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SURPRISE!

UNION MEETING POSTPONED

Meanwhile

(See pages 2 and 6)

N.U.S. - the President sums up

An incredible number of rumours have been circulating around the Union regarding NUS. Since it is vital that the arguments put to the Union Meeting should have a factual basis, I have checked up on a number of the relevant pros and cons. Having listened to both sides, I feel sure that what you find in this article will be a fairly representative factual case for both sides.

Accompanying this article is a line diagram of the structure of NUS. This I hope will give you some idea of the basic skeleton over which the fleshy parts of NUS have been built. It is these accumulations that gave rise to conflicting opinions.

The case for NUS can be put like this:—

NUS is simply a body which represents student opinion nationally. There is no question about the fact that it is a representative body, in the sense that 97 per cent. of the students in Britain are members of it (approx. 175,000 members). What has the Union done for students? It is vague to say that NUS campaign for adequate grants, good welfare condition and facilities for students. What has it really achieved in these directions? Here are some of the achievements:—

The Ministry of Pensions required a post-graduate student to pay the heavy Class 2 contributions as a self-employed person. N.U.S. immediately took up the matter with them and was

led to believe that it was the Ministry's intention gradually to levy such contributions from all post-graduates in the country, on the grounds that they were engaged in original research, could not therefore be receiving supervision, and were consequently not in full-time education.

After taking Legal advice, negotiating with the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance and other bodies concerned, approaching the University authorities and having questions asked in the House of Commons, N.U.S. finally arranged through Mr. Fred Mulley, M.P. for an Adjournment Debate on the case. Shortly afterwards the Ministry announced a complete reversal of policy and agreed to repay in cash any post-graduate student from whom contributions had been wrongly levied. The N.U.S. was the only body which raised this question on behalf of students.

As N.U.S. regards the insurance position of students as basically unsatisfactory, short-term policy of the Union has laid down from time to time interim methods of alleviating difficulties; as an example, a resolution at Council recommended that students be allowed to repay their Class 3 contributions during the first six years of employment. The point was taken up strongly with the Minister and, after much negotiation, was conceded towards the end of 1956.

Since nearly half the members of ICU are postgraduate, this Union has benefited considerably in this respect.

Pressure from NUS was the main cause for the appointment of the Anderson Committee whose recommendations were very substantially in line with the NUS policy on grants. At the moment, NUS is campaigning for the abolition of the parental means test, and is lobbying the Standing Advisory Committee on Awards constantly. They managed to convince the Committee in principle of the virtue of payment of a maintenance grant during vacations; the Ministry has yet to accept this, but the pressure is not being relaxed.

NUS publishes the standard book on grants, the "Grants Year Book" which includes the details of grant arrangements of all local authorities, etc. It lists the major trusts and charities which consider applications from poor students. For some time, NUS has been campaigning to convince local authorities that loans are not a proper form of assistance to students. There were 147 of these and the last one was convinced in 1975. (Loans are still offered by L.E.A.S. in special circumstances).

NUS has submitted detailed memoranda to the Robbins Committee on Higher Education, to the Hale Committee and on safety provisions in Institutes of higher learning. It goes to great lengths in doing research required to prepare these memoranda which have been very well received.

The main purpose of the N.U.S. is to represent its members in matters affecting their welfare. It has, of course, no coercive power as such but can achieve its aims by winning public support and by bringing pressure to bear on national, local and college authorities.

Most important of these are the Ministry of Education and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Union's staff and officers are constantly in touch with them for discussions on grants problems and maintain a regular correspondence direct with the Minister. In turn, their officers now always attend the N.U.S. Council Meetings and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry has twice addressed Council. Deputations are received by the education com-

mittees of the Parliamentary Parties and Government Committees. Finally, a team of five M.P.'s, Mr. John Hall (Con.), Mr. John Jennings (Con.), Dr. H. King (Lab.), Mr. Fred Mulley (Lab.), and Mr. Donald Wade (Lib.), and in the House of Lords, the Rt. Hon. Lord Longford, all of whom are Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Union, assist it in countless ways, particularly by contacting Ministers personally, asking questions in Parliament and occasionally initiating debates.

Now it is argued by those against NUS that we have direct influence. The Rector, for instance, is on the Robbins Committee. In the past, in cases involving individual students, IC Union brought pressure to bear and raised the matter successfully in Parliament. In the past, the UGC has visited the College, and met the Union Executive to get its views on grants, etc. In NUS we would be lost in the enormous numbers; our seven delegates are hardly likely to have any great effect in an NUS Council of several hundred other delegates.

In any case, in conferences where 242 motions are on the agenda, to be dealt within the space of 23 hours, it is doubtful if anything useful can be achieved. Why not keep our identity; by not dissolving in the vast body of NUS, our voice will surely be heard more distinctly.

IC cannot possibly lobby the Government to the extent and with the same intensity as NUS; it is not the main function of ICU, but it is the function of NUS. At best, we can help in individual cases. And yet, our Union members do benefit (as in the case of Insurance payments) due to the efforts of NUS, and will continue to benefit.

NUS has many international activities. "A considerable amount of the Executive's time is taken up by the question of world student unity" says the NUS handbook. This provides a number of arguments against NUS, which last year sent delegations to Morocco, Norway, Turkey, Ceylon, Peru, Nigeria, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, France, Finland, the US, etc. . . . A delegation of fifty was sent to Toulouse in the South of France for a "rencontre." NUS has also begun sending personnel to develop

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EDITORIAL**SURPRISE?**

Well, not really; after all, we have all been half expecting it ever since the last new, irrevocable date of the long awaited Union Meeting was announced. January 17th? No, no, its been changed again, this time to the 29th, unless, of course, this appears inconvenient at last minute, in which case, the new date will be the n-th of February, where n is an integer between 1 and 28 (or is it going to be the 29th?).

Apparently, pressure has been exerted on the Executive by the Union to change the date of the Union Meeting in view of the fact that a large number of people are at the moment in the throes of half-session exams, and can ill afford the odd hour off one lunchtime to attend. As a result, the Meeting has once again been postponed, this time to February 7.

On the fact of it, all the postponements appear fully justified, though an outside observer might be equally justified in describing them as a disguised filibuster, to kill the NUS issue dead before it gets on its feet. Meanwhile, the President has still not stated whether he is going to speak or not, and if so, on what side. The suspense is killing.

COLCUTT

I'm sick to death of this Common Market issue. Does it really matter whether we go in or not? Is it really worth all the hullabaloo? Why can't we have another inquorate Union Meeting and forget all about it? Leave the politicians to it and get on with the job of running the Imperial College Union.

It can't really be all that important—the President does not seem to think it matters if we go in or not. Preece de G. thinks "NON," but "Mac" Pearson (no'h) says "OUI." If it were all that important, surely "Nehru" after the International. I wonder if he's back yet? It might be a boon to have him buried in a snow drift for the next Council Meeting—it might finish in a reasonable time then.

Where was Sennet last week? Could they have gone bankrupt? If they must pay the "College agent" a copy for selling the rag, they must expect financial disaster. It is a pity that they should run out of funds so early in the year . . . just when we were getting interested in developments at ULU for a change. I hope we will be kept posted about the "Sacked President" affair. Otherwise we shall never know if he was sacked for academic reasons, political reasons or whatever other reasons one's imagination can cook up when presented with only half the story. Fancy supplying Worthington "E" in the bar. According to WHICH this is the strongest draught beer on the market. It is to be hoped that the lads can take it.

I hear the Chairman of the ACC was stranded in Cardiff

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

"Hardly Hansard" was indeed an apt name for Mr. Coombe's report of the last Council Meeting. Apart from the utterings of the "pompous Mr. Pearson," "the tactful Dr. Weale," "the pedantic Mr. Gardiner," and Messrs. Morden and Haclin (no adjectives supplied) the only other contributions to Council's "amicable and stimulating three hour discussions" was the continuous tirade that I apparently conducted against the "troubled" Executive. I was mentioned seven times and successively described as "watchful, redoubtable, bitingly sarcastic, pedantic, quibbling" and of "speaking forcibly and heatedly," and "fighting back undeterred." I may well be a naturally garrulous Welshman, but surely I didn't dominate the Council Meeting to the extent that your misguided correspondent implied.

Mr. Coombe's article also gave the false impression that I am against drunken dinners, that I own a gymnasium and that I oppose the Executive on every issue as a matter of principle. He does not seem to know the difference between the Athletic Committee and the ACC.

I hope, Sir, that if Council ever again allows you to report on their "stimulating" meetings, you will appoint a more reliable reporter.

Yours (sarcastically, watchfully, redoubtably . . .)
D. H. PHILLIPS,

P.S.—Why was it "surprising" that Council "overwhelmingly" voted £20 to compensate the Dutch Students for the deplorable theft of their coats?

Dear Sir,

There are times when I feel that "Felix" has all the excitement and integrity of a Mooney meat ball at 7.25 p.m. The title sportswoman of the year was amusing. Considering some of the people who are considered men around here, I am rather flattered by the title.

But that note in the write up of the Mines Ball was totally uncalled for. (Note, Mr. Harris!) The only thing so far seen of R.C.S. Cabaret was the Smoking Concert, and the write up of this at the time seemed to rather praise the improvement. So why the comment? We all know what the trend of the Smoking Concert is, and it cannot be changed overnight.

I will leave someone else, if any, to comment on that opinion of the Mines Cabaret.

We have had, in the past, such comments as the "lack of life" in RCS. Please don't continue the

trend. The energy would be much better devoted to improving other things; notably your own paper.

Yours sincerely,
"Sportswoman of the Year."

ANYONE INTERESTED?

Dear Sirs,

I would like to get in touch with some students for the purpose of a language exchange. I am myself German born, but have been in this country for more than 20 years.

I am interested in an exchange of German against French, Spanish or Italian, of which three languages I have a good working knowledge, but no practice in conversation classes. As I am working, I would only be free in the evening and would prefer somebody who lives in my area.

Thanking you for any assistance you can give me.

MARGOT BLOOK.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to complain of the anti-social action of a small but growing number of Imperial College students. I refer to the queue-jumpers seen each day in the snack-bar, and more particularly the lower refectory. If these people are so desperately hungry that they cannot wait their turn. I suggest they stock up with sandwiches at the beginning of the day. If fortunately their physical state is not verging on starvation could they learn some manners and join the end of the queue?

Queue-jumping could easily be discouraged by members of the queue resorting to bar tactics, shouting "Out, out" until the offender moved back.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
K. HOCKING.

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of the College the following points concerning the "Boat Club fiasco."

(1) That the Boat Club Committee decided unanimously that the individuals concerned would pay for any damages, before the Executive had considered the matter.

(2) That the Committee passed a resolution recommending that the Boat Club Dinner be held on a day other than Morphy Day next year, again before a similar resolution had been made by the Executive.

Subsequently, voluntary contributions have raised a sum sufficient to pay for the damages.

Yours sincerely,

D. R. DEAN,
Captain, I.C.B.C.

BROWN BAGGERS

During the week Sunday, Feb. 3rd—10th, a number of "brown-baggers"—Franciscan friars and nuns who wear brown habits—will invade Imperial College. They will be assisted by a band of priests, laymen and laywomen.

A large number of our students have consented to entertain these visitors to meals and coffee. This is to enable us to meet them and to introduce them to our friends. They are quite normal and approachable—in fact quite human! Do try to get a chance to meet them.

Apart from these informal opportunities of meeting, two of the friars will be speaking at the GENERAL STUDIES on the subject of "On Being a Christian To-day." Both these friars—Fr. Dennis Marsh, S.S.F., and Fr. Hugh, S.S.F., are distinguished academics as well as able directors in the spiritual life. An opportunity to hear them should not be missed. These General Studies are on Tuesday, February 7th, and Thursday, February 7th, and will take place in Room 254, Chem. Eng. Building. On Monday, February 4th, a talk on the "Franciscan Life," and on Friday, February 8th, a Forum will be held in Aero Building, Room 254.

Every morning at 8.30 a service of holy communion will be held in the concert hall. On

Thursday, February 7th, a SUNG EUCHARIST will be celebrated by the Bishop of Kensington, during which he will also baptise a student of the Royal College of Music and confirm her and five men from Imperial. The service will take place in St. Augustine's Church, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, which is the University church for the area. A gala party will follow the service and this will be held in the Imperial College Snack Bar.

The Snack Bar will also be the setting for the three evening talks on "The Faith" which will be given on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the week. They will begin at 8.0 p.m. and be over by 9.0 p.m. They will be given by the leader of the campaign, Fr. Bernard, S.S.F.

Fr. Bernard will also preach on both Sundays of the week. On both Sundays the services in St. Augustine's will be a SUNG EUCHARIST at 9.0 a.m. and EVENSONG and SERMON at 7.30 p.m.

I have tried to give an outline of the campaign and I know from all I have come to expect from you that you will give our visitors a great welcome and will work hard to make their stay among us a worthwhile one.

Every good wish.

FATHER IVOR.

Spannerama

Now that we are approaching Half Session, this is an appropriate time to review the activities of the Union over the last four months. The six Freshers Dinners, that is including the one taken over from Master Harris, set the scene for a term full of activity and surprises.

Mitch, by permission of unknown Guildsmen, appeared at the first; and at the second, Theta appeared too, having been presented to us a few days earlier by its negligent keepers. It is many years since one college has been custodian of all three mascots—yet another record! The 300 or so at the second meeting must remember Harriss' feebly attempted song and dance required of him to secure the return of his Broom Handle and Lavatory Ball Cock.

In the more classically sporting sphere, Guilds has further shown its prowess in rowing, swimming and cross country running. Morphy Day was a clean sweep, both the Morphy and Lowry pots have been won and thanks to the hard fought support of all those on the towpath Chris Liddle kept his trousers. Under his direction the Battle of the Bags was also clinched.

The Swimming Gale too demonstrated the present supremacy of the college for the swimming and polo were yet again won out-

right. One defeat we must record however is the Presidents' Race. A Chandmal Ind. Imp. clad only in a brief swimming costume scored a tactical success over Chris who had brought along Mae West, air bed, paddle and rope—better luck next time, Old Man.

Almost at the end of term the Cross Country Club chalked up success against Mines and R.C.S.

Term ended in the same way as it probably started for most—with a drink! Some 30 or so revellers set off by tube for the U.L. Bar armed perchance with a Charity Carnival collecting box. The tubes were an ideal location for carol singing, to the involuntary audience a couple of bob was a cheap silence. By near to closing time the choir had returned to Knightsbridge with over £6 crammed, a worthy effort.

Such a successful term cannot be explained away by the saying "Guilds is much the largest College." The reason is much more fundamental for as the Dean has said, Guilds is superior to the other colleges.

The present crest of the wave is not maintained by relying on past successes but by the very positive contribution being made by many keen Guildsmen led by the President. Chris's enthusiasm and sincerity is felt by all those active in his Union.

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PROFILE—DR. K. E. WEALE

This is not at all an easy essay to write, particularly when (a) its subject is a friend, (b) he will see it before publication, and (c) he is much bigger than I am. Let's face it: Ken Weale is bigger than most of us, not only in sheer physical size but in talents and breadth of interest as well. It is customary in these profiles to reveal the subject's age. This I cannot do with any certainty, except to say that he is probably even older than I am, and has achieved that vulgar business of throwing the ball about (and the other players) degree of maturity at which rugger-playing gentlemen abandon the and take to refereeing. He continues to play cricket with considerable skill and vigour, but we are now good tavern or inn.")

Unfortunately denied the equally spectacular but wildly contradictory accounts of their respective prowess delivered after Sunday matches by Ken and Kitch (ex-President Kitchen).

Academically, Ken is no mean pundit on high-pressure chemical manifestations of one sort and another. Except on Lord's Days in summer and Wealemas Day (Birthday Dec. 26th) in winter, he inhabits an extraordinary room built almost entirely of sheet iron, standing in a gloomy lab in Chem. Eng. By applying an eye to fortuitous bolt-holes, he can observe the diligence of his students: no doubt they can indulge in the converse process.

His fame as an orator is widespread, partly due to a fertile and rather improbable imagination and a majestic delivery. Rolling phrases of ingenious construction and great complexity, often with a hint of an elder statesman about them, have delighted many generations of students. If one is part of the same programme, one can expect to be utterly overshadowed by a performance which relies on considerable feats of memory. A favourite source of quotations is the great Dr. Johnson ("There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man, by which so much happiness is produced as by a

Equally famous is his rendition of a speech (circa 1938) made by a now-discredited national leader. Performed in the I.C. bar, the effect is fairly spectacular; in the Queen's, with suitable audience participation, it is nearly as startling as the original; and it is related that the gala performance at Jack McCoubrey's (ex-Sub-Warden of Weeks Hall) bachelor party woke up the Warden of an adjacent Hall.

Residents of Falmouth Hall will be singularly fortunate in their Warden. Not only is Ken steeped in the fine traditions of the original Hostel, but he is suspected of having started some of them. In a reminiscent mood, he is inclined to produce lurid tales of the immediately post-war years, such as the occasion of the explosion on the Old Hostel roof, the consequences of which are with us still. Members of the Union, particularly club treasurers, will know him as custodian of the Union coffers and a ready source of wisdom, often providing elegant solutions to awkward administrative problems. From his shuttered concrete penthouse, Ken will bring to bear on Falmouth Hall these manifold talents and, most important of all, a genuine liking for and understanding of his students.

FRANK.

CARNIVAL PAGE

CARNIVAL QUEEN

Our first two contenders for the Carnival Queen crown are pictured above. The winner will receive (in addition, of course, to the accolades of all Imperial College at the crowning ceremony), a ticket to the May Ball. (Rumours that the first prize also includes a weekend in Paris with the President of R.C.S. are entirely unfounded. Good try, Mike!)

We have got off to a very good start indeed, but we still need lots more nominations; so, gentlemen, write and tell us about the girl you think ought to be 1963's I.C. Carnival Queen. Nominations to Graham B. White, Carnival Office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The envelopes for the Carnival Raffle tickets will be distributed shortly. Their early return would be a great help to those organising the raffle, so please address them and return them as soon as possible.

COMMANDO GROUPS ...

More information about the Commando Groups mentioned in the last Carnival Page. We want people who are prepared to don odd clothes and wave collecting tins at wealthy-looking queues of people—e.g. outside the Albert Hall, or outside Theatres and Cinemas. These groups have, in the past, wheedled, cajoled or scared considerable sums out of people waiting in queues, and we can use just as many people as we can get for this job. No previous experience necessary; great variety of scene; and you meet lots of people; in fact, the ideal way to pass an evening; so if you are interested, hand in your name at the Carnival Office, and we can arrange times and places nearer to the Carnival.

Commandos are also needed for the Vice Squads, the Dreaded League of Bill-Stickers who yearly make certain that no person living anywhere near the Carnival Route can possibly fail to notice that I.C. Carnival is upon them once more.

These fleet-footed phantoms strike quickly, armed only with paste-pot and posters, but the results of their handiwork are plain for all the world to see. So, To Arms, ye yeoman of I.C.! Hand in your name at the Carnival Office—and prepare for battle!

CARNIVAL QUESTIONNAIRE

With this copy of Felix, you have also received a questionnaire. This has been compiled to

find out what you think about the Carnival; because the Imperial College Carnival is YOUR Carnival, and we want YOUR ideas on how to make it a success. So, before you go on to the next bit of the Carnival Page (it isn't very interesting anyway, just a list of the Carnival Committee members, and who cares; apart of course from the Carnival Committee members), FILL IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE, and return it as soon as you can to the Union Office, or to the Carnival Office.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

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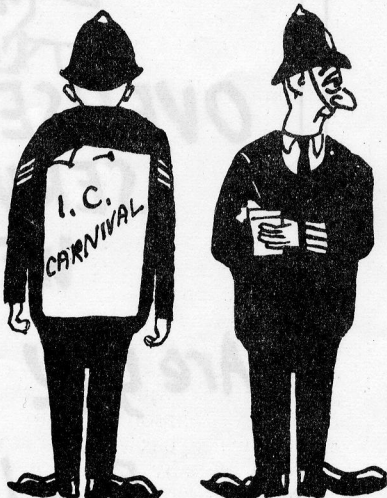
Just a reminder that the Carnival Office is on the Ground Floor of Weeks Hall, Princes Gardens, and is open each lunchtime from 12.30 to 2.0 p.m. So come and see us if you are interested in helping with any aspect of Carnival, or if you have any ideas that you think we could use. You'll be very welcome!

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And a last word—

Hand in your completed Questionnaire at the Union or Carnival Office! Thank you.



Carnival Queen Proposals



MARGARET LODGE

Name: Lodge, Margaret.
No.: 121 Beit.
Rank: 2nd Year Aero.
Age: Twenty years.
Reason wanted: To be I.C. Carnival Queen 1963.
Sentence: To be crowned.

Description of subject:

Height: 165 cm.
Weight: 55 kg.
Vital statistics: 85, 62, 90 cms.
Hair: Brunette.
Eyes: Grey.
Complexion: Depends on time and place.
Habits: : Drinks, cider.
Haunts: Is frequently seen in the Union hall seducing males into buying Felix.

Case history: Home town is Pontefract, Yorkshire. Born of two parents, one male and one female, and attended Wakefield Girls' School (but went to the boys' school for Physics lessons). At I.C. she captains the ICWA running team, helps organise sales of Stynx and Felix, plays hockey and goes horse-riding.

She was last seen alone, wearing a short, green, lamb's wool coat, with a man(?) in her room.

Study the photo of this Wanted ICWarian carefully, she probably sold you your copy of Felix!

If you have any information of her whereabouts, contact the Carnival Queen Selection Committee, so that they may judge her for themselves.

There is no doubt in my mind that she is the most eligible girl, and therefore I demand the maximum penalty.

JOHN M. EVANS.

I.C. Prosecutor.



JENNIFER CHAPMAN

The election of Jenny Chapman as I.C. Carnival Queen 1963 would give us not only a gay and glamorous figure-head for our Carnival Week functions, but would be a fitting recognition of the tremendous otherwise selfless effort she will again be making towards the Carnival preparation.

Jenny is an ICWarian who soon realised that she could never do enough for the college whilst not living here, and so now she has a room in Beit Hostel.

This 24hr. a day presence in the Union precincts is put to good use, and she seldom rests from her arduous on behalf of one or other of the several societies of which she is an active member.

A second year Zoology student, her years and wisdom are above those of her fellows due to the transitory period she spent earning her living as Veterinary Entomologist, handling parasitic flies and ticks. Her refined and feminine nature did not suffer by this however any more than it has done since she left her Mother at home in Hertfordshire and came to the Big City.

She has a talent for organising which is happily combined with a generous nature so that she is often much over-burdened with work apart from study. But nothing gives her more satisfaction than to do a thing herself, and from this point of view we should feel lucky that she is around at a time when we need just such a person.

Jenny's willingness to help should not be misconstrued, and I call upon every Union member to show their approval that Jennifer Chapman should help our 1963 by taking office as the most competent ever Carnival Queen.

GRAHAM B. WHITE.

PRESIDENTIAL
LETTER

Several people have brought it to the notice of the Executive Committee that they would not be able to attend the I.C. Union Meeting because of half-session exams. The Executive decided that since the NUS issue is important, as many members of the Union should attend and hear all the arguments, before making a decision. Hence we have changed the date of the Union meeting to February 7th.

I must apologise for this mistake, and also for the extremely short notice given.

ASIT CHANDMAL.

SMALL ADS

A New feature in our next issue. Send your problems to Aunti-Lope, who will be pleased to give you guidance in strict confidence via the pages of FELIX.

YOUR HORRORSCOPE

By TELSTAR

Iquarius (Jan. 21—Feb. 19)
There may be serious complications if you permit your emotions to go unchecked.

Pisces (Feb. 20—March 20)
Work and study may get off to a bad start, but you may pick up bits as you go along.

Hairies (April 21—May 21)
A close shave at the beginning of the week enables a smooth approach with the opposite sex (this applies to **Iquarians** too).

Gemini-Minor (May 22—June 21)
An unexpected surprise. Be sure you are on the right road before taking drastic action.

Cancer (June 22—July 23)
You should discover a solution to your particular problem this week. Don't walk sideways.

Meo (July 24—Aug. 23)
Don't write horoscopes.

Virgo (Aug. 24—Sept. 23)
Don't.

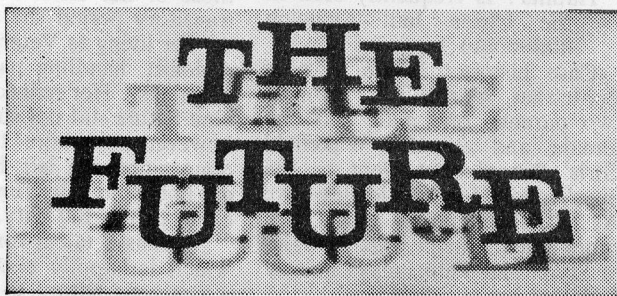
Liberals (Sept. 24—Oct. 23)
You will find yourself falling between two stools. Get yourself a new face lift.

Scorpion (Oct. 24—Nov. 23)
You will attend an important meeting this week—don't judge harshly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23—Dec. 22)
Other people's selections will influence your finances. Lucky day Saturday.

Apricorn (Dec. 23—Jan. 20)
A shocking week, but you will have the capacity to choke any resistance to your current ideas. Be a live wire.

While few of us wish to know the future, many hope—reasonably—to have a hand in shaping it; and this requires acquaintance with what may lie ahead. But traditional methods of probing the future are no longer in favour. Crystal-gazing has obvious limitations. Witches are prophets only of ultimate doom. So today one turns, in the first instance, to the appointments officer for the pathways to the future. We, for our part, would like to elaborate what lies along one of them—Unilever Research.



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OVERSEAS SERVICE WEEK

Perhaps you have seen various posters around College advertising an Overseas Service Week from Feb. 11th to 15th. What is this Overseas Service Week all about?

The idea was thought of last session by David Prentis, a third year mathematician, and he passed it on to me before leaving College in the Summer. I found that the idea quickly gained support from many people, both staff and students, and so during last term a group of students came together to get on with the job of organising O.S.W. It was only then that we discovered that many other Universities have already held weeks very similar to the one we are planning.

The aim of O.S.W. is not to drain this country of its scientists and engineers, but to present all the opportunities for working abroad. The developing countries need qualified people; they need people who will work in government posts, go abroad with private companies, or spend a year after graduating working overseas with voluntary organisations. This sort of work can develop your character and give you chances of experience and responsibility which cannot be found in the security of Great Britain. During the O.S.M., experts will talk about conditions abroad and the channels through which jobs are filled.

I hope that many I.C. students will want to find out more about this sort of work. During the week there will be an information centre in Committee Room B which will be open from 12.30 p.m. to 7.0 p.m. every day. There you will be able to obtain details of every type of work available

in the developing countries. If you haven't yet seriously considered going abroad when you leave I.C., then Overseas Service Week is the time to start thinking about it.

ROY ELLIS.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 5.10 p.m.

Union Concert Hall.

Opening Meeting.

To be addressed by the Rt. Hon. Dennis Vosper, M.P., Minister for Technical Co-operation.

Introduced by Sir Willis Jackson.

Tuesday (General Studies)

"Britain's Role in Overseas Service."

Main Physics Theatre
Speakers: Sir John Lockwood, master of Birkbeck College.

William Clark, director of the Overseas Development Institute.

Introduced by Professor P. M. S. Blackett.

Wednesday, 1.30 p.m.

Main Physics Theatre.
Two films: "The Rival World," "Peaceful Revolution."

Thursday

(General Studies)

Main Physics Theatre.

"The Work of the Voluntary Societies."

Speakers: A. Rhys Hughes, president of the National Union of Students.

Mr. Chadwick of Voluntary Service Overseas.

Introduced by Sir Willis Jackson.

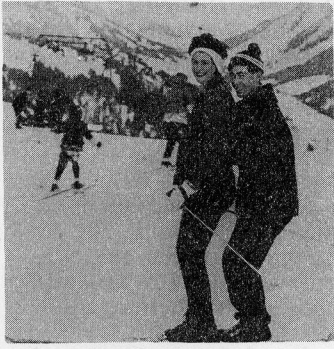
Friday, 1.10—1.50 p.m.

Union Concert Hall.

Informal discussion meeting with representatives of recruiting bodies and voluntary societies.

TOP PEOPLE
are going to
OVERSEAS SERVICE WEEK
Are you?
Feb 11th - 15th

Ski Club



Hampstead Heath vs. Switzerland

You can say what you like, but we still consider ski-ing in Switzerland better than on Hampstead Heath. It may be more expensive, but the snow is more ski-able, the weather more amenable, the variety of ski runs practically endless, and the night life is gorgeous.

Several years ago in Wengen, Switzerland, somebody founded a club nick-named "D.H.O." i.e., the "Down Hill Only" Club. We may not be members, but we do ski the same way; ski-ing downhill and using the efficient lifts back to the top again. This is where Hampstead Heath fails miserably. There is little pleasure in ski-ing, if after two minutes gently shussing, you have to spend twenty minutes trudging back to the top of the slope. Apart from anything else, it's hausting.

The IC Winter Ski-ing party to Leysin in Switzerland returned from there on January 7th, having departed from London just after Christmas. Although the weather was dull for most of the time, the snow conditions were good for the duration of our stay. Our experts had a good selection of lifts and runs to choose from, and our novices progressed steadily on the nursery slopes. One of them even managed to break a ski while standing still! Just as well, perhaps, that he didn't graduate to class 2, where they teach you to move.

At one of the club meetings this term, we shall be showing our photos and colour slides of this trip to Switzerland.

The Club is at present organising a second party, to Zurs in the Austrian Arlberg at Easter. More details are available on the notice boards outside the Concert Hall. Anyone interested is strongly urged to contact our Secretary immediately.

NIGHT CLUBBING

THE ESTABLISHMENT

On Saturday night, your correspondents, equipped with comely wenches and fat wallets ventured forth in the direction of Soho. Having briefed themselves on modern satire with a few Saturday sessions in front of the Union Telly, they felt fully prepared for an onslaught on the "Establishment."

This, London's first satirical night club was opened over a year ago by the team that, led by Peter Cook, brought "Beyond the Fringe" from Cambridge to the London stage.

The cabaret is ideal for someone who is a little weary of the BBC's overrated attempt to emulate Swift. Satire at the Establishment is not designed primarily to poke fun at public figures, but rather to dissect present-day society, and to ask "why," when the foundations of this are found to be non-existent. To any student who is not afraid of joining an audience of about sixty and

laughing with them, as he and his companions are parodied before him, the Establishment is recommended. An excellent three-course dinner can be had for about 20/- and drinks are at reasonable prices. All this, and a chance to see what TWTWTW could be, as demonstrated by a professional team of polished wits.

Membership costs only two guineas a year for students, and 5/-. or to indulge in a frenzied entitles one to see the cabaret for rave in the jazz cellar. Alternatively, it is possible to drink sedately in the elegant, tastefully

furnished lounge bar cum modern art gallery. Free shows of modern Continental films of International Film Theatre calibre are provided on Sunday afternoons.

The main attraction for students is the jazz cellar. In stark but comfortable surroundings there is food, drink, dancing, to first class modern jazz, flowing, clear, well-nigh unequalled in London.

Dress at the Establishment is as varied as its membership. One of its many attractions is the opportunity to observe the sort of people that we lack at IC, university students, young executives, tired businessmen, all merging into the one Establishment type—cynical, yes, but at the same time, warm and friendly. The Establishment is, all in all, a sort of Ibsen's "melting pot of life."

M.G.H.
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ing countries to work as volunteers. It is a fact that last year someone was sent to join two others in Bolivia, fares paid and wages supplemented by NUS. (This information has been obtained from a very authoritative source). The object is to halt illiteracy and raise money for schools in Bolivia. It could be argued that we are simply spending our money in providing free holidays for NUS personnel.

THE STUDENT*raises matters at meetings of***THE STUDENTS' UNION***which sends delegates to***N.U.S. COUNCIL***which elects and instructs***THE EXECUTIVE***which receives advice from and carries out**Council instructions through*

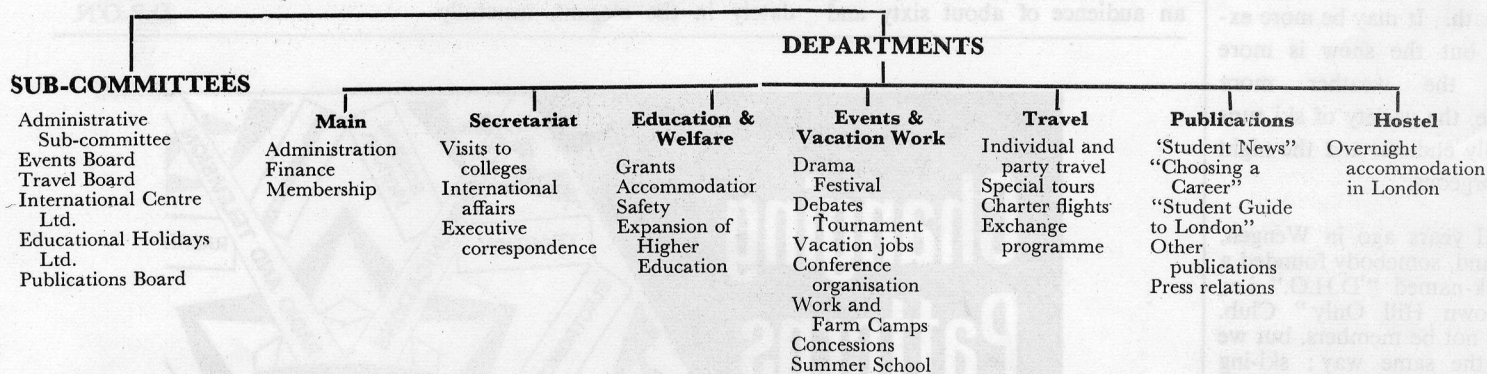
There is the matter of NUS politics. The National Union in Britain is a member of the International Students' Conference which was formed in opposition to the Communist dominated IUS. NUS supports students in their campaign against apartheid in South Africa, it supported the raising of funds for Hungarian student refugees, it has sent food and clothing to Algeria. A cyclo-styled announcement was received recently in the Union, sent by the Coordinating Secretariat of National Unions. This was a four page diatribe against the constitution of Southern Rhodesia (put out by the Zimbabwe Students Union, 4, Inverness Terrace, London, W.2). NUS also support motions like that of solidarity with Puerto Rican students.

Should our Union, as members of NUS, be implicated in the actions and resolutions of a conference we have hardly any chance of influencing? The public image of IC will not be affected, in the opinion of the pro-NUS faction, because the public don't even know that at the moment we are not members.

Another point to be raised is the composition of NUS. Since this has a heavy Tech. College membership, it is not certain that all their actions would be of benefit to University students. Last year, NUS tried to force the Universities to refuse a gift of £10,000 from the Vice-Chancellor for University sport, on the grounds that a similar subsidy should have been made to the Training Colleges. (This information comes from an authorita-

itself, you will remember that in a previous article it was said that £15,000 to £20,000 out of £40,000 are spent in salaries for the staff who administer the remaining funds. In the balance sheet of the Accounts dated 31st December, 1961, the figures are £28,000 out of £354,000. A healthy surplus is being built up, and the financial side of NUS looks good, with an annual income of £354,000 made up of affiliation fees (about 50 per cent.), donations, trusts, etc., NUS accounts, contrary to rumours, are published and are freely available.

In spite of the good grace of the Editor who gave me a carte blanche for this article (and a big one at that), I could not possibly discuss all the salient arguments for and against: debating tourna-

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tive source whose bona fide satisfies me.)

We must not forget the financial aspect of the situation. Individual members of NUS get certain concessions on some articles. Barring a few firms, any IC Union member could get the same concessions (this fact should have no bearing on which way you vote—you should decide as a member of ICU not as John Smith). There is no doubt whatsoever that the NUS travel department is first rate and will save you an appreciable amount should you decide to travel abroad. It is possible to join as an individual member for the sum of 15/-.

The more relevant argument revolves around the point that if we join, the ICU will have to find a "spare" £300. Where will this money come from and at what cost? £300 represent 2½ per cent. of our income. Since the Union fees cannot be raised for some years to come, this money must either come out of reserves (£8,000 not counting the Bookstall reserves), or by cutting the grants to the clubs, or by cutting out the Presidents' Ball. The Union should appreciate just what joining means to us financially, and the proposers should make it quite clear from where the money is coming.

As for the finances of the NUS

ments, drama, Festival, summer camps and jobs, all well known to us.

I have given you some facts, all checked and rechecked, which seem to me to be the most important. No doubt you will hear these and others at the Union Meeting. The decision will be yours, gentlemen. I feel strongly that, given the facts, the Union meeting is the best judge of what is best for this Union. Collective judgment is the basis of democracy, and I am in favour of it. I have been pressed to "give a lead" by committing myself but have refused to do so because as President, one does not come across enough evidence to decide the issue clearly. This is borne out by the fact that I personally know two men, ex-Presidents of ICU who hold diametrically opposite views on this subject.

Your decision will be based on your attitude to things, material and moral, and this is after all a very personal thing.

One final word. We are very grateful to the RGS for giving us the use of their Hall. Please bear this in mind, and don't behave in any way that may affect the Union adversely.

And do come to what promises to be an Historic Union Meeting.

ASIT CHANDMEL,
President IC Union.