this was quickly dismissed by Mick Berry who opened for the opposition in a very amusing speech: Chris Russell seconded the motion with a talk on comprehensive education and how equal opportunity did not work in practice. This was followed by the seconder against the motion John Shuttleworth. The mood of the debate was now getting very tense after two very serious speeches and so we found

a little relief when Daphne Websper, who chaired the event, called on Colin Palmer to speak for the motion. A very amusing speech followed which left Sheyne Luccock, the final speaker for the motion, with an easy road to pursue his opponent with a very impressive and impromptu speech. Questions from the floor were confused and often asked to the wrong team. After a summing-up speech from both sides, the result was "This House Does Believe in Equal Opportunity". Never mind, all who went were very amused by it all.

David Haddon
Vice-Chairman of
Debating Society

JUDO

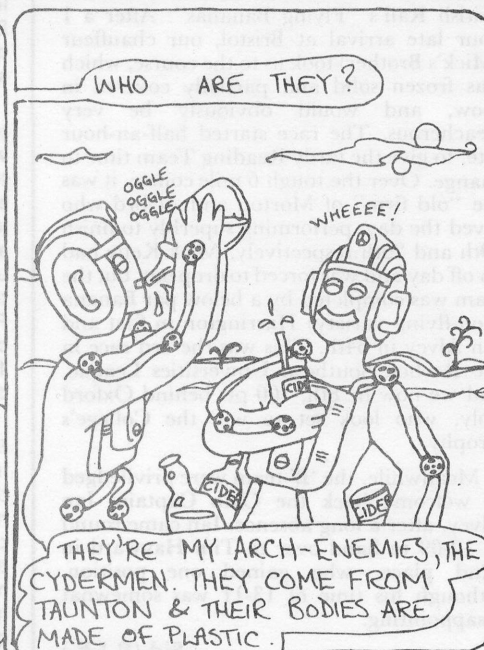
Judo was developed in Japan at the end of the last century, from the martial art ju-jitsu. The intent was to obtain a sport which, whilst retaining the aggressiveness and form of personal combat, did not have as its object the injury of the opponent. In this, judo has succeeded magnificently. With the aim of throwing the opponent onto the specially padded mats used (or in groundwork, winning by means of either a hold down, or submission from a stranglehold or armlock), it is an intensely competitive fighting sport, while the incidence of injuries is no greater than in sports such as rugby or football.

This Sunday (25th February), I.C. Judo Club is staging the first of what is hoped to be an annual

event - the London Colleges Invitation Tournament. Taking place in the Great Hall (11.00 start), it will feature some of the top student judokas (judo "players") in London. I.C. has a very good chance of winning, the more so since one member of our team, Owen Tutty, is the under 60 kg British Universities champion. However, we will be facing some fierce competition, especially from Q.M.C. and Kings College, both of whom will field very strong teams. Whatever the outcome, it ought to be an enjoyable day, seeing some exciting fights. Spectators are welcome, all the more if they'll be coming to cheer on the I.C. teams.

Steve Morris

P.S. If you would like to know more about judo, ring me on int. 4234, or come along to the union gym any **Tuesday or Thursday** at 6.30 p.m.



SPORT

WATER POLO

I.C. 2nds 13 - Neptune 3

I.C. 2nd team opened their Middlesex League account with a game against NEPTUNE, a new team in the league.

In the first quarter, I.C. took some time to settle against a team with more enthusiasm than skill. However the ball worked up to Dave Chadwick twice, who was "sitting" in front of goal. With a weak defender on his back, he had no trouble shooting I.C. into a 2-0 lead. This was pulled back after two mixups in the I.C. defence.

After the first break, I.C. were into their stride. Nick Buckland and Steve Madden were playing well at the back, and Pat Porter and Bob Bradley were finding Chadwick well with their passes. So well in fact, that he added another five in this quarter.

After half time, with the score 7-2 to I.C., the pressure was kept on. Nick Buckland found time to swim up and shoot home, Pat Porter was left unmarked in front of goal and added another. With Colin Dale and Dimitri Papaconstantinou swimming into space on the wings, it was easy to pass forward to Dave Chadwick, who scored 3 in this quarter, to make his personal tally ten!

The last quarter saw a game Neptune getting into the game more. I.C.'s only goal came from Colin Dale, who was given a second chance after swimming through with the ball. Neptune also got one back-one of the few times they managed to trouble goalkeeper Mark Cherry. The final score, 13-3 to I.C. A win well earned through a lot of hard work.

Team: M. Cherry, N. Buckland, S. Madden, P. Porter, B. Bradley, J. Williams, D. Chadwick, C. Dale, D. Papaconstantinou.

I.C. 2nds 6 - Amphibians 7

Last Friday, I.C. played the replay of their 2nd round London Knockout Match against Amphibians. Due to handicapping, I.C. started the game 4-1 down. A depleted team started off well, when Pete McCartney twice scored when I.C. were a man up. Before the end of the first quarter, Mike McCartney pulled back the third goal, and it seemed, as in the first game, as if I.C. would go through.

In the second quarter play was very close with numerous chances being created, although no goals were scored. Paul Hindle and Dave Dunstone were performing well in defence, giving reserve goalkeeper Steve Tayler a good deal of protection.

The third quarter started the scoring again, Amphibians scoring twice before Mike McCartney scored after a quickly taken free throw. Towards the end of the quarter Amphibians went further ahead, but Andy Smith scored from a narrow angle to make the score 7-6 to Amphibians.

In the last quarter it seemed as if I.C. must score. Amphibians were a man down three times. Pete McCartney hit the bar, and from the rebound, sent his second shot against the bar. Numerous shots went just over the goal or wide, but in the end a well disciplined Amphibians team had hung on in an exciting match.

Team: S. Tayler, P. Hindle, D. Dunstone, P. McCartney, A. Smith, M. McCartney, T. Rockingham, D. Chadwick.

CROSS COUNTRY

Before sinking into the usual tirade of in-jokes and discussion of members' unusual habits it is worth a reminder that the ICCC are staging the Annual Hyde Park Relay tomorrow, February 24th. This is regarded as the premier Road Relay for Students in Britain, and possibly Europe. There are over 120 6 man teams, including 20 from abroad, entered. Each lap is 3 miles long and passes along the edge of the Serpentine.

This year's race promises to be very close with strong teams entered from Loughborough, West London Institute of Higher Education, Cologne and Birmingham. The defending champions, Loughborough are bringing European 800m bronze medallist, Sebastian Coe, and several other internationals including John Davies, the current British Students Champion, will be racing. As for local heroes, London University should be in the first ten, and on their home ground IC will be fielding such stars as "Granny" Clarke (for the 9th consecutive year), "Mittens" Morton, "Beverly" Kirk, "Shunter" Acford and "Koolkat" Kelly, and we hope to finish in the first 30. There will also be guest appearances by a number of notorious old boys in an all stars team. Coming to the point, we need a lot of help, so if you're free tomorrow afternoon, and want a free tea, report to the Reception by the Main Union Staircase at 2:00 pm - we really will be grateful.

Changing the subject, we are now well into the Road Relay. Season and on Wednesday 14th we went to Cambridge for the Selwyn College Relay.

The 2.2 mile course was partially obscured by snow and we had to fight gale-force winds and snow showers throughout the afternoon. This seemed to have little effect on Ian Morton who had sobered up after parties in Scotland, and shot round in 10-56 to hand over in 3rd position. Unaccustomed to being so near the front, Bryan Acford lost 3 places, but still went "Eyeballs Out" to record 11-19. Next off was "Marathon Mark" Pickard who ran strongly to pull us back to fourth with a time of 11-20.

On Saturday a small, but elite, band deserted the dubious delights of College Minibuses for the more random horrors of British Rail's "Flying Bananas". After a 1 hour late arrival at Bristol, our chauffeur (Mick's Brother) took us to the course, which was frozen solid and partially covered in snow, and would obviously be very treacherous. The race started half-an-hour late, to give the tardy Reading Team time to change. Over the tough 6 mile course, it was the "old firm" of Morton and Acford who saved the day, performing superbly to finish 19th and 25th respectively. Mick Kelly had an off day and was forced to drop out, but the team was completed by a below par Banana (non-flying variety) Harrington in 61st and Ian Alvey in 64th. This was the 3rd race in the Reebok Southern Universities League, and we now lie 8th, 100 pts behind Oxford Poly, who look set to win the College's Trophy.

Meanwhile, the 'B' team were privileged to welcome back the Club Captain, Ian Alvey, after a long absence. Ian came round in 12-09 to hand over to Tim Hayward in 22nd place, who gained one position, although his time of 13-11 was somewhat disappointing.

Sid (R.I.P.)

TABLE TENNIS

I think I'll start this week with the first team yet again. As on Tuesday they furthered their hopes for promotion considerably: - they inflicted a 7-2 (home) defeat on N.A.L.G.O. who had, in the previous three weeks, beaten all the top three teams in their division (4). This win was achieved by regulars Kumar and Lakhani, and second team star - Andy Tye, leaving the top league placings wide open.

Meanwhile the 2nd team played:

EXILES V (Home), winning 6 - 3

Helped by the team spirit of the opposition (none of whom had met before), the seconds won yet again, staying on top of division 5. Andy won 3 again, Farzin won 2, and poor little Roland (minus his bat - left by Jeff Stean at Gainsford); won only 1 - Aaaaah!

I.C. III v GAINSFORD VI (away)

Despite the 1-8 score, was not a terribly demoralising defeat, as they are clear at the top of the league (excuses, excuses!) and Stean did improve on his previous performance against the same team, by winning a set! (Ian Reed and I also "played").

I.C. IV v BARBICAN C.C. II (home)

This should have taken place on Friday, only Barbican arrived on Wednesday (their mistake) and then postponed the fixture.

And finally, I would like serious (that's a laugh!) suggestions (preferably written on pound notes - or fivers, etc.) as to an alter-ego, persona, nom-de-plume or alias for next term. (Yes, Wonder Woman was suggested, several times, and the idea is under consideration!?!).

Super (for the moment) Hewk

TEN PIN BOWLING

Last Saturday saw London's first win in the League for at least three years, beating Portsmouth. Even so, the 9-1 score-line was a slight disappointment, considering the almost total domination of the home side. After a walkover by the ladies team and a comprehensive 4-0 win for the firsts, and with both the second and third teams leading 2-0, Portsmouth staged a comeback. The thirds managed to hold on, for a 4-0 win, but disappointing bowling from the seconds led to a 2-2 draw, thus dropping a point.

On the whole, London bowled to average individually, apart from a superb series from Edmond Ng. His first game of 258, without doubt a club record, heralded a fine 625 series.

This excellent result meant the team travelled down to Portsmouth for the return, with hopes of another good result. It was not to be. While the firsts and seconds both won easily, the home team seeming to take little interest in the match, a depleted third team and the (full-strength) ladies team were unable to produce any shocks. A measure of the seconds win is that they did better than Portsmouth's firsts, due mainly to a consistent series from Brian MacGowan with 190, 187, 187 games. The final result was a 5-5 draw against the weakest team in the division.

These matches complete the club's league fixtures for the year. Despite a great improvement in performances, compared to the last few years, due mainly to consistent, high-scoring results from the firsts, only third position was reached in the league. However the top teams, Southampton and Brunel, rely more on strength in depth, so the best individual London bowlers have good chances in tournaments in the next few weeks.

SPORT

RUGBY

Rugby Firsts Reach Final

I.C. 1st 21
ROYAL FREE 1st 0

As holders of the Gutteridge Cup I.C. Rugby were disappointed to say the least after a terrible performance in the first round put us out of this year's competition. As a way of showing that the team can still play we have made it our goal to win the Plate Competition instead and the above score now means we have reached the final. So all things going well we will bring back another trophy to be displayed in the Union Office.

The team was not as strong as it might have been with captain Ray Parkinson injured and a new front row set up. Even so the line up was still strong and there was every reason for confidence.

And what a start I.C. made! Almost immediately from the kick off Royal Free won a scrum only to lose the ball after a truly monumental drive from I.C. had pushed them back a full ten yards! This set the trend for the match because an excellent display from the forwards won nearly all the line-outs and many of the scrummages. However, in the loose the pack was not as good, though winning the majority of the ball, and this was probably due to the lack of match practice recently and the need for a professional coach.

All that remained for us to do was to score and the points came quite slowly.

Early on Ronnie Howard downed the ball for a try only to be denied by the referee who was clearly in error. We kept going though and the first score came after a good movement in the three-quarters was put over for a try in the corner. This was quickly followed by a penalty under the posts from M.Cotter, playing at full back for the day.

The second-half carried on as the first had done with I.C. on the attack most of the time and the score being elevated to the above total after a final flourish brought more points for us.

Richard Smart scoring a real bulldozer try following a penalty close to their line had an excellent match, and Steve Debney must also be mentioned for a good performance on the wing (he usually plays centre or fly-half).

All that remains to report of this match are the celebrations.

The Union Bar was graced with two "zumbas" from Ray Parkinson and skipper for the day Steve Townsend - what more need I say!

Stay with me though for there are two more matches to be reported!

I.C. 1st 6
SARACENS 3rds 13

This was the match preceding the above game by the way.

After so many cancelled games recently everyone was amazed to find this match still on. A quick phone call to Arthur confirmed this so we set off for Harlington even though we were one player

short at this time (so were the seconds). In the end Ian Taylor, the second's captain, managed to drag his remaining player out of bed in Evelyn Gdns, and lent one of his players to us.

Thus with a full team we arrived and, yours truly - captain for the day due to Ray Parkinson's ham string injury - set about giving the team talk. All my cool authority was shattered though when I rummaged frantically through my kit bag to find I had forgotten my boots!

We took the field to face Saracens (I borrowed some boots) and the match began.

Saracens seemed to be perpetually on the attack but some good tackling in the backs denied all their attempts. The forwards, though much lighter than our opponents, managed to win us a fair amount of ball though much of this was spoiled by their two very good flankers.

We held them well and by half-time we were actually 6-0 in the lead after two good penalty goals from "Dobbers" - who was standing in at fly half for the absent Eddy Budgen.

I.C. held out well in the second-half but with about 20 minutes to go Saracens scored twice to gain them the points to win the match, and adding a penalty goal.

This was not a bad performance from I.C. in view of the opposition and the fact that a spirited fight back in the last ten minutes almost brought us a couple of tries.

Next week
I.C. 1st 13
SIDCUP 10

S. Townsend

Dear Students, - I have received certain requests to help various people by trying to extract both information and money out of you. So here goes:

1. There is a movement in College which is attempting to get a professional injury fixer to reside at College, in the future, in the hope that nagging little injuries can be cured as soon as possible. But before we can be granted this luxury facts have to be gathered to ascertain whether enough students are kept out of sport or other recreational activities for any length of time to warrant such action. So could any of you readers who have been injured this session please jot down on a piece of paper what the injury was, how it was caused, how long it lasted, what steps you took to cure it and how it was eventually cured and send it along to the Union Office care of me or Daphne Websper.

2. Be warned that in the near future questionnaires will be circulated around college in an attempt to find out what sort of student uses the U.L.U. buildings and what improvements you would like to see in the U.L.U. buildings which might provoke you into going there more often.

3. I should be able, shortly, to get hold of cheap 'Speedo'

swimware and leisure ware, any profits going towards sending a Water Polo team to the World Student games in Mexico. So if you want high quality goods at a low price then find me in the Union Office every (well some-apologies to Chem PG) lunch-time between 12.30 and 1.

Also, if any of you are interested in seeing Water Polo matches between U.L.U. team and an American team (the games should be televised) in mid-April for only 75 p I will be able to order you some.

4. This is aimed purely at the college sporty types. The University of London Sport's Council is holding a large 'ball' on Saturday March 3rd. The tickets are 3.50 pounds per head, which includes a buffet and a late night disco run by Capital Radio. The point of the 'ball' is to get as many sportsmen and women as possible from all of London's colleges to be able to communicate with one and other on friendly terms and maybe even have some fun.

So if any sportsmen (especially stoats) and women are out there reading this and you want a ticket then come and get me as soon as possible because there is a limit of 600 which could go very quickly. Love and affection,

Clyde O. ACC Chairprimate

SECONDS DEFEAT WESTFIELD

I.C. 2ND's 8 WESTFIELD 1'STS 0

The side looked like it was down to the usual number of players, as I didn't get up in time. Well, I forgot the match was in the morning. I eventually made it to Harlington a few minutes late.

Anyway, I've no idea who won the toss, but we kicked off. The ball seemed to like their end because it stayed there most of the first half. After about fifteen minutes our numbers were cut down to size when Chriss Hughes-Narborough went off for a while with an aggravated knee injury, probably caused originally by his epic conversion in last term's Goldsmiths' match. Andy Pearce, meanwhile, had intercepted a pass, and broken free. Unfortunately, he was brought down five yards short of the line. The first half finished, with us actually letting Westfield get inside our 22.

In the second half, they had the advantages of both the sun and the wind, but this had no effect, as after ten minutes, Andy Pearce got our first try. His conversion attempt, however, did not have the length to reach from the touchline. Within a short space of time, a ruck formed on their line and, after five minutes, Roger Butters decided to lift the ball out and score. Sadly, again the conversion attempt (taken from about the same place) did not have the length to score. The pressure continued until after twenty five minutes of the second half, the match suddenly ended.

Liam Gartside

*The Steve Marshall
Cartoon Book
is still on sale from
The FELIX Office, only 30p*

SABBATICAL GO AHEAD

The establishment of a sabbatical Deputy President of Imperial College Union took a step forward last Friday when the College Governors voted to allow the Union a fourth sabbatical position.

As expected they did not grant the Union any additional money to pay for the post. The Union is still investigating means of raising the money from existing income but is confident that enough cash is available.

The College's reluctance to pay for four sabbaticals seems to stem from a lack of understanding of the need for a sabbatical FELIX Editor. They consider that FELIX could be produced on a part-time basis.

But there will be no change in the status of the FELIX Editor as his job is laid down in the Union bye laws.

Union President Mary Attenborough is drafting a job description for the new sabbatical Deputy President to present to IC Union Council and a Union General Meeting. His job will include that of Junior Treasurer.

The setting up of the fourth sabbatical post still has to overcome one final hurdle, namely a vote to change Union bye laws at the Union Meeting on 8th March.

Union Secretary and election Returning Office Mike Elkin has, however, anticipated the Union's decision and has indicated on the Deputy President nomination paper that the position is to become sabbatical from 1st July.

Elections for the four posts of President, Honorary Secretary, FELIX Editor and Deputy President are to take place on 12th and 13th March in a College-wide ballot. The hustings meeting will be on 8th March and nomination papers were posted last Monday in the Union Lower Lounge.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TUITION FEES

The tuition fees campaign which starts next week is progressing moderately well according to External Affairs Officer Sheyne Lucock.

But more students are needed to take part in the speak-in at Speakers' Corner on Sunday. This is the first public event of the campaign.

IC Union is calling for the College not to increase tuition fees next October and to bring overseas students' fees down to the home student rate.

For the rest of this term students will be lobbying their MPs in Westminster and there will be a lobby of the College Governors on 23rd March.

The External Affairs Committee is expected to issue a press release today to be sent to the national press outlining the Union's campaign and its aims.

The Committee is also sending letters to former overseas students of the College to seek their support for the Union's demands.

HAMLET GARDENS

About 50 residents of Hamlet Gardens flats attended a meeting called by Imperial College Union last Friday to set up a residents' association.

The residents, who were mostly not IC students, discussed various problems they had with the landlord, London Property Services, and elected Liz

Hepplethwaite of Flat 20 as Chairperson of the association.

Most of the residents are licensees and the idea was sparked off by the work of ICU and Welfare Adviser Michael Arthur in dealing with student licensees.

ELECTIONS

Voting takes place on Monday in the elections for departmental representatives wherever more than one candidate has been nominated.

These are the first elections for next year's Union posts. All departmental representatives are members of IC Union Council.

LIBERALS' INTERNAL CONTROVERSY

London Liberal students are calling for voluntary membership of student unions as a long term aim, but admit that this would be unworkable in practice now.

Sheyne Lucock, ICU External Affairs Officer and a Vice Chairman of the London Union of Liberal Students (LULS), spoke in favour of this controversial proposal at the LULS Annual General Meeting on Thursday last week. He was surprised when the resolution was carried.

Gavin Grant, a Liberal on NUS Executive, has condemned LULS for adopting such policy. Sheyne Lucock thinks he is over-reacting and stresses that voluntary membership is a long term aim.

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meeting in an attempt to demonstrate students' opposition to the Rector's proposals.

IC Union presented a paper, written by External Affairs Officer Sheyne Lucock, to the meeting which also outlined the Union's arguments against the inclusion of non-food costs in the regulator. The Paper said that costs such as wage increases could be accounted for in the termly price reviews.

Refectory Committee is to discuss the working of the regulator in line with the Governors' recommendation at its meeting on 1st March.

PROGRAMMING CHANGES ON IC RADIO

This lunchtime's meeting of the I.C. Radio Programme Planning Committee decided to make major changes to the format of the Station's weekday programming. This involves the replacement of the current specialist music programmes between 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. with a daily, broad-based programme of music which, it is expected, will carry a high proportion of requests. Specialist programmes will run from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m., making a typical daily schedule of:

5.00 p.m. Good Evening
6.00 p.m. Specialist Music
7.00 p.m. Viewpoint
9.00 p.m. New Programme
11.00 p.m. Through Midnight
1.00 a.m. Closedown

The reasons for these changes are the disappointing response to the specialist programmes and the demand for more general music programming for the late evening in the bars.

These changes will not affect the proportion of non-music content in the programmes; this will continue to increase gradually.

It is hoped that most of the specialist programmes will return in the near future, if a demand can be demonstrated. A full detailed schedule will be published on Saturday as usual.

John Allen
Station Manager

He has pointed out that this policy is linked to the Union of Liberal Students' call for a student wage to replace the grant. Receiving a wage would make students part of the wider community and put an end to their status as a "privileged elite", in their view. The wage would be fixed by "the community", in accordance with Liberal policy for the reform of local government.

In this context Sheyne Lucock felt that voluntary student union membership would be desirable. But if put into practice now the unions would no longer be able to provide any student facilities as not enough people would join.

Sheyne Lucock is expected to stand for the post of Chairman of the Union of Liberal Students. If elected Liberal students are unlikely to have a dull year.

COURT ACTION?

Imperial College Union may be taking a local education authority to court over the denial of grants to students affected by the change in ordinary residence qualification.

The Union's legal advisers think that the Union stands a good chance of winning but is unlikely to be granted legal aid. The action would be a test case for which legal aid is not normally granted.

The Union is to approach the College and the United Kingdom Council for Overseas Student Affairs (UKCOSA) for financial assistance.

There are six IC students affected by the new ruling and the education authorities involved are Inner London, Dorset, Herts, Barnet and Shropshire. The Union would be proceeding against one of them through the student concerned.

NOISE BRINGS POLICE

Police visited the Union Building last Sunday evening following complaints by residents of Queen Alexandra House about noise from a concert.

The concert was put on by Ents in the Union Concert Hall and featured "Punishment of Luxury".

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