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## ADJOURNED UNION MEETING INQUORATE

-Business deferred

The posters in red and green all over Southside and the Union, were mistaken. "In its second great week! — the crazy world of I.C.'s (quorate) Union meeting" . . . no. Two attempts were made to restart the original (adjourned) meeting. The last effort, on Thursday, raised a bare 150 people. 300 are needed for quoracy; without this no motions can be passed and no decisions taken. As the faithful trickled in they were handed two typewritten foolscap sheets each—copies of the marathon motion, due to be proposed by Derek Boothman and

Spooks Duckett, that could extensively change the Union structure. More correctly, it is seven motions in one—each to be separately debated. Five minutes later, all, or nearly all, the sheets had been handed back.

President Ray Phillips made a short speech before he closed the meeting. He blamed "poor publicity" for the meagre attendance, and added that he would tell Constituent College publicists to back up the campaign to make the next Union meeting quorate. In all fairness, however, the publicity both for this meeting and for this

term has been good, with full colour posters over most of the college. As Union Publicist Dick Gentle pointed out, last year it was virtually non-existent and attendances were perhaps a little better. "It's very easy to blame publicity," he said, "but I'm not so sure. . . . The content of a Union meeting just isn't interesting to most of I.C." It's unfortunate but very true—and if you were among the 150 faithful interested enough to want to talk constitutional changes last Thursday, that's too bad.

JOHN MULLALY.

## IC HEARS NUS AND RSA ON GRANTS

About 100 IC students attended a meeting of the Political Societies Council on "Student Finance" last Tuesday lunchtime in a vain attempt to gain enlightenment on the problem of the proposed cut in the grants increase.

Leon Kreitzmann, a Vice-President of the National Union of Students (Geoff Martin, the President, who was to have spoken was unavailable) and Jan Midwinter of the Radical Students' Alliance spoke both about their respective organisations' attitudes to the grants cut and about their long-term aims in this field. The meeting was slightly spoiled by Miss Midwinter's tendency to score points off NUS at every opportunity.

### NUS View

Leon Kreitzmann spoke first and immediately made the point that grants have not gone up in amounts comparable to the rise in the cost of living for several years. At the moment an Advisory Panel on Student Awards is completing a report, which should determine an increase in the level of grants for the next three years and will be published towards the end of May. However, the Government have already announced that in the light of the present economic situation the presumed increase will be slashed by 50 per cent. To express the Governmental and NUS attitudes to this cut and to other aspects of the grants situation, Mr. Kreitzmann gave a brief resume of a recent NUS meeting with Patrick Gordon Walker, the Minister directly responsible for student affairs.

NUS told Gordon Walker that they hoped the cut would only be for one year after which the full value of the award would be paid, and also mentioned that they would like to see an automatic cost-of-living review index which would review student grants along with the cost of living. Gordon Walker was not keen on the review index and said that as he didn't know whether the economic policy would work this year (sic) he was not going to be tied down to giving a specific date for abolishing the 50 per cent cut. NUS then mentioned that a freeze on hall, lodgings and refectory prices might help if the cut went through, to which the Minister



Jan Midwinter and Leon Kreitzmann

replied that he might approach the University Grants Committee about this, but he did not sound over-keen. Finally he said that he might be prepared to change the means test so that the maximum grant would be paid for parental incomes up to £1,100 instead of up to £700 as at present. He also dropped in a quick comment about a possible "Hardship Fund" for the really struggling students.

Leon Kreitzmann believes that half the battle will be won if students were made aware of their position in society and their problems and if, correspondingly, the general public could be educated as to why they should spend money on higher education. The NUS action on the grants cuts will be to publicise student opinion on them in the press and by writing to MP's hoping to get a parliamentary debate so they can demonstrate to Gordon Walker when they meet him again in March (a rally will be held on March 3rd in Trafalgar Square) that a united student body is lined up against him. Then towards the end of May, when the halved award is announced, they may have to try something else.

Meanwhile, he asks that students facing hardship while on a maximum grant should write to

NUS and explain their difficulties. In arguing with the minister. NUS seems to have no difficulty in showing that when parents fail to pay their contribution, a student often has to struggle, but they have no evidence to prove that students receiving a maximum grant are hard up, which is embarrassing.

### RSA Line

Jan Midwinter then outlined the RSA policy on student finance, which is to receive a definite wage for all students. This, she feels, is merely asking for equal status with the working members of the community. R.S.A., in the interim, opposes outright any cuts in grants and supports unflinchingly any action to counter the Government's "outrageous policies." After saying this she seemed to spend most of her time vilifying the NUS line and saying nothing constructive herself. However, after a quick interruption by Chris O'Donnell, she mentioned that RSA were supporting the Art Colleges Parliamentary lobby in March and were sanctioning a National Day of Student Activity on May 1st to show where student opinion lies on the grants issue.

Questions and comments from the audience included Rob Collinge's claim, backed up by his report on student grants, that students on average were not suffering hardship, a completely irrelevant speech by Ray Phillips to add to the general rude rumblings by members of the Exec. and Council throughout the meeting, and the view of Les Ebdon, Chairman of Soc Soc, that NUS should link its action on grants into a larger framework of action on cuts in all social services. Kreitzmann replied to Ebdon that NUS had not got the majority of students behind them and that they would have to gain the support of the students who accept a second class status in the world, before they could achieve anything.

## DONOVAN WILL PLAY

Albert Hall Concert Saved



Photo courtesy Pye Records Ltd.

With bare seconds to spare before cancellation charges began to bite deep into Carnival's juicy kitty, Chris Palmer, dynamic organiser, finally announced that he had definitely booked the sensational Donovan for Carnival's Albert Hall concert, March 21th.

The fee?—a staggering £1000. It had earlier been hoped that Donovan would perform for free—but no dice. Nevertheless, this massive total may later be reduced. Also appearing on the bill, on an expenses-only basis, are the self-styled Incredible String Band and the coming new mind-blowers Tyrannosaurus Rex. The show is to be compered by the One-der-ful DJ John Peel.

Ever since his first chart entry with "Catch the Wind" Donovan has only enhanced his reputation with such biggies as "Sunshine Superman" and "Mellow Yellow." His new double-album set is currently breaking big in the States. For his set in the Albert Hall, Donovan will be backed by a King-sized orchestra.

The two-man Incredible String Band are also bill-toppers in their

own right and recently set the folk world on its head with their "Layers of the Onion" LP. Tyrannosaurus Rex, plugged like crazy in John Peel's Perfumed Garden column in International Times are rumoured to be the "newthing" group, turned down by recording companies for being too "uncommercial" and "progressive." It should make an interesting act.

Altogether, what a knockout show! Events like this can only boost Carnival to a record-breaking all-time high. Right now, Carnival total stands at £2,300; Chris Palmer hopes to pull £1000 out of the concert.

## SCRUTINY REINCARNATED

Despite the reported death of Scrutiny last term the Huxley Society intends producing an edition of the magazine this term. The main theme of this term's edition is "Humanism and Politics" with four articles written by chairmen of IC Political Societies. Articles on drugs, sex and cosmology will also be included. All the articles are written by members of the Huxley Society.

The magazine will provide a forum for philosophical and social comment in the college.

## ROMANTIC CHEM ENG

A Valentine surprise for all the secretaries and typists in Chem Eng last Wednesday was a carnation on their desks. The person responsible for this romantic gesture has so far eluded discovery.

## BLOODY MARVELLOUS

Last Thursday lunchtime, three of the four B-negative donors in the OSS Emergency Blood Scheme gave a pint of their blood at the College Health Centre, bringing the total amount given under the scheme to 29 pints or over 3 gallons.

The donors are urged to rest for 20 minutes afterwards to avoid fainting, but on this occasion it was the OSS helper who nearly passed out, being unused to writing names on polythene bags of warm blood!



# NEAR RIOT AT SMOKING CONCERT

"This is what always happens," said Malcolm "Spooks" Duckett, Chairman of RCS Ents, forlornly, of the damage caused by the fracas which marked the end of an otherwise excellent Smoking Concert.

The concert started out by pleasing everyone in the first few seconds when Bob Mackman was on the receiving end of a custard pie, the first of a number to be dished out mainly to Mackman and Mike Tait, Vice-President of RCS, who compered the show.

The first half consisted of eight sketches, mostly, it seemed, by Physics one, and including a take-off of "Grandstand," and a lecture on "Pharticle Physics," culminating in a supremely obscene spoof of a Chemistry lecture.

## Besotted Audience

After the interval the effects of the free (and otherwise) beer were much in evidence, drowning almost all of Mike Tait's compering and making the audience miss all but the most downright crudities from the stage (and from the audience, come to that). At least three sketches were ruined in this way, mainly by three rows of unruly people at the front.

A spontaneous Kangela in the middle of the second half brought an answering Boomalaka and first beer and then the glasses holding it were being thrown around the front few rows of the Hall. Prompt action by members of RCS General Committee

prevented the disturbance spreading and the concert was allowed to finish amid ever-mounting "audience participation."

numerable beer glasses, a microphone and a mike stand had been broken.

## Retaliation

At the end of the last sketch buckets of soggy brown paper were thrown from the stage at the audience. What the organisers had not expected was a barrage of beer glasses and chairs being thrown back. Before members of RCS General Committee could stop it at least three chairs, in-

## Theft

A final blow to RCS Ents, who must be congratulated on producing what, for the most part, was an extremely good show, was the stealing of the whisky bottle offered as a prize for the best limerick.

The sweet taste of success went very suddenly bitter for RCS Ents last Thursday night.



Sex is rampant at RCS Smoking Concert.

# DRUGS

On one's way to report a lecture about "The Use and Abuse of Drugs" one might reasonably anticipate fifty minutes of utter boredom punctuated by spasms of annoyance. That this did not happen is to the credit of the speakers at the week before last Thursday's General Studies Lecture, the Rev. Kenneth Leech and Brenda Jordan are from a church in the city, and Miss Jordan, Rev. Leech's wife, is a psychologist. They are both closely connected with the problems of drugs and drug addiction.

Miss Jordan spoke first, with the aim of putting the use of drugs "into context." For instance, many drugs open to abuse have valuable medical uses. Numerically the biggest "drug problem" in this country is the abuse of aspirins by older people. She then spoke of the physiological and psychological effects of drugs, classifying them into the categories of amphetamines, canna-

bis, opiates, and others.

Rev. Leech then talked in more detail about various drugs in widespread misuse. Holding up a boxful of assorted amphetamines, he pointed out the once-famous Purple Heart, and the popular Black Bomber. He made several interesting points about the use of drugs. Generally, he said, amphetamines are working class, hash is middle class, and so on. Like clothes, some drugs are subject to fashion; what London smokes today, Manchester will have in three month's time. In the West Country, some people still take Purple Hearts. Heroin addiction seems to be related to a particular mental make-up. The use of heroin is increasing he said, but discounted the theory that cannabis users tend to "graduate" to heroin. He also spoke at some length about the sources of drugs in this country, and the alarming tendencies that are appearing.

# SOUTHSIDE SHOP

George Assimakis has announced the results of his Southside Shop survey commissioned by Martin Lack. Last term he distributed 500 questionnaires throughout Southside; 202 residents replied, in the main expressing dissatisfaction, even extreme dissatisfaction with the shop. 35 per cent admitted to using it only rarely, and with International Stores 400 yards away it seems surprising the figure is not greater.

Dissatisfaction was positively expressed with the variety of goods available (80 per cent), the price of these goods (75 per cent.) and the hours opening (70 per cent.). Ideas for improving the

variety included fresh fruit and cheese to canned food and vegetables; of the few items presently in stock sugar was deemed the most regular purchase.

A majority was in favour of making the shop union-run, a minority for leasing it out to a private concern. There were a large number of complaints about the present management: "unco-operative," "never open on time," "everything seems to be on order but—", Assimakis adds hopefully: "a young attractive shop assistant was thought by most people to be the ideal person to handle the shop."

# HUMAN RIGHTS TEACH-IN

Human rights are about people, individual freedoms, equality of opportunity and equality before the law, the right of work, leisure, social security, free thought and all other rights upheld by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In harmony with the purposes of Human Rights Year, the teach-in on 1st February arranged by the IC HRY committee attempted to bring home to everybody the breadth of the concept of human rights and compare the interpretation of them by various communities.

The five distinguished speakers talked for 4½ hours to a packed audience (90 people were still present at 10.30 p.m.).

## U.N.

The first speaker, Mr. James Fawcett (one-time member of the drafting committee for the U.D.H.R. and member of the European Commission on Human Rights) explained what human rights were and said that the object of the declaration was to set a common standard to be achieved by all nations. Attempts by way of International covenants are now being made to make the declaration into an enforceable document so that what is at present a list of "claims" may become legal rights. The General Assembly, as part of the general plan to increase the power of the UN Commission on Human Rights, is considering a proposal to appoint a UN High Commissioner on Human Rights.

## Pravda's View

Mr. Oleg Oresto (London correspondent of Pravda) gave personal views on human rights in the Soviet Union. He said that the declaration, while being excellent, meant different things to

different countries and that, like free speech, by itself it was ineffective if not accompanied by the ability to act. As a communist he stated that the concept of absolute freedom was a myth and that man has no existence outside society, therefore his rights depend on society. He explained that only a socialist state can guarantee work and security for all. The rights of women and minority groups were very well cared for.

While admitting that there may be some things wrong with the Soviet Union he said that their Press was more democratic than ours which was controlled by a handful of press magnates.

## Wandering Jews

The next speaker was Mr. Sidney Shipton (Secretary of the World Jewish Organization (British Section)) who later commented on some things Mr. Orestor had said about Jews in Russia. The phrase "the wandering Jews" arose because Jews had, in the past, been deprived of many human rights. Mr. Ship-

ton said that the Universal Declaration was completely in accord with ancient Jewish teaching rather than more recent religions which appeared to Mr. Shipton to be insignificant. He went on to show how many of the Ten Commandments could be considered as forerunners of the Declaration of Human Rights.

## Arabs

Mr. Iqbal, (Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan) said that the British had no right in the first place to give Palestine away over the heads of the Arabs. Mr. Iqbal gave a long account of Islam, which he considered to be a successor to Judaism and Christianity. The Koran, like the Declaration of Human Rights, proclaims the brotherhood of man and the unity of moral law.

On the subject of women, Mr. Iqbal (who had previously referred to the Chairman, Mrs. Joan Ruddock, as Mr. Chairman) said, among other things, that men were naturally polygamous.

The UDHR, although representing possibly world consensus, falls very short of the concept as expressed in Islam, which involves man in his spiritual as well as material existence. In Islam, all people really are equal before the law. He also said that the UDHR, although correctly concerned with democracy, was wrong to try and dictate an electoral method.

The concept of the Welfare State (which is intrinsic in Article

22) was first applied in Islam 1400 years ago, he said.

## Doctrine

Prof. Manning (Emeritus Professor of International Relations at LSE) said first that he was not there to propound Apartheid as some people imagined but to talk about Human Rights, although he would have preferred to talk about human happiness, in the context of apartheid.

All over the world UDHR was violated. In Britain, it was estimated that 16 of the 30 articles were infringed. In South Africa Negroes have rights that they have not fully enjoyed.

Rights, he said, are not had as a matter of right but as a matter of doctrine. There are four possible approaches to Human Rights: Theological, Metaphysical, Sociological, and Ideological. The Metaphysical approach was ridiculous, the Sociological approach was undoubtedly best but the Ideological approach was unfortunately most favoured at present. The "rights vocabulary" which accompanied the ideological approach meant different things to different peoples. Prof. Manning said that all sociological situations are different and to understand we must see the whole situation, things did not simply happen because of "rights," which he demonstrated with

examples, saying that politics is the art of the possible, not perfect, and that the notion of natural rights is vulnerable. The UDHR, he said, was an unrealistic agreement between SOME of the members of the U.N., excluding South Africa.

The problems of South Africa, like all problems should be examined specifically, he said, and saw no reason why South Africa should bow to the "ideological imperialism" of other countries. The white minority in South Africa was alienated by the "rights vocabulary" and would not change its ways until the rest of the world approached them more realistically.

Prof. Manning's speech was interrupted a number of times and was followed by bitter comments on the real situation in South Africa by a coloured South African.

## Hypocrisy

In all this we can see that everywhere there is a vast spectrum of knowledge, application, and belief in human rights. Most individuals and nations are either ignorant of the UDHR or when they have knowledge fail to fully live up to their declared beliefs. It is only after this hypocrisy has been destroyed and knowledge of the UDHR is more widespread that we can hope to reap the rewards which should follow.

PIERS CORBYN

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# CONSTITUENT COLLEGE COLUMNS

## ICWords

February 14th—the feastday of that well-versed, anonymous cad, or should I say cad (not that I'm complaining; I had my fair share—one.)

Anyway, imagine the scene in a dark, intimate, secluded corner of the Union, the Reading Room; the walls are festooned with two large red hearts; the time is 8 o'clock; music positively leaps through the loud speakers to reverberate from the opposite wall. The room gradually fills and by 9.30 p.m. a whole barrel of beer has been consumed. It is promised that a second barrel will be tapped after the Mr. ICWA election which takes place at 10.15. Six candidates stood for this post, despite some people, including I'm told the Secretary, thinking that only four names were inscribed on the nomination sheet. Among these was an uncertain underwriter to His Most Gracious Mackman. Next year, as overlord of the most powerful female organisation since the Women's Institute, he will be wearing rings on both hands. The Rugby Club have by this time arrived and the second barrel of beer drains in 30 minutes. More of the Rugby Club arrive—You mean there was a third barrel???

By 11.30 p.m. the room is emptying fast to the rhythmic tinkling of breaking glass and people falling downstairs—the end to this year's unofficial ICWA hop. And at midnight, if you were still up and you purport to live in Beit, you too could have seen the ICWA Executive playing hopscotch across the Quadrangle. (Would anyone who saw the incident or can give further information, please contact WHI 1212)

## MACKMANIA

Many people ask what *does* the President of RCS do all day? At last Mackmania brings you the true facts:

At n o'clock (n is large and positive), R.E.M. wakes up, leaps (?) out of bed. No breakfast—too busy. Collects notes and checks Tizard rack. Runs across Exhibition Road stopping only to crawl under a Mark III Ford. Checks Union Office and arrives at lecture only five minutes late . . . races out of lecture to book Level 8 for R.C.S.A. function. Have you joined yet? See Miss Paget, R.C.S. Office, Int. 3869. Trundles off to Union Office to have a chat with Auntie Jane and Uncle Ray . . . eats lunch with Registrar and Auntie Jane and discusses next year's Freshers' Day. A moment to spare! R.E.M. retires to his favourite hideaway—through the back entrance of the Harrington into Petersham Lane to the new Fangio Motor Museum—for a quick flip through press cuttings and exhibits. Duty calls! Return to Union for Carnival Board meeting. Fete or no Fete—R.E.M. deliberates. Checks R.C.S. office. Proceeds to Physics building for another lecture, thinks: "How many tee-shirts has Pete Dolwin sold?" . . . Toggles off to book lecture theatre for next RCS meeting, gazing with pride upon his Sunbeam Talbot Mk II (with buckled wheel) on the way. Leaves Chemistry and gazes up on Queen's Tower, symbol of I.C.'s masculinity. Walks past bicycle sheds. Has Pat Haxell had any more information about bicycle security? Whose rusty old Jensen is that!!? Returns to

## GENTLEMEN OF MINES

This week is the long promised "collecting week" when Mines are hoping to reach their target of £1,000. (Metallurgists; note; for tomorrow night). Mines have already collected £600 which works out at £2/undergraduate head, far in front of either of the other two colleges, but let's get this £1000 and show, once again, which is the best college in IC.

On the 28th Feb. "Ye Royal School of Mines Union is having an outing to Queens Ice Skating Rink, Bayswater—via the Union, the Queens, the Denmark, the Zetland, the Gloucester, the Hoop and Toy, etc. There will be a festival of skill and agility by the champions of each department and the one who is chosen as the best will be able to buy the Vice-President a pint.

Sorry for this short article but when one spends hours writing a decent article and it is not printed—hint, hint!

## GUILDSPOT

I was overcome with joy to see that the world famous impresario on spoons, Jay Ukelelee Murendel, is appearing at Guilds-Mines Carnival. It is now over thirty years since this musical genius has performed in this country and it will be of great interest to listen to the man who has had such an immense influence on the latest work of Knasal Phrome. A large contingent of fans is reported to be hitching down from John O'Groats as well (or at least as well as can be expected) for this event so get your ticket now.

News Flash: . . . Roy Lichtenstein suing Guilds Ents Publicity.

The Dinner and Dance was a huge success and with the soccer team beating Mines 5-4 to win the Tech cup we are enjoying the usual unusual amount of success.

News Flash: . . . Royal Family seeking High Court injunction to restrain Guilds Ents Publicity.

The annual hunt the barge pole in I.C.'s own green belt, Hyde Park, takes place at the next Union meeting in the form of the Field Cup. Second and third year students will be familiar with the rules (or lack thereof) in this venture and it is clearly not in their best interests to explain them to the first year students.

News Flash: . . . The attempt by Guilds Ents Publicity to syphon the Serpentine down Exhibition Road failed miserably, more suckers required.

Two months ago a questionnaire was distributed among guildsmen in an attempt to investigate the current trend in student apathy. As yet no forms have been returned.

News Flash: . . . Police have impounded Guilds Pot.

Southside to dump notes. Is R.E.M. going to propose Roger Webb for Mr. ICWA? Gets a few more replies to invitation for R.C.S. dinner. Why don't staff reply quicker? Hunger calls! Pops through hole in the wall to the "Hen's Egg" just off the Brompton Road . . . back to South Side to change into his only suit and much-worn RCS social colours tie to attend another sherry party . . . retires happily to 422 Tizard with woman . . . Good night?



A series in which articles are invited on subjects dear to the writers' hearts.

## The Menace of Bureaucracy

A couple of years ago, at a secret meeting in a darkened hall room, a member of Council (who shall, of course, be nameless) allowed me my very first privileged glimpse of some Council minutes. He said—and he was wrong—that they were confidential but that he trusted me not to share my knowledge of the Student Finance Committee report with unauthorised persons—and I loyally kept silent until I discovered to my horror that these vital documents were generally available in the Union Office and would be shown to whomsoever Robb might desire.

The attitude of the nameless one was, however, more typical of this Union than most would care to admit and to many of us the marvellous mysteries of Union bureaucracy remain shrouded for ever in an impenetrable fog of minutes, reports, initials and matters arising. The source of most decisions is dubious; and even the conscientious student of those Epistles to the Plebs, the Union Blue Book (constitutions and advertisements for clubs) and the Union Red Book (pictures of the President and advertisements for pubs) will remain ignorant of, for example, who appoints the editor of "Felix" or what basis Council uses when distributing your twenty-thousand quid.

That Council sometimes seems equally ignorant is, of course, a result of this same, possibly undeliberate, secretiveness. Its members, launched rapidly from the obscurity of anonymous readers of "Felix" to their precious seats round the Big Table Where It All Happens, are elected to joint staff-student committees (ever heard of them?) at their first Council meeting and expected to approve the financial estimates for the year at their second. Finding that the important decisions have now been taken—by somebody—they are silent at their third meeting and try and think of something to say at their fourth. By their fifth meeting they feel almost at the end of their term of office (the average Council member only attends about 6.3 meetings during his meteoric career) and start wondering vaguely who is going to be President next year. . . .

Having cast their vote for the apparent best of a bad lot at Joint Council, and having now some idea of how it all works, they retire to write imaginative applications for jobs (not forgetting to mention their great experience of administration and handling people in Union work) and buy their Council ties (four inches wide at the bottom, maroon with green sphinxes and yellow stripes, at 2/6 from the Bookstall, a snob's nightmare ideal for the English climate).

Somehow the things they wanted to do have been left undone, the things they wanted to say unsaid. The few ideas that they have produced have been swallowed in vague promises and forgotten minutes, and are lost and will have to be rediscovered and rediscovered again before they will bear any fruit.

Who now remembers why we have a Halls of Residence Representative, or what he is supposed to represent to whom? Who now remembers the purpose or even the existence of Refectory Complaints Officers, the fruit of some ancient conflict with the redoubtable and indestructible Mooney? Who was the original Publicity Officer whose "Approved" stamp is now wielded with great skill by the Union receptionist, and to whom is our Publicity Officer responsible for what? What was the Welfare Officer supposed to do when he was not expected to report to Council about Welfare, a touching custom reluctantly revived this year? What was the External Affairs Committee on which Council was represented for some years before it discovered that there was no such body and it had better be re-established?

Somebody sometimes has the sheer nerve to ask these questions, to interrupt the smooth, comfortable flow of finance, reports and no other business; but for too many years too many people at too many levels in the Union have sunk quietly into an uncomprehending lethargy, arising only to groan when the few who are still awake try and put across a point of principle or a new idea.

Bureaucracy is vital to the running of any organisation, but it must be the means and not the end. For too long "efficiency" has been the criterion for promotion in the Union hierarchy, and men with initiative have found that the great, untidy bureaucracy of this Union has been the last refuge of thoughtless routine and routine thoughtlessness. Unless I.C. Union is careful it will wake up soon to find itself strangled by its much-minuted children, and after that no further matters will be arising. . . .

PETE RUHEMANN.

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# EDITOR'S Comment

Each year the Union gets larger and each year the amount of money handled gets correspondingly greater. As a consequence of this the amount of responsibility vested in the members of the Union elected to the various posts, whether it be the President or a committee member of a club, becomes more and the more people who are being represented and the more activities going on the less time there is to see those people. "Who is Ray Phillips anyway?" says Joe Bloggs. "Who is Joe Bloggs, anyway?" says Ray Phillips.

This is but one facet of a problem for too long neglected in our rapidly growing Union—that of communication between the various parts. I make no apology for the fact that one or two other writers in this issue have dealt to some extent with this subject, in fact the word "communication," or rather the lack thereof, seems to be heading for the same sort of status once accorded to "apathy" as the universal scapegoat for all IC Union ills. I claim no such thing, but I do think that this is one of a number of causes of the present lack of interest shown by most students towards Union affairs. The lack of contact between the people supposedly running the Union and the main body of the Union is a manifestation of the inadequacy of what I shall term vertical communication. Lateral communication, at least at the level of the clubs, is, if anything, worse. Here we have a case of the left hand not knowing what the right is doing if ever there was one. A society will arrange a meeting with no idea of what it may clash with (unless it is a Monday and we all know what Monday night is), nor of whether other clubs are holding meetings on similar topics, this has happened between Maths & Phys Soc and Wells Soc several times last session, both IRC and Pol Soc Council arranged meetings entitled "Vietnam—the abuse of science" (Pol Soc have now abandoned the "abuse of science" bit from both the title and content of the programme to avoid too much overlapping), while Ents missed the opportunity of booking a top group cheaply because they could not find out the date of RCS Carnival.

And so to the eternal editorial question: What is to be done? In a vertical direction two starts have already been made. One is Ray Phillips' system of using year reps to publicise Union meetings to their years, a system carried further in RCS where informal year reps meetings are held to filter ideas upwards—"Communication is a two-way process"—Phillips—as well as to inform the masses. Some members of Council would like to see this adopted on an IC basis. The other is Andy Jordan's idea of holding "surgeries" on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes when Union members could see floor reps on Council about any problems or ideas they may have which Council could deal with. Excellent as the idea is I am not sure whether most Union members will overcome their natural reticence to go and see them.

In a lateral direction there seems at present to be no other means of communication than informal contact between members of the respective committees. And with eighty clubs and societies, not counting constituent College clubs... Once upon a time there was a diary for putting details of meetings in. True, not many people used it, but surely it was better than nothing. Perhaps it should be resurrected, with the clubs committees kicking those clubs who did not use it.

## CAREERS ADVICE

Whilst vaguely on the subject of communication or, more accurately, the dissemination of information, it is good to hear of the Rector's action on careers advice. At the moment there is little or no well-informed comprehensive advice available in this College on career opportunities, particularly outside of one's immediate studies or on postgraduate courses. This is not to say that the staff of the various departments do not do their best, in fact I am sure they do, but their knowledge of possible opportunities is necessarily extremely limited.

It is to be hoped that more advice, not just on careers, will be available to young people soon. One that springs to mind is the choice of Universities and courses whilst at school. If more such advice were available than many of the frustrations and failures, which I am sure are caused by following the wrong course at the wrong University, would be avoided.

## STUDENT FINANCE

Last week 'Student Life' appeared around the College for the second time. It is published by Educational Publicity (Partners) Ltd., who are advertising agents for a large number of student newspapers, including FELIX. Many universities and Colleges have banned 'Student Life' out of hand, on the grounds that it will take advertising away from their own newspapers. Educational Publicity claim that its aim is to attract advertising to student newspapers. The FELIX board and Council have agreed that it should be given a chance to see if it will do this. All proceeds from the sale of 'Student Life' are going to the Union.

## Apathy and Indifference

Sir,  
With regard to Mr. Kent's letter which appeared last week in Felix and dwelt at length on the subject of apathy I would like to say this:

First a quote: "Apathy is what one associates with morons, not with intelligent young people."

Perhaps it is precisely because they are intelligent young people that they have considered and decided that there is nothing in the Union for them to get wildly excited about like a bunch of demented homosexuals on their way to a Scout camp. However, I think the reason goes deeper than this.

Mr. Kent implies that apathy is an abnormal state for intelligent people but far from being unusual, apathy is the norm for most people. University is a complete microcosm of the society we live in; there are just as many reactionary, conservative people as anywhere else, just as few radical thinkers, just as many social climbers as anywhere else, and what Mr. Kent does not realise

is that the reason that indifference is the norm lies, curiously enough, in the history and tradition of this country. George Orwell pointed out over thirty years ago in his essay "England, Your England" that it would be impossible for a Hitler or a Mussolini to rise to power here because of the indifference of the common man and also his suspicion of enthusiasm and disrespect of authority. The allegation, therefore, that all apathetic people are lazy is complete and utter rubbish.

It is this sort of vague and un-specific criticism of something he clearly has not tried to understand which makes his letter vacuous and superficial. The phrase "amorphous apathy" sounds good but when analysed means something like "ill-arranged indifference" which makes no sense at all.

His last paragraph consists of a long warning and ends on a hackneyed sentimental note which seems to sum up his sermon, boring, naive and depthless.

S. P. CHAMBERS  
Maths I

## Grants Meeting

Dear Sir,

The recent meeting on "Student Finance" in the Union could only be described as pathetic.

The gentleman from NUS related a long tale of negotiations with Gordon Walker on the subject of student hardship arising from inadequate grants. He ended by asking that if anyone was hard up would they please tell NUS because NUS couldn't find anyone who was!

The lady from Radical Student Alliance displayed a great deal of high whilst seated and little coherence when standing and was about as radical as a reactionary hen.

Those who turned up to the meeting represented only about 3 per cent of the student body, indicating that about 97 per cent were satisfied with their present financial arrangements.

Everybody who spoke from the floor either made irrelevant speeches, paraded reactionary sentiment or spoke plain nonsense. With two exceptions: a gentleman who made a strong point relevant to working class students and another who called attention to the plight of the post-graduate student.

BILL THORNLEY

## Now Colcutt hits back!

Dear Mr. Shields,

I am sorry I bore you. I had hoped that my cliquish introspection would in fact help you to get to know members of the clique better. They are after all your representatives. If you are looking for constructive criticism, go back four or five issues of FELIX where you will find my master-plan for the reform of I.C. Union. If this is not constructive, I do not know what is. I would like you to know that if any views expressed in my column bear any similarity to those expressed by any member of I.C. Union, living or dead, real or imaginary, it is of course accidental.

I am distributing copies of this letter to my clique. This is the first of two copies.

Yours sincerely,  
COLCUTT

This is a copy of a letter sent by Colcutt to Mr. Shields.

# Letters to the Editor

The editor reserves the right to withhold all or part of any letters from publication. The views expressed in these letters are not necessarily those of the editor.

## Abuse of Science in Vietnam?

Dear Sir,

Apropos Mr. Lavin's pro-American outburst (Late News—last issue) accusing Dr. Stephen Rose—a much respected member of the scientific community of this country—of attempting to disseminate anti-American propaganda we feel the following points must be brought to his attention and of the many Felix readers:

(i) Dr. Rose did not ADMIT in discussion that there was no evidence to suggest that the Americans were busily occupied in spreading plague organisms in South Vietnam, he actually STATED it in his talk. (Could we ask Mr. Lavin why the Americans would like to infest with plague the land they are "defending"?)

(ii) Would Mr. Lavin look under the entry "fact" in his dictionary? Having done that could he explain to us how basic facts can be queried.

(iii) Whether Mr. Lavin likes it or not it does so happen that the Americans are the principal offenders in the abuse of science in the unfortunate Vietnam war and as such it was difficult for Dr. Rose to accuse the Vietcong of indulging in these exercises. However, if Mr. Lavin believes that the use of suicide squads is an abuse of science (and not an affront to the dignity of the human being) he could certainly accuse the Vietcong of abusing science in Vietnam.

(iv) Mr. Lavin suggests that Dr. Rose's time would be better spent in discussing moral aspects of science-based warfare. Could he suggest how this can be done properly without presenting intrinsically related facts as was done here.

(v) With the welfare of "Felix" readers in mind could we request Mr. Lavin to listen to lectures more carefully before burdening you with libellous remarks on distinguished speakers.

Yours faithfully,  
P. R. CORBYN  
R. MOHAN  
(Undergraduates)

## Students are pests

Dear Sir,

A dangerous rumour has been circulating in Britain for some time now. It goes this way—"students are not actually parasites on Society."

For a moment, I thought that the world had run amuck. Then, much to my solace, your last issue arrived to restore sanity. Among other things, it reminded me that students are not even intelligent enough to know the irrationality of electing their own President!

Every other Wednesday, I pay four pence to appreciate how correct Felix is in its appraisal of students. By what they write, you shall know them.

God save us from the pests called students. With Felix on our side we shall always manage to keep them at bay.

Thank you very much.  
Yours sincerely,  
FRANK OKOH

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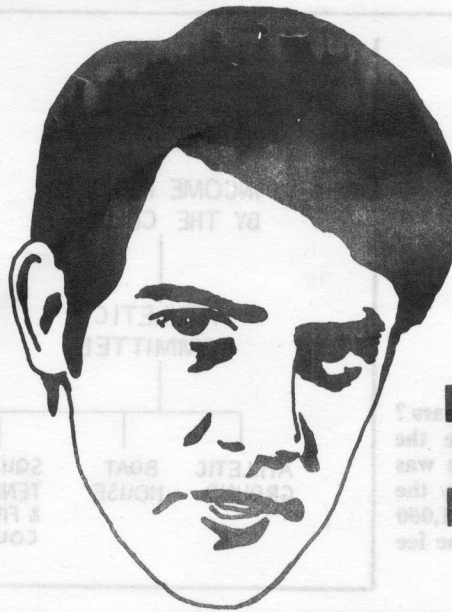
Sir,

On Wednesday 7th February in South Side Lower Refectory I ate a chip which was 14.1 cm. long, 3.0 cm. wide and about 0.5 cm. thick. Is this the largest recorded Mooney chip?  
GEORGE FARIS E.E.1

C. TUXFORD



# THE STATE OF THE I.C. UNION



Last Thursday saw the second unsuccessful attempt to continue the only quorate Union Meeting of the session. It seems a little difficult to understand why it is impossible to attract a little over 8% of IC's students to a meeting which was to discuss grants.

Ray Phillip's plea that this second failure was due to bad publicity may be valid, but what is probably more valid is that people do not know what the

Union does and see no reason to attend.

In this supplement FELIX has attempted to show what the Union does for you, how it spends its money and how its President sees it. In addition two members of Council have written suggesting improvements in the Union, and there is a 'rogues gallery' of the more important people in the Union. It is hoped that this will help to make the next Union Meeting quorate.

## a president's eye view

In order to get the view of the President on the Union and to gather some information on what the President's job entails FELIX interviewed Ray Phillips.

The President began by making the statement that in his view he is fortunate in having the constituent college system, which took most of the work on academic matters off ICU on to the constituent college unions. This leaves him with overall administrative problems involving the Union and College as a whole.

What do you consider to be the job of the President and what should be the relationship between the Union, Council and President?

He considers that the most important part of his job is in co-ordinating with the administration of the College. As chairman of Council he does not think that he should necessarily be completely impartial, since the president is in a position to know more about a lot of matters put before Council than other members. As chairman of Union meetings he tries to be much more impartial and tries to see that minority viewpoints are expressed.

Do you work to any broad policies in how you carry out your job?

He said that he tries to represent what he considers to be the students' interests as realistically as possible, tries not to let people's excessive enthusiasm take precedence over practicability and to keep an open mind.

To what extent should the President act on his own initiative?

As far as possible he tries to represent the students' viewpoint as he interprets it. If he receives a letter addressed to him as President, asking for his ideas in the light of his experience he answers as he thinks the students would want him to. Sometimes quick action is necessary when it is not possible to consult people

beforehand. This is one of the things for which he was elected. Do you think there is enough communication between the grass roots of the Union, Council and the executive?

"In a word—no." The executive is only a sub-committee of Council and reports on what action it has taken to Council at each meeting. The executive committee itself is not necessarily a powerful body, but the executive has power because it is composed of people with power. If, for instance, the Welfare Committee were composed of powerful people then it, too, would be a powerful body in the Union.

He sees no problem of communication between the executive and Council, but thinks the main one is that of communication between the Union and Council. To this end he has tried to encourage observers at Council meetings, the numbers of whom have averaged about 15 at the three meetings so far this session. He sees Council as a rough equivalent of Parliament, except that Parliament probably has more spectator appeal. He thinks that FELIX is the most important means of informing Union members of what

happens at Council. He pointed out that communication is a two-way process and that many of the representatives did not know what the people they are supposed to be representing think. He does not think that the reps should be mandated, as this destroys the point of any discussion on an issue. He sees the setting up of the floor reps' "surgeries" as an admission of defeat by these people that they have lost touch with the rest of the Union. In this case they are either bad floor reps or the Union is bad for not insisting that its views are represented.

Is there anything you would like to see the Union do, which it does not do now?

He said that there were a lot of things that the Union could do, but did not think in most cases that it should. Examples were the setting up of a West London accommodation bureau or a nursery. These could come as ideas from the Union but were better put into practice by the College, since the Union had neither the time nor the expertise to do this as well as the College could. He cited student houses as an example of this, where the Union had interested the College in the idea.

Do you think there is a case for a sabbatical year for the President?

He said that he thought that Presidents who had sabbatical years were usually looking around for something to "poke their noses into." If the constituent Colleges did not exist he thought that a case could be made out for a sabbatical year, but as it is he does not have to liaise between the students and the individual departments, so the amount of work he has to do does not justify one. He made the point that student politics "with a small 'p' and in inverted commas" should try to involve as many people as possible in running the Union. A sabbatical year would leave many of the people at present helping in Union affairs with little to do. With a sabbatical year there would probably be even more complaints of autocracy by the President.

When invited to make any further comments he said that he thought at the moment that there was a "gap of logic" on Council. The Union General Meeting has the final say in what goes on in the Union and yet Council wants to throw off representatives of the Union e.g. constituent college presidents and chairmen of clubs committees from its sub-committees and replace them with representatives of Council.

He sees the current attempt to give more power to Council as an attempt by some people to gain power for themselves. Some Council members seem to be there for their own egoism, with some Union officers trying to make a name for themselves in a year by pursuing one issue. He ended by saying that Council is in a confused state at the moment.

## ARE YOU APATHETIC OR DON'T YOU KNOW?

What does the average I.C. Union member want from I.C. Union? Does he (or she) contribute to the general inactivity of ICU meetings. Is he impressed with our hallowed Executive and Council or doesn't he know who they are? The answer to these questions are given by an unbiased (we hope) random sample of Union members who responded to our snap survey.

145 people answered the questions: 47 First year, 38 Second year, 49 Third year and 11 P.Gs.

How many I.C.U. meetings have you attended?

This Year	None	Some	Many
1st Year	23	22	2
2nd Year	27	8	3
3rd Year	29	9	11
P.G.	6	4	1
Total	85	43	17
Last year	None	Some	Many
2nd Year	15	20	3
3rd Year	11	26	12
P.G.	1	5	1
Total	27	51	16
Year Before	None	Some	Many
3rd Year	11	32	6
P.G.	0	5	1
Total	11	37	7

In the answers to this question, the outstanding fact is that nearly 60 per cent of our sample had not even sniffed at a Union meeting this year. The reasons they gave ranged from being put off by previous years' experience to finding General Studies more interesting. Those who went generally were unimpressed and made accusations of time-wasting, petty squabbling and a great deal of debate irrelevant to the average student. Several people commented that constituent College Union meetings were much more lively and others said that I.C.U. meetings had gone slowly downhill over the past few years.

## Council Unimpressive

When asked which facets of the Union they considered important, there were roughly equal votes for Clubs (118.) Welfare (99), and Social facilities (95). A few other facets such as food, staff-student relations and contacts with N.U.S. were mentioned. One true patriot actually claimed to think FELIX important. The overlapping question—"What do you want from the Union?"—seemed to be rather difficult for people to answer. General feelings were that it should provide a place to meet people and to give them something to do. Others wanted representation on the Governing Body, accommodation, more intercollegiate spirit and approximately 1.38 per cent wanted Home Rule for Wells Soc.

Would you know how to contact a member of Council?

To this question, 96 answered YES and 49 NO, so it seems that Council members are reasonably well-known and approachable. However, included in the Noes are several who didn't even know what Council is.

Are you impressed with the Executive and Council?

	Yes	Moderately	No	Don't know
1st Year	0	11	17	19
2nd Year	0	8	16	14
3rd Year	3	12	23	11
P.G.	1	1	4	4
Total	4	32	60	48

How do you think they compare with previous years? (Answers only from those here at the relevant times)

	Better	Same	Worse	Unable to
Last Year	5	25	26	41
Year before	3	10	12	35

The answer to the first of these questions isn't very complimentary to the Exec and Council with over 40 per cent distinctly unimpressed by them. It must also be said that of the four who were impressed, two were actually Council members and presumably biased. Among those who gave judgement on the last question, opinion was generally that the Exec and Council are getting worse. Whether this is the case or whether the super-hero image of the Councilman diminishes as the student gets older the survey doesn't show.

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# PLAN FOR SURVIVAL

Just what is going to happen to our Union in the next few years? I think that one of the most important single items will be the eventual fee increase from £4 per capita to £7. This increase was approved by the Board of Governors, but has been held up by the UGC. At present we are overspending our grant by about £1,000 a year, and the Governors are paying this deficit for us until the fee increase is allowed.

## Save Now Spend Later

When we have the extra money, our first task will be to build up our reserve fund. This we can do by investing up to £8,000 per annum for the first few years. We shall need to make these giant savings in preparation for the future, as we cannot expect another increase for many years.

Some of the money will have to go on refurbishing present Union buildings, and also on developing the new Union premises in College block, due to be opened in Summer 1969.

Even after these schemes, there should still be money left to expand the activities of the Union's clubs and societies. It should be possible to cater for more members, particularly in the new Sports Centre, and to finance ambitious projects which require large capital investment. For example the Sailing club's proposal to buy a sea-going yacht, which, whilst requiring an outlay of about £3,000, would save money for the Union over the years. Perhaps we can finance several projects like this when we have the capital available.

We will also need to examine very carefully the system of giving subsidies to clubs and societies. At present, the subsidy is roughly in proportion to the cost of the activity. This means that membership of one of the social clubs, for example, usually carries a very small subsidy, whilst membership of an athletic club can carry a substantially larger one. Should this status quo continue to be accepted?

Much more could also be done to provide general facilities, such as newspapers and televisions, in the Union buildings. These would be used by all Union members, whether active in clubs or not. After all, everyone contributes an equal amount to the Union's income.

In addition, a similar Union committee on Halls of Residence and Student Houses may be required soon, to cover the hoped for expansion of the Student Houses scheme. Another very valuable setup is the Academic Rep. system of the constituent colleges. There is great scope at present for students to help in the improvement of undergraduate courses. Perhaps the groups from the three constituent colleges will come together to further their causes.

## Change at Top

At the top of the Union, the structure of the executive will have to change. Officers of IC

Union, from its clubs and sub-committees, will replace the constituent college Presidents. This is because the work of IC Union, and of its executive, will certainly expand in the next few years. The constituent college Presidents, who already concentrate largely on their own unions, will find constituent college activities taking up all of their time. Therefore, other officers of IC Union will be required to share the increased administrative load. In addition, there will be a concentration on matters common to all students by IC Union, whilst the constituent colleges deal with their own specialized interests, and foster inter-college rivalry.

## Presidential Duties

The President undertakes a great deal of ICU administration at the moment, including almost all of the negotiations with the college Administration. I think it is this increasing work load that has led to the President becoming less and less of a public figure throughout my time at IC. In turn, this has played no mean part in the fall of general interest in the running of the Union, and in the difficulties of getting a quorate union meeting. To combat this falling interest must be one of the most immediate tasks of the Union, and it is for this

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reason that I advocate a changed executive, and a public ballot for the office of President.

The question of a Sabbatical Year for the President will surely be raised soon, following the outbreak of Sabbatical Years in other London colleges. This would inevitably heighten the present trend towards an administrator-president, which could be disastrous for the Union in its present state. So I would suggest that this is not a good idea for IC at the present time.

## NUS

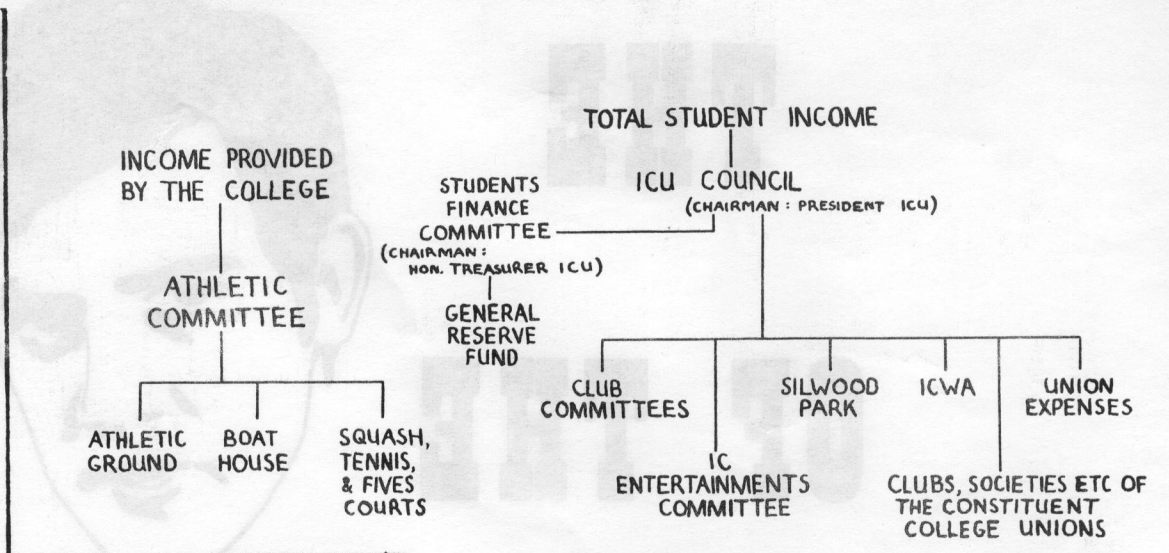
Finally, the perennial debate—should we join NUS? My personal view is that we should not. This is because a strengthened ICU will be capable of expressing its own opinions, without the help of NUS. We would almost certainly not agree with NUS on all issues, and we can use our proud tradition of independence to say what we think.

REX J. LOWIN

The financial structure of the Union is shown in the diagram. The total Student Income is derived mainly from fees and a supplementary grant from the Governing Body. With the income from the Bookshop this totals £20,000.

Of this the constituent colleges get 18s. for each member (with £500 bonus for R.S.M.) and this accounts for £3,800. The major drain on Union funds is A.C.C. who absorb £5,200; this does not include the costs of facilities such as land and building, but only equipment and other running costs. R.C.C. receives a grant of £2,800 and S.C.C. one of £800. If clubs wish to spend any money above their running costs they have to apply to the Committee to which they belong. Should the required amount be too large for it to dispense, they can refer it to the Student Finance Committee which has £1,800 to allocate as it chooses.

The bulk of the remainder goes on running expenses and prestige items like the President's Dinner and Dance.



## ECC?

The structure of the Union will also need to change over the next few years. One very workable suggestion is the setting up of an Entertainments Clubs Committee (ECC). This would be made up of the chairman of the Entertainments Committee, and the chairmen of clubs such as Jazz Club, Film Soc. and Dram. Soc. It could then function along the same lines as the present ACC, RCC and SCC. This move is necessary because these clubs, at present part of RCC, have a very specialized financial structure, with large amounts of money coming in and going out at times of performances. They also differ from other clubs in that their members tend to give entertainment rather than receive it. A previous experiment was to run some of these clubs as part of the present Entertainments Committee. This failed, basically because the setup was not suitably designed to exercise the careful financial control needed.

## New Ideas

A considerable expansion of other Union activities is also just beginning. The Welfare and External Affairs Committees are in the process of being written into the Union constitution. There are sufficient new ideas being considered by these committees that they should both cover an extremely wide range of interests in the near future. For example, the Welfare Committee might have to divide into sections on Housing, Health, and Finance, all the size of the present committee.

## THERE'S ROT AT THE TOP

There's a story about Ted Needham at the time of a Union meeting debating "Union sport is puerile." "I oppose this motion," he said, "because Union sport is not puerile enough."

Perhaps for some that is true. But I don't believe that students here are too irresponsible to be able to run their own affairs. And at the moment they don't run their own business. It's done by a highly indirectly elected and largely self-perpetuating hierarchy. The problem of ICU at present can be reduced to one thing: communications. Remember Boston

"The home of the bean and the cod,  
Where the Lowells talk to the Cabots  
And the Cabots talk only to God."

Too many times, the serious talking is done within Council or within the Executive: The Union is rarely consulted for its ideas. Most people have their own ideas or grouses about the running of their Union. Council and the executive should merely be a tool of the student body, not the reigning dynasty.

## Basic Problems

But this is all generalisation. What is the basic problem? At the moment IC clubs of all kinds do well out of ICU. Just how well they do, tends to depend on how flourishing they are. Most of the rest of the Union money goes on the constituent college unions and on the union buildings. I question the basic priorities of this spending. The priorities have been built up over the years and it does not seem that a fundamental review of them has been carried out recently. Anybody spending £20,000 a year should think out the policy of its spending. And on the distribution of the £20,000 depends how effectively the different parts of the Union function. At the moment, as an example, Ents are expected to make a profit and subsidise the President's Dinner

and Dance: this well-known event is the opportunity for the Union hierarchy to nosh together for free. I think it might well be better for Ents to run at a loss with better name hops, drawing more internal rather than external students.

But who decides on these priorities? Everybody, I know, faithfully reads the Union bye-laws when they arrive here: the bye-laws say 'tis council decides. And who does council consult? Perhaps their own consciences, though some may doubt that.

## Integrate

ICU must become a more integrated whole, working together rather than in rivalry. For this reason, I believe that the constituent college unions are not at present fulfilling their real function.

There is no real difference between Guildsmen, Minesmen, and Mackmen. Other than in academic matters there need be no distinction. The constituent colleges may claim to be nearer to their members: I don't think they use this to help IC as a whole. I should like to see a much stronger College-wide year rep. system. Reps would start to have the function as advisers to both Council and the Executive. They would get the opinions and ideas of their years as well as telling their years about what goes on in IC. So people would be better informed, and Union members would have a much more obvious hand in what ICU does. This power does exist now but in such a remote sense—as one vote at a Union meeting—that it is widely regarded as non-existent. It is not surprising that people do not care if they don't know what's happening and if they don't feel they can do anything about it.

## External Links

In addition, we must strengthen our links with other student bodies. We may not agree with all that NUS says, but as long as we stay out we cannot influence the actions of the major national student body. And because we stay out IC's voice goes unheard. What are our views on grant increases? Who are we going to tell

and who will listen? Inside NUS we may influence its voice, which is listened to.

## Communication

Somebody said to me recently that in ICU the bottom is apathetic, the middle rotten and there is nothing at the top. I was tempted to agree. I believe that we should make the lines of communication through the IC student body better, so that student opinion may be better sounded and decisions better explained. But also come back to the fact that those who are elected cannot be better than their electors.

ANDY JORDAN.

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# WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

If you live in Hall on a large industrial grant, have no children and don't drink coffee, then there's nothing. On the other hand you may have interests in grants, coffee bars, lodgings and nurseries. If so there is plenty in it for you. Since the individual cannot advance his interests in these matters himself, he may wonder who can.

For several years there has been someone somewhere who has been responsible for, or concerned with, student welfare but only this year has there been anything positive to show for it. Rex Lowin this year's welfare officer set about his task with enthusiasm unusual for a member of council and formed a welfare committee of equally keen and concerned students. This committee, though still unofficial and therefore able to act only as an advising body with no clearly defined duties, looks after the important issues that no-one else is able or wishes to handle.

## Coffee Bar

Have you ever desired a bite to eat or perhaps a drink of a non-intoxicating nature whilst in college between the hours of last Mooney and bed? Those who have, and they are numerous, have all been thwarted by Mooney's conservative arrangements. A coffee bar was set up in Southside before it became the social centre it is now, but it was a big flop. This has unfortunately convinced the authorities that such a facility is not required. Contrary to this the welfare committee believes there is a demand for a focal point other than the bars, which could easily take the form of a coffee bar. The committee suggests that the Southside snack bar should be open from mid-afternoon until 11 p.m. to sell coffee, hot pies and any other food for which there is a demand. They point out that it could easily be run by students, except perhaps on Saturdays when paid staff could be employed. These proposals are being put before the refectories committee in the hope that they will take action on them. If they do IC could well end up with a very popular coffee bar, a welcome thought.

## Nursery

A need which has been partially satisfied by the welfare committee is that of a nursery for married students. Difficulty has been encountered in pursuing such a project because there is no means of telling how great the demand for such a nursery will be. As yet there is no list of married students at IC available, so the welfare committee cannot contact the people who will provide the demand. A temporary arrangement has been made with RCA for IC to share their nursery at a very modest charge. This service is open to any married student or member of staff but the response has been slow. When the availability of a nursery is made known it is hoped that more people will take advantage of it, with the possible result of persuading the college authorities to provide a room in IC expressly for the nursery. Meanwhile the welfare committee is concentrating on sorting out the formalities of running a nursery and is pressing the registry to compile a list of married students.

## Grants

Of more concern to the majority of FELIX readers is the students' grants controversy which has hit the headlines re-

cently. The welfare committee seem to have taken over from the political societies in this field and have done a tremendous amount of research into the subject, not only of grants but of student finance in general. A survey was conducted last term to investigate where students' money comes from and goes to. The report drawn up from the survey concluded that the means test works satisfactorily in practice, a blow to the student wages supporters, since all undergraduates get at least the major part of their grant and it stressed that a policy of reducing the cost of living for students was preferable on a long term basis to increasing their grants. The obvious way of reducing the cost of living is to reduce the rents charged for accommodation; this can be achieved by means of the Rent Tribunal. There are many legal wrangles involved which are being investigated by the committee and if the outcome of the investigations is favourable the student may well find himself in the happy position of paying a reasonable rent.

## Accommodation

Student houses have also been a major concern of the welfare committee but unfortunately circumstances have taken the responsibility for their promotion out of the committee's hands and they have lost touch with the situation. However the welfare committee can take the credit for getting the idea of student houses into practice. There is also a move afoot to provide an accommodation bureau in West London in an attempt to relieve the overworked ULU bureau and to provide students in the area with a local service.

## Expansion

This is an outline of the major fields of operation of the welfare committee, seven very active people who are concerned about students. Their future plans include a review of the college health facilities with the aim of making students more aware of the service available to them. It seems strange that a committee which is handling investigations of such general concern as the welfare committee should be unofficial and so little known. It is hoped that the next Union meeting will be quorate so a motion can be passed rectifying the situation. Whether this is achieved or not it can be assumed that the committee will handle any problems concerning student welfare in an extremely competent manner.

DICK MIDDLETON.



Rex Lowin and Babs Hedge, chairmen of the Welfare and External Affairs Committees.

# THE FACTS OF LIFE

The External Affairs Committee is a somewhat smaller body than its Welfare counterpart. It consists of six members, its chairman being the pert near-blonde Barbara Hedge. What is it concerned with? External Affairs.

To be more specific, the committee has two major eggs in its basket, and a number of minor ones. Its primary concern at the moment is with the proposed cut in grants increase. Assuming all goes well yesterday's Union meeting should have seen the relevant signs of action in a motion seeking at least partial remission from the economic axe. While it accepts that, given the present national financial crisis, a degree of economic stringency is necessary, it points out that London students away from home will suffer to a greater extent than most while the Government's

plan to cut the recommended grants rise by half will reduce the student's income to below the previously commonly accepted value of 1961, this with respect to the current cost of living. The motion backs up its argument with detail from the Collinge report on student financial hardship, and its plea is intended for the Secretary of State for Education in the form of a letter.

## Follow up

"This letter must be only the start," said Barbara Hedge. "We intend constructive action to follow it." Indeed it looks as if this should be the case. Last year the committee did little, spent most

of its time arguing within itself, and told the Union next to nothing about its movements. This year there is a set (handpicked) committee holding frequent meetings. As well as stirring about grants, it has done a good deal in the field of "reciprocal facilities" with the Royal College of Art. Furthermore the results will be publicized. In simple terms: we can now join RCA clubs provided they agree to it, and students at RCA can join ours under similar conditions. Furthermore, and this is apparently better than it sounds, we can eat in their refectories at certain hours of the day. The recommended clubs in RCA are the Literary Soc. and the Music soc.; the food is claimed to be as good as, if not better than Mooney. Personally, I hope that this too is only the start. The more contact I.C. has with RCA, the better.

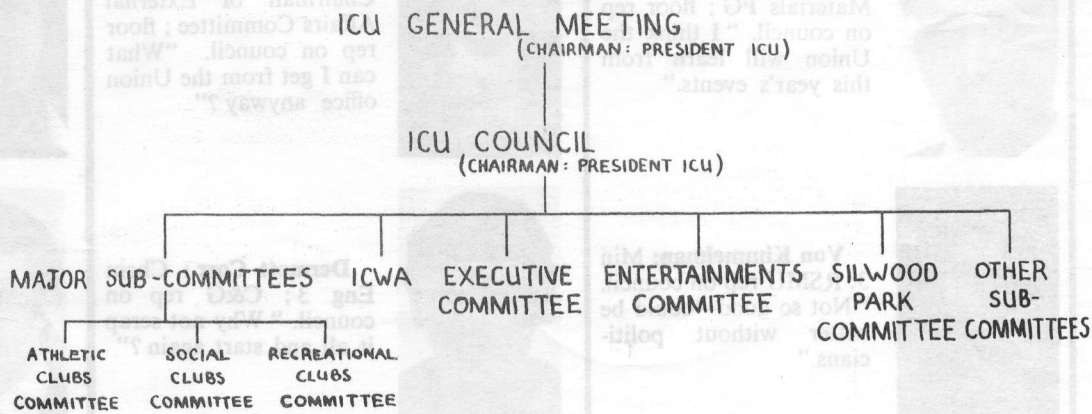
## Press Relations

Apart from these two major issues, the committee has arranged, or is about to arrange, a number of other less important matters. To give examples: a system of releasing I.C. news to the national press has been worked out; and student concessions in the area are now being investigated.

## Ideas Wanted

Like so many organizations in I.C. the External Affairs committee can use ideas and enthusiasm from the rest of the Union. If you have any bees in your bonnet that you consider relevant, see a member of the committee. You have a wide choice: from the chairman, Barbara Hedge (Beit) to Chris Eriksson (Falmouth), Stew Barnes and Pete Ruhemann (Beit), Vinod Garga, or Mike Edwards. **John Sommer**

# WHO RUNS WHOM



The easiest way to understand the working of the Union is to study the accompanying diagram. It shows that the most important body is the General Meeting of the Union, and it is here that the members can voice their ideas and here that all major policy decisions are made.

The management of the Union is done by Council, whose members will be mentioned later. They carry out the wishes of the Union and see that it is running smoothly. Council has a number of sub-committees which are responsible to Council and report to it at each meeting. Probably the most important sub-committee is the Executive consisting of the President, his Deputy, the Secretary and the 3 Vice Presidents (Constituent College Presidents) which concerns itself with domestic matters and matters of great urgency. It normally meets once a week in term time. The most vital committees to the club structure of IC are the Athletic Clubs, Social Clubs and Recrea-

tional Clubs Committees. The objects of each are to control the activities of the clubs which constitute it, allocate money and the chairman represents its interests on Council. ICWA's function is best known to its members and is represented on Council by its President.

Each constituent college is represented on Council by one member in addition to the President. There are six Council members elected from the floor of the Union. The purpose is to make sure that Council does not forget its ultimate responsibility to the Union and to represent individuals. In the near future they intend to keep office hours when anyone will be able to discuss Union matters with them. The students' representative on the Halls of Residence Committee is also a Council member, as are the chairman of Enus and the chairman of Silwood Park Committee. Council has three Old Students' representatives, one from the old students' organisation of each

constituent college and an Honorary Treasurer all of whom are non-students.

Two sub-committees are not officially represented on Council; they are the Welfare and External Affairs Committees. This position however, is being rectified.

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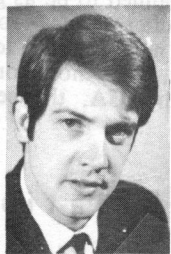
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# ICU ROGUES GALLERY

# FELIX

In this Rogues Gallery we present 36 of the more influential members of the Union. These Rogues were asked to make a brief summary of the present Union situation. The printable quotes appear below.



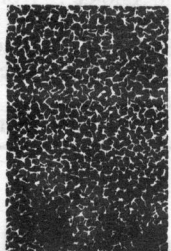
**Ray Phillips:** Chem PG; President of Imperial College Union; on the executive. "Always more concerned than I seem."



**Chris O'Donnell:** Mech Eng 3; President of C&G; on exec. "Anything you say may be taken and used by Colcutt."



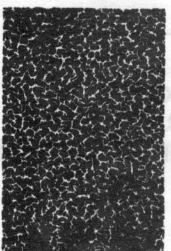
**Rog Chappell:** Chem PG; Chairman of ACC; on council. "Submersed in petty politics."



**Bob Fryer:** Chem Eng PG; Halls of Residents rep; on council. "This article might let Union members know who is on council and represents what."



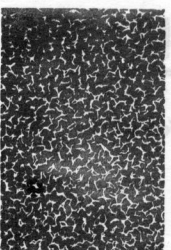
**Chris Eriksson:** Sc of Materials PG; floor rep on council. "I think the Union will learn from this year's events."



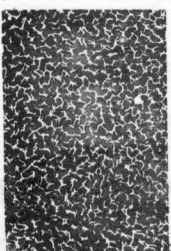
**Von Kimmelman:** Min 3; RSMU rep on council. "Not so good—could be better without politicians."



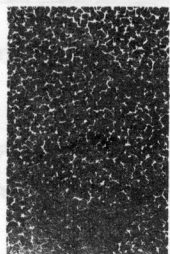
**Chris Palmer:** Min 2; Chairman of Carnival Committee. "Union is an oligarchy."



**Colin Harrison:** Elec Eng 3; editor of Phoenix; past ed of FELIX. "I think the average union member is happy, only the politicians are discontented."



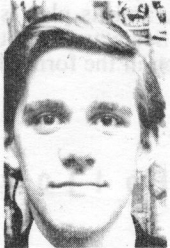
**Keith Cavanagh:** Chem PG; ex-President of RCSU.



**Dave Harris:** Phys PG; Hon. Secretary of ICU; on exec. "It's time we had some new ideas."



**Ian Wells:** Metallurgy PG; President of RSM; on exec. "The power of Council has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished."



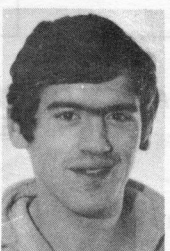
**Steve Mallinson:** Phys 3; Chairman of RCC; on council. "Much ado about nothing."



**Andy Jordan:** Chem Eng; floor rep on council. "It's very difficult to think of a stirring quote on the spot."



**Babs Hedge:** Phys 3; Chairman of External Affairs Committee; floor rep on council. "What can I get from the Union office anyway?"



**Dermott Corr:** Chem Eng 3; C&G rep on council. "Why not scrap it all and start again?"



**Dick Gentle:** Phys 3; Union publicity officer. "Artless mausoleum."



**Rory Redmayne:** Civ. Eng 3; ULU rep; ex-editor of FELIX. "Where is ULU anyway?"



**David Cooper:** Chem Eng PG; Editor of FELIX. "The Union should concern itself with what its members want not what the people who control it want."



**Martin Lack:** Maths 3; Deputy President of ICU; on exec. "Our Union? MINE."



**Bob Mackman:** Phys 3; President of RCS; on exec. "pretty good on the whole."



**Pete Ruhemann:** Meteorology PG; Chairman of SCC; on council. "The old Union structure is inadequate for the new Union needs."



**Rex Lowin:** Phys PG; Chairman of the Welfare Committee; floor rep on council. "See page so so an' so." (Article on page 6—Ed.)



**Spooks Duckett:** Zoo 3; ex-floor rep on council. "The Union member through his total self-concern, is responsible for the Union being taken out of his hands."



**Pete Hall:** Phys PG; ex-Mr. ICWA and man about town! "Ah yes—I remember it well."



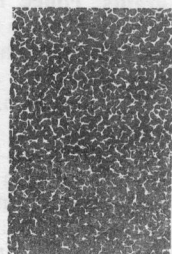
**Frank Fuchs:** Phys PG; former council member.



**Rob Collinge:** Elec Eng 3; of Collinge report on student finance. "More action, fewer words."



**Pam:** Union receptionist.



**Dr. Ken Weale:** Member of IC staff; Hon. Treasurer of ICU; on exec.



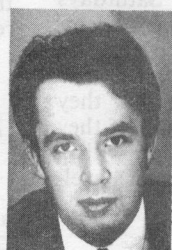
**Jane Pearson:** Chem 2; President of ICWA; member of council. "Lady vice—to be or not to be?"



**Keith Guy:** Chem Eng PG; Chairman of Ents; on council. "The Union runs itself; only the names change."



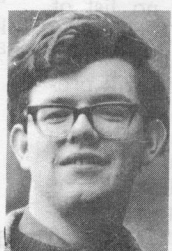
**Vinod Garga:** Civ Eng PG; floor rep on council. "Controversy in the Union is healthy and should not be looked down upon."



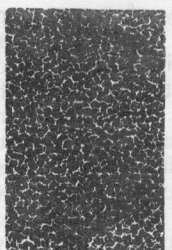
**Stew Barnes:** Phys 3; RCSU rep on council. "I wish people would stop knocking others and get on with their own jobs."



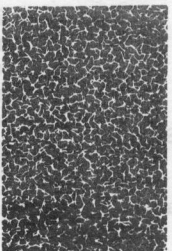
**Les Ebdon:** Chem 3; Chairman of Socialist Soc. "ICU exec is irrelevant to the majority and vice versa."



**Mike Edwards:** Metallurgy PG; ex-Chairman of SCC. "I'm glad I retired from the Union."



**Derek Boothman:** Chem Eng PG; Chairman of Communist Soc. "Control from beneath not manipulation from above."



**Mrs. Robb:** Clerk to the Union.



Patrick Rotherham interviews

## JOHN RENBOURN



John Renbourn was born in London 24 years ago. On Wednesday, January 31st, he played to a packed folk club. His musical sources are wide ranging—on Wednesday, his material included William Byrd's "Lord Salisbury," a Jelly Roll Morton Song, and a piece of modern Indian popular music. "Lord Salisbury" was originally written for lute, and when performing this John was accompanied by Terry Cox on glockenspiel; in some other numbers Terry also played hand drums.

Renbourn's great skill with the guitar is balanced by his easy-going stage performance. This was very well received, and, supported by the regular college players, made for a successful evening.

During the interval he spoke to Pat Rotherham.

*John, how long have you been playing guitar?*

I've had a guitar since Chas MacDevitt was in the hit parade, whenever that was, but I've been playing in London for three or four years now, as a professional folk singer. You change and you get better suddenly; particularly through hearing Davy Graham playing. I first started playing blues when I first came up to London, Davy was around; and if you could hear him, you'd learn a lot. I didn't really intend to be a folk singer; I just happened to be playing the guitar, and happened to get a few bookings; now I'm getting a fair amount of work as a folk singer. But I don't stop and say this is me, my job. I can remember when I started playing. It wasn't like starting and getting better, and earning more money; it was just having a play, which is more or less what I'm still doing.

*Did you have any musical education?*

I did music in school, and used to sing once in a while. I think I'm well up in music but I'm not, unfortunately.

*Did you ever plan to do anything else?*

Yes, I went to art school, for a short period. I was going to be the greatest artist the world has ever known, but that seemed to fall through. You've got to keep a lot of things going, you can't just do one thing. If you've got no fixed plans you're not brought down when you don't make it.

*You mentioned Davy Graham as an influence on you—what others have there been?*

Guitar players? Naturally I've got my favourites, but whether they influence you or not is another matter.

*Favourites then?*

It goes in bands. I like a lot of medieval music. Have you heard Guillaume de Machaut, a French composer?

*Only of Palestrina*

This guy was writing about two centuries before him, writing three part things—he was the first guy to write a full mass. It's unbelievable, beautiful. There's a lot of guys on the jazz scene who play music I like. I like Charles Lloyd, Ornette Coleman. Naturally Muddy Waters, people like that.

*The Americans seem to be ahead of us in many fields. Do you think this is so in folk?*

Not really. Naturally they are in things which we imitate. I mean, I'm nowhere as a blues guitarist compared to real blues musicians. But there's a lot of music in England, like traditional music, which goes on in other forms of music, Benjamin Britten, people like that. I think this

stamps British music. Maybe the influence will continue, and say in a hundred years time people will be writing symphonies with electric guitar, as an English instrument. Does that make sense?

*Could you tell me about the group you're in, the Pentangle?*

There's Bert Jansch, Jacqui MacShee, Terry Cox, who played tonight, and Danny Thomson on bass. Danny's one of the new heads on the jazz scene. It's very hard to get into the jazz scene, and suddenly he's got recognised. He's very free, he's interested in folk ideas as well.

*You play regularly in London?*

Yes, at the Horseshoe in Tottenham Court Road, every Sunday.

*What do you play?*

It's a mixture of five people with five ideas going at once; but we all start off on mutual ground. Blues is common to both scenes, so we play a few blues: but mostly either blues-based, or numbers I've written with Bert, or that he's written in his style, which become mixed; and the bass line's been added. There's a lot of free playing—come down sometime.

*I mean to. Now, this evening you've played Byrd and an Indian piece. Do you go much to other types of music?*

I play anything I particularly dig. But they all come into my idea of playing the guitar whether it's raga music or anything. I don't play Indian music. I play guitar, a bit of that, a bit of something else. I've got a few things going, writing for other instruments. I did a thing for oboe, and that took a long time to write down. I like the idea of writing for parts. That's my present interest, just to use the guitar as one or two lines, as a feature instrument. The stuff I play is an attempt to play everything at once, which is idiotic. It should be one line, with say viole, recorder, oboe.

*Folk music is often connected with being on the road. Have you travelled much?*

That was a long time ago! I've not travelled as much as Woody Guthrie. I've just been to France and Cornwall.

*Do you write when you're on the road?*

I think it's a tremendous scene, because you feel you're really on your own, with no strain, you can go anywhere you like. You sit down you may as well play. - If it's a nice day you play better, if you've met someone nice you play better still. Most of the stuff I've worked out has been done when I've been in such a ridiculous easy situation, at a good place. It reflects, you feel like playing.

*Have you got any LP's coming out?*

I've got one half finished. There's this thing I mentioned with parts. I've got this guy looking at it, to make sure all the notes are there, that it's presentable for other musicians. If he thinks it's okay, we'll get some musicians together and try it. The record should be out in about three months time.

*Do you have a free hand with recordings then?*

Yes, Transatlantic's a small company; it's a folk label and they don't mind what you do. The records sell to a folk audience, and you can play exactly what you want to do. You couldn't with a big company.

*Lastly, have you any plans for the future?*

Well, I'll probably end up in a monastery somewhere, visiting 11th century plainsong melodies, with my big toe floating in the moat, catching tuna fish.



## Andy Jordan sitting on a column

We regret to announce the death of Colcutt, who fell from the top of his tower just after writing the letter published on page 4. Few tears need be shed at his passing, since he has in the past benefitted similar fates (usually at the end of a session due to overcelebration of the end of his exams) and each time been reincarnated in a different form. Until his return his duties will be taken over by Andy Jordan.

I had of course got it wrong. I had expected Ray Flippant to start the Union meeting of two weeks back with a discourse on invisible students. It turned out to be Ray Phillips on disguised students: those who are somewhere in between. A few more to add to the range. And the range of IC students is sometimes amazing. PG's here have between them around 500 kids: civil engineers are a particularly prolific lot. There are explanations but perhaps they all failed on dams.

But why don't we have a few invisible students? "Mr. X, an unknown and unseen member of IC, was last week elected ICU president by a unanimous council. Members of council claimed to know the other candidates well enough to have had to vote for X." So Felix in the summer. "Ian Balls, a minor president, said "This just goes to prove that council knows best for the Union." When asked "Which Union?", Balls said "Mine, of course."

It was indeed fascinating to watch members of the executive get up to protect their authority. "Council knows the candidates" was the continuing theme. Which explains why the Union doesn't know the candidates. Perhaps Plato's oligarchy would have enjoyed their authority too. But most of us find things Platonic frustrating.

What would be the difference to the Union if Mr. X did get elected? Very little to most students who rarely see their president anyway. If IC students had to elect their president, it would probably mean that more would know who he was. "Who is Ray Phillips anyway?" probably meant nothing to quite a number of students.

And after the endless arguments about apathy, it might induce a certain amount of interest. Candidates would have to appeal to the electorate (!) and would have to understand the student body. The frippery of Flippant at the student finance meeting

last week would belong to another age. The Flippant equation for student grants is

Grant x Quality of student = constant.

Remarkable mathematics from a scientist. Rob Collinge had pointed in this meeting to the survey shewing that around 5 per cent of IC undergraduates are getting more than £30 less than their proper grant. It is not surprising that students are apathetic when their representatives seem to be apathetic towards them.

So unfortunately IC Union rejected the suggestion that it is competent to select its senior representative. But who is likely to be the next President? The obvious candidates are those already on council. Chris O'Donnell says he won't be here. Bob Mackman has a finite chance, he says, of coming back; but in typical style he refused to commit himself on the Presidency. With striking honesty, Martin Lack doesn't know if he will be back but "I don't know if I could do it." Jane Pearson hasn't even got round to considering it. Rex Lowin says definitely "No." Somebody else who won't be around is Barbara Hedge but she said "I shall stand. I mean, it doesn't say anywhere that you have to be here for it." And will Keith Guy stand for a third time? We shall have to wait and see. The only outside candidate mentioned to date—Paul Bradley—may not be back, but is considering standing for the presidency and "will definitely stand for council." Neither is this my bid.

And why, you ask, am I asking this question now? Because it seems rational to have the democratic elections in this term like other universities; then we wouldn't have the problem of the elections interfering with exams.

A staff-member is quoted as having said recently that "union politicians are either insatiably ambitious or retarded adolescents." Next year's president will probably have to be insatiably adolescent.

## Alexis Korner

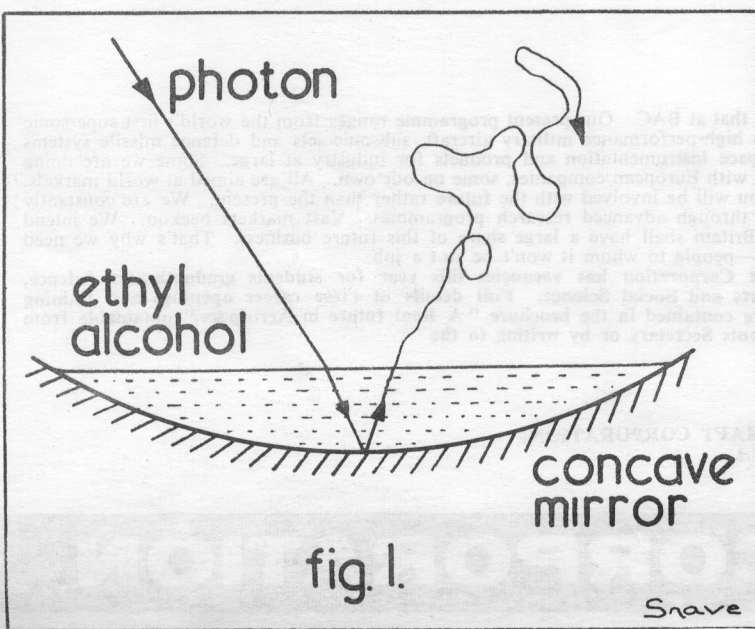
Alexis Korner appeared at I.C. on Friday 2nd of February. Earlier the same week John Renbourn was on at the folk club, and it was interesting to compare the styles of the two. Interesting in that there is little comparison at all, as they use completely different techniques of guitar playing. Renbourn as fairly well known, while Korner plays mostly Blues, and uses an electric guitar. With this he produces sounds impossible to obtain on an acoustic guitar, and can play faster.

"Women are the most popular subject for Blues" said Korner, and his songs bore this out with their unswerving devotion to sex. Once or twice he played a train Blues. Trains are the second most popular subject for Blues.

The evening was most enjoyable and Korner gave several encores before an irreplaceable guitar string broke. A college group, and one from Chelsea, also played.

## Thought for food

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# WHAT'S ON

# ALSO

# ULU PLAYS LITTLE BRO.

WEDNESDAY, 21st FEB.

**Jazz and Soul Dance** . 20.00 in Concert Hall. Men 2/6, women 1/-.

THURSDAY

**Scout and Guide Club.** Joint meeting with King's College. R. Crawshaw, M.P. 19.00 Elec. Eng. common room.

**Wells Soc.** Science fiction films: "Village of the Damned" and "When Worlds Collide." 19.00. 220 Mech. Eng. 2/-.

**General Studies.** "Art and Science VII. Abstract art and the subatomic universe." British Defence Policy 1957-1968. I—"The emerging problems."

FRIDAY

**ULU Film Soc.** "The Knack"—Richard Lester's prize winning film. "Insomnia"—comic horror film. "Breaking the habit"—Discussion on stopping smoking. At ULU 17.45 and 20.00.

SATURDAY

**Christian Union.** "God's Saving Grace"—Bible reading on Titus. Elec. Eng. 606, 19.30.

MONDAY

**Wells Soc.** "The Technology Gap": Symposium. Prof. Ball, Dr. Harry Hoff, Dr. A. Mencher, representatives of Management Selection Ltd., and the Indian Government. 19.30. Elec. Eng. 408.

**Socialist Soc.** Motions for NALSO annual conference 18.00.

TUESDAY

**Wells Soc.** UFO Explanations—from the sublime to the ridiculous by Mr. Anthony Durham. 19.30. Elec. Eng. 408.

**Railway Soc.** "Railway Accidents and the Development of Signalling." Col. J. R. H. Robertson. 17.40. Mech. Eng. 664.

**General Studies.** "Beethoven's Sketch Books III.—Denis Matthews. "Ulysses by James Joyce"—C. C. H. Peak.

**Inaugural Lecture—Prof. W. S. Elliott,** professor of computing. "The Computer—Master or Servant?" 17.30. Mech. Eng. 220.

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEB.

**Folk Club.** Wizz Jones. 19.30. Upper refectory. 3/- non-members. 5/-.

THURSDAY

**Scout and Guide Club.** "Advance"—Eric Colley (Gilwell Staff). 12.30. Mines 303.

**General Studies.** Art and Science VIII: "Art and Science Now—The Possibilities of Convergence." British Defence Policy 1956-1967. "All the proposed solutions."

MONDAY, 4th MARCH

**Wells Soc.** "Fanaticism"—Prof. Norman Cohn. 19.30. Elec. Eng. 408.

**Mining and Metallurgical Soc.** "The Steel Industry Around The World," by W. E. Duckworth, Assistant Director of BISRA.

**Christian Union.** "Why Do People Pray?" 13.10. Mech. Eng. 542.

TUESDAY

**General Studies.** "Ulysses by James Joyce." C. C. H. Peak. "Vietnam and the Abuse of Technology." "Beethoven's Sketch Books — IV." Denis Mathews.

# AND

24th-25th February. **Scout and Guide Club** Decathlon 1968.

2nd-3rd March. **Touchstone.** "The Use of Art in the Modern World."

**FELIX Staff Meetings** are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12.45 in the press room when new reporters, photographers and general helpers will be made welcome.

There is a **hop** every Saturday in the Union only Ents sometimes forget to publicise around I.C.

**Catholic Soc.** hold a mass every Tuesday at 14.35 in 11, Princes Gardens.

**Dancing Club** hold very good beginners' ballroom and Latin American dancing lessons on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Union Concert Hall or Snack Bar at 19.30. Intermediate classes are held at the same time on Tuesdays.

**U.L.U. English Folk Dance Club** every Wednesday at 19.30, School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square.

**Ents** need more helpers, especially girls, ladies and/or women. Try going to one of the very lively meetings on Mondays at 13.15 in Committee Room C, which is behind the Upper Refectory.

**The Folk and Square Dance Club** will give anyone who attends a Friday meeting in the Union Snack Bar a very good time. Meetings start at about 19.30.

**Gliding Club** meetings are held in Aero 254 on Thursdays at 17.45.

**Free Jazz** every Sunday night in the Lower Union Lounge.

**John Clifford Soc.** for Baptist students and nurses holds meetings every Friday at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church Friendship centre at 19.15.

**Joint Christian Soc.'s** Discussion Group on Fridays in Mines, 13.05.

**Judo Club** gives Beginners' lessons on Tuesdays and lessons for graded members on Thursdays, both at 18.00 in the Union Gym.

I.C. had two entries in this year's ULU One-Act Play Festival last week. Our main entry was "Little Brother, Little Sister," by David Compton. It is set on 15th April, 2001, in a bomb-shelter and spotlight; the end of "childhood innocence" for Madam and Sir, the twenty-odd year old brother and sister who have been brought up there by "Cook." Combining elements of tragedy, comedy and romance, the play gives detailed studies of the three characters. Lesley Slater as "Madam" was outstanding in a part ranging from petulant child to nearly a full seduction of her brother, played by John Golder.

John superbly played "Sir" and throughout I had the sense of a rapidly developing character, from a sister-dominated juvenile who wanted to be a good boy to the climax where he has a love scene with Cook, played by Roger Haines.

Cook has some of the funniest lines, the best occurring early on when she has found the two "children" "playing" and having said that their mother and father would have been horrified, is asked "What are mothers and fathers?" Cook's answer is "What you'll be if you're not careful." Beginning as a heroine, bringing up two children under impossible conditions, Cook changes into somewhat of the "Brutal stepmother," imposing obedience by fear of being fed through the mincing machine to make rissoles if Sir and Madam so much as try to open the door behind the door.

It is as Cook is about to behead Madam with an exceedingly nasty-looking meat cleaver that Sir "makes love" to her. The result is she dies of a broken heart, leaving the curtain to fall as bro-

ther and sister finally open the door and go out.

The Freshers' entry was N.F. Simpson's "The Hole." This play concerns the legion events to be imagined from contemplating a common or garden hole in the road. Tim Foster as the visionary, scorned by the others for failing to share the common view was the outstanding character, always managing to appear natural and belonging there during his long silences—a difficult task which no other entry on the first two nights succeeded in when their scripts called for it.

At the time of writing the results are not known (see Late News) but of the six plays so far performed, 1 place IC first and third.

KEN SIMPSON

# SMALL ADS

**Keith.** My two scottish cousins, Ben Doon and Phil McCavity are arriving at Kings Cross, Saturday. See you there. **Paul.**

**NEW THINK ISSUE No. 2** is bigger and better than the first. New release date is Feb. 26th. Apart from contents mentioned in last Felix there is a letter section and articles on "Young Liberals" and education. More agents in other colleges and help in distribution around I.C. are needed. Commission and further information available. Contact P. R. Corbyn, 621, Tizard, Physics.

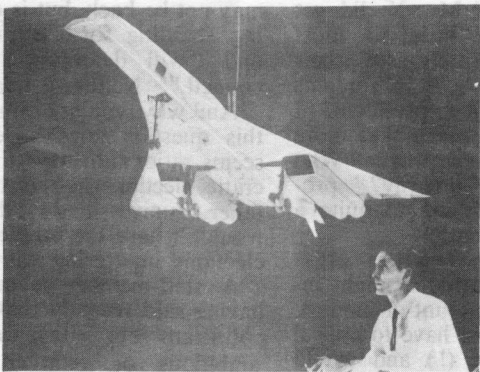
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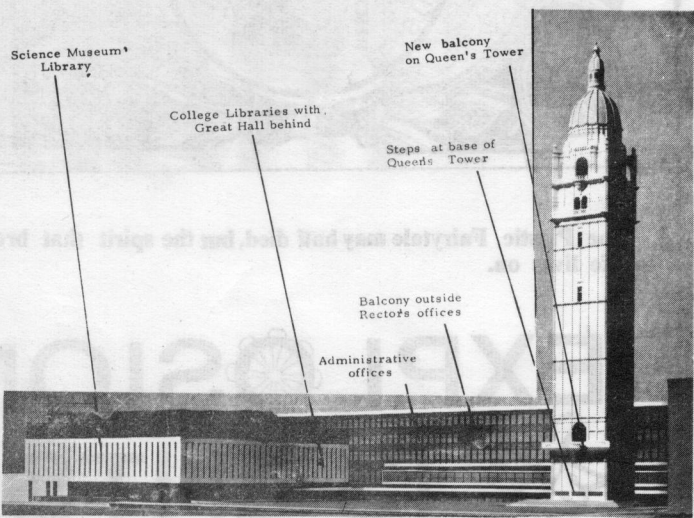
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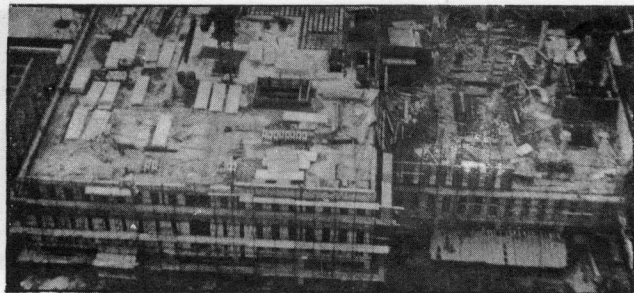
# THE COLLEGE BLOCK



A model of how the College Block and Queen's Tower will look when work is completed

The construction going on behind the Electrical Engineering building appears today as just another faceless shell, but when completed in the midsummer of 1969 it will become the main-spring in the affairs of the College. The building is divided into

three main sections; the College block itself, the College Library, and the Science Museum library. The Science Museum library will be on levels 0-3 of part of the new building opposite Bio-chemistry. Most of the books will be kept in closed access racks on



the first two floors and most of the open shelves are on level 3. The reading room will be on level 2. The College library will be on 5 levels because while the number of books it has is less than half of the Science Museum's collection a larger proportion will be on open access, with reading rooms on each level. It will house books now kept in the Haldane and Lyon Playfair libraries.

The focal point of the College Block itself will be the Great Hall, which will have a flat floor and a balcony. It has not yet been decided if this will be available for informal dances, but as it is twice the size of the Concert Hall it would not be full too often. Above the Hall, on level 5 will be two large lecture theatres for about 150 people each. On level 1 will be a large cafeteria for staff and students. Adjacent to it will be a S.C.R. The biggest error in planning is on level 2 which is divided between the staff and student common rooms with a buttry between them. The Staff Common Room is divided into several small sections while the Students Common Room is just one large room 70ft. by 120ft. or about half the size of Beit Quad—it has already been labelled "For the Use of the Faceless Ones." Unless informal dances or some similar events are held in there, the air conditioning plant will become quite redundant. Above will be the Registry on level 3, the Finance office on level 4 and the Rector's suite of offices on level 5.

### Maths to Move

The completion of the College block will certainly bring a sigh of relief from the Maths department for it will give the signal to demolish the Registry, the Lyon Playfair library and associated buildings and to start the construction of the long-awaited

mathematics Block. The delay has not been due to any reluctance on the planning side but rather to the question of space; for until there is somewhere to accommodate the books at present in the Playfair library and suitable offices found for the administrative staff their present quarters must remain. This is not the first time that this type of problem has arisen. The Mechanical Engineering block for instance had to be built in sections in order to maintain some continuity of academic study. This of course delayed the rate of building and is just one of the penalties of having a College in London.

### Other Developments

For the future we can expect to see Linstead Hall open by early summer, the Sports centre somewhat later and the Maths Block by 1971. Eventually the whole of Princes Gardens is scheduled for new Halls of Residence if and when funds become available.

## Thoughts for the Week

One of the main functions of ICWA is "to safeguard and advance the interests of women students of Imperial College." All that is required is a short booklet, to be issued to all girls on Freshers' Day, called "A Guide to the I.C. Male." This could take the form of a dictionary or phrase-book, giving the true meanings of phrases such as "come up for coffee"

There could then follow a section giving a short summary of the main species of the I.C. Male. Suggested headings are:—

- "The pure scientist"
- "The impure scientist"
- "The Weed (Marks I and II)"

ICWarian should be instructed how to recognise, attract the attention of and, if necessary, escape from each type. If she is uncertain how fast he is and therefore uncertain of her own position, it may be useful to invoke the uncertainty principle:

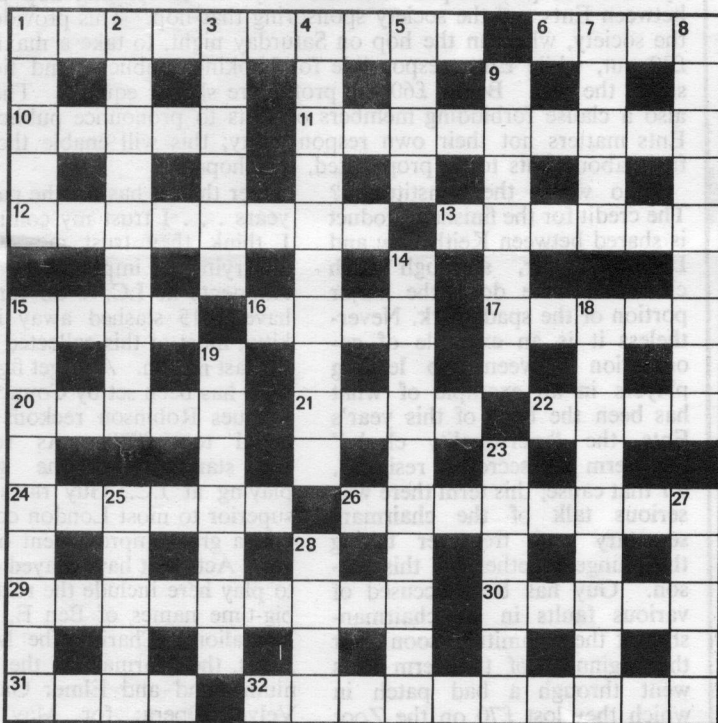
$$dx \cdot m \cdot dv = b$$

position

$m \cdot b$  = mass of boy  
 $dv$  = uncertainty in speed of boy  
 = Planck's constant

1.054 × 10<sup>-34</sup> joule-sec  
 If this fails, there is always the golden rule: if he is irresistible, yes; if not, no.

## FELIX CROSSWORD



Compiled by DAVE PENFOLD

### ACROSS

1. Of such men you never can tell, when seeing a frock with deep confusion. (5-5)
6. I mixed up with a bounder; that's biting. (4)
10. Point to doom for the wicked city. (5)
11. Burning in anticipation? Not usually. (9)
12. Henri of Charterhouse fame? (8)
13. Strike out for what you rented in the river. (6)
15. As people say when they agree. (4)
16. A giant of mixed blood. (4)
17. "Why as a woodcock to mine own springle. . . I am justly kill'd with mine own treachery." (Hamlet) (5)
20. Mixed up Spanish coins to bring forth beams, though not of delight. (5)
21. The German mountain opera is back in town, or so it is popularly sung. (4)
22. A little drink? (1, 3)
24. A gay win, when rough, can help you to ignore it. (6)
26. The easiest anagram can be mis-spelt. (8)
29. Sign or indication of the car's performance. (9)
30. On reflection, it could help you to see where you stand. (5)
31. Without meaning and yet, as a rule, very useful. (4)
32. Usually in the morning, but they can be used until midnight. (3, 7)

### DOWN

1. They are struck by bunches of flowers when one is away. (5)
2. To make these properly, one must have a split pulse among other things. (9)
3. My reed is broken! What shall I do? (6)
4. The meaning the char gleans is muddled, but leads to higher spheres. (10)
5. Service without song gives the first women some point. (4)
7. Sounds like the backbone of the black gang. (5)
8. Honour your corner? Not when wearing this! (6, 3)
9. Where arrived many knights? (8)
14. A friend who believes in fairies? (4-6)
15. Evidence that screams at you to make the case tally. (5, 4)
18. The drole seer predicts a flower. (4-5)
19. When the power of the press was first noticed? (4, 3)
23. "Flesh of her flesh they were. . . of her . . ." (L. Binyon). (6)
25. Sounds as if the one-eyed god is trying to stop sunburn. (5)
27. Stare if you find them among the wheat. (5)
28. Art for the old man—or not? (4)

## Quotes of the Fortnight

Linda Martin (fiancee of Rog Webb, new Mr. ICWA)—"It's taken 15 months to trap him and now ICWA's pinched him!"

2 a.m., man poking head out of door on ICWA Corridor—"Will you girls be quiet, I'm trying to get some sleep."

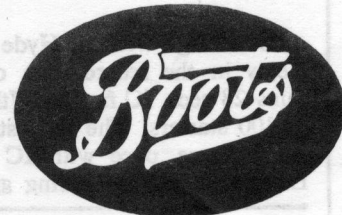
Gordon Sage, Secretary of Ents at Council—"It's not that Ents is top-heavy, it just hasn't got a bc.tom."

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Gutteridge Cup Heart Break

After the splendid 23-8 win against Wye College in the second replay of the quarter final, I.C. were in a quietly confident mood for the Semi-Final against Royal Free Hospital.

It was a bleak, miserable day and the game was played on a sodden, muddy pitch. Only 10 mins. after the start with I.C. well on top, Pine was forced to take an early bath with a pulled back muscle. With Dodson playing a great game at scrum half, Kelly soon scored a very good try resulting from some slick handling of the greasy ball. Swinerton converted.

Royal Free replied with a penalty and so at half time, 5-3 to I.C. Soon after the interval, Duke scored a superb solo try, born of sheer guts and determination, and a myopic disregard for the wall of Royal Free players through which he ran. Unfortunately the enemy replied with two easy penalties and despite heroic efforts in the last 10 mins. with two trys disallowed, I.C. ended up the most unlucky losers at 8-9.

Yet again the gods seem to have deserted us in the cup but we must now concentrate on building a good "sevens" team for the U.L.U. tournament and on enjoying the remaining matches.

BOB PINE



Relay take over.



IC wins line out.

Edinburgh won the Hyde Park Relay in the record time of 84 mins 28 secs. IC finished 7th out of 100 starters. The race started at a fierce pace with IC and Edinburgh in the leading group.

but soon the strength of the Scottish team showed and they opened a gap of one and a half minutes. They maintained this lead to gain an easy victory.

## Eton Fives

The Eton Fives Club, which is only in its second year of existence, is going from strength to strength. Last term two I.C. pairs easily defeated Old Westminster Citizens Eton Fives Club, their first ever victory.

Last Friday I.C. again played Old Westminster Citizens, but this time they put out some of their best pairs. In the three pairs match I.C. lost 2-1 but the two games which were lost were very close indeed, two deuce games in the case of I.C.'s second pair.

From match to match the standard of I.C. seems to get higher and the influx of first years already having considerable talent has been more than an asset. The club's active members are not really very many and anyone at I.C. who played Eton Fives at school to some degree of proficiency and is still interested in playing should get in touch with Paul Alexandre, Chem. Eng. 2.

## Soccer Club

After a temporary demoralisation after being knocked out of the U.L. Cup, I.C. are back on the winning trail and are slowly climbing back up the league. Last Wednesday I.C. beat Woolwich Polytechnic 3-0 in a good match at Harlington.

The pitch was rather heavy but although the Woolwich team were bigger man for man, I.C. seemed to be much more at home in the mud. The first twenty minutes saw some fast and good football

from both sides but no goals came. Then I.C. got two quick goals both taken very well by inside-left Mike Eastell and seemed to control the game to half time.

In the second half Woolwich seemed more determined and did much of the attacking but failed to score, Stuart Hewardine having a good game in goal. With ten minutes left Hopwood tried a left-foot centre only to see the ball crash into the corner of the net—3-0 and a very competent performance by I.C.



The Plastic Fairytale may half died, but the spirit that brought it to life lives on.

## EXPLOSION IS ENTS!

Ents have a new constitution! Sounds good, looks good, and by golly, it's going to do them good. Euphemistically labelled the Entertainment Committee's policy on Informal Dances, it is "the first Ents constitution ever," according to chairman Keith Guy.

What does it do? It clarifies the way Ents arrange and run their "informal dances" (or hops for the uneducated); it defines areas of responsibility. This means that the chairman can castigate any member of Ents who fails in his duty by simply quoting the relevant article and sub-section. The constitution tightens up the way Ents handles its takings. By simple devices such as numbered tickets it eliminates as far as possible any dishonesty there might be among Ents. It requires the chairman to attend Council meetings, to report to Ents the fulminations of Council and vice-versa. It provides a sliding scale by which to price hop tickets and a system of splitting hop profits between Ents and the society sponsoring that hop. This provides for the society, who run the hop on Saturday night, to take a maximum £30 out, while Ents, responsible for booking, publicity and tickets, scoop the rest. Below £60 the profits are shared equally. There is also a clause forbidding members of Ents to pronounce publicly on Ents matters not their own responsibility; this will enable the true facts about Ents to be propagated, it is hoped.

Who wrote the constitution? The credit for the finished product is shared between Keith Guy and Dermott Corr, although each claims to have done the major portion of the spadework. Nevertheless it is an example of co-operation between two leading players in an example of what has been the bane of this year's Ents—the "personality clash." Last term the secretary resigned, for that cause; this term there was serious talk of the chairman, secretary and treasurer taking the plunge together for this reason. Guy has been accused of various faults in his chairmanship of the committee; soon after the beginning of this term Ents went through a bad patch in which they lost £70 on the Zoot Money hop and the Plastic Fairytale died unhappily. To stop both poor chairmanship and poor handling of hops two alternatives appeared. One was that Guy plus secretary Gordon Sage and treasurer Jacques Robinson resign, together. The other was that a constitution be written. Just how vociferously and wholeheartedly the Ents cohorts clamoured against the resignation of their leader is a matter of opinion. Nevertheless the constitution has now been written and the bickering is (hopefully) over.

better than it has for the past two years . . . I trust my committee; I think they trust me—we are all trying to improve the entertainments at I.C." So far Ents have £415 stashed away in the kitty, most of this collected inside the last month. A target figure of £450 has been set by Council, but Jacques Robinson reckons Ents could top £700. As regards the standard of the groups playing at I.C., Guy rates it as superior to most London colleges and a great improvement on last year. Acts that have played or are to play here include the relatively big-time names of Ben E. King, Dantalion's Chariot, the Moody Blues, the Marmalade, the Geranium Pond and Elmer Gantry's Velvet Opera; for May Ball, Georgie Fame plus Brian Auger and Julie Driscoll are projected. The current policy is away from "cattle-markets" and functional publicity towards freaky posters and more worthwhile music.

## Fairytale

What happened to the Fairytale? "Trends are fickle," said Guy. It had a good atmosphere, but competition with Friday night Hall parties helped to kill it—dead with a deficit of £8. Since its death releases a good deal of labour for other things, Ents should, one hopes, go from strength to strength during the rest of the session, after their previous setbacks. The crazy world of Keith Guy lives!

## Running Well

In fact, to judge from the optimistic Keith Guy, Explosion is Ents! or to put it more prosaically, "this year's Ents is running

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BLAST!  
MISSED AGAIN!







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# IBIX LATE NEWS

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and Patsy

## DONOVAN MEDITATES & CARNIVAL FLOUTERES

The final rearrangement of the Carnival Albert Hall Concert to March 21st. took place on Monday as a hasty result of Donovan's trendy decision to go to India until the 19th March for a spell of meditation. Due to this change, and because they are at present ill, it is doubtful whether the Incredible String Band will appear. However, the Donovan contract has now been firmly signed, and definitely on the supporting bill are Tyrannosaurus Rex, and the Flame plus John Peel as DJ. See front page article.

## UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE : IC OUT IN FIRST ROUND

On Monday the IC team and thirty supporters went by coach to Manchester's Granada TV studios where they met the Men of Kent and were narrowly beaten. The contest will be shown by ITA on or about 1st., depending on the region.

Congratulations to IC team for holding their initial lead for most of the contest. Kent however drew level and snatched victory during the last few seconds of the contest. The IC team surprised it's supporters by it's knowledge of the arts. Considering also that this year's IC team had been quite thoroughly selected and that for this contest there were more Science questions than usual, Kent's victory was a creditable achievement.

RESULT KENT 150 - IC 130

A small raspberry to our team for not recognising the HUXLEY brothers.

After the IC team was knocked out, their supporters chivalrously remained behind to support St. Hilda's, Oxford, in the next leg. Because of absurd gating regulations this all-women college had no cheer-leaders of their own. Despite our support the ladies were soundly beaten by the experienced Kent team.

Kent were accompanied by their mascot, a 7ft. toy bear. Several attempts were made on the bear by IC. Indeed when the Kent coach stopped for refreshments on the way back it was actually extracted from the coach. However this was spoiled by the untimely arrival of the fuzz.

The IC did not take MIKE with them - a moral?

GW, RJC&MGL

## BOAT CLUB TRIUMPHS

Last Saturday the 1st. Eight won the Southern Universities Championships at Reading, beating the Universities of Reading, Bristol, Southampton and Exeter. This was the first victory by the College in this competition.

In the event for second teams the College was placed 2nd. behind the University of Bristol.

## IC WOMEN POISED FOR HOCKEY VICTORY

IC women's Hockey team have reached the final of the ULU cup, to be played on Saturday March 2nd. at Motspur Park. Free coaches for spectators will leave from the Union arch; please sign the coach list.

## SHROVE TUESDAY

The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race between members of the Exec. and ICWA will be held as usual round the Beit Quad next Tuesday despite the fact that President Phillips will not be taking part.

After the non-Morphy Day and the non-Swimming Gala this is the only opportunity of the year to see your President get wet.

Following approaches from the college safety committee, the safety aspects of the occasion will be improved.

## NORRLAND RESTAURANT

The Norrland restaurant in Old Brompton Road, South Kensington (opposite Bute Street) have written to the Union offering a 15% discount to students.

The food is excellent in the medium to expensive price range (around 15/- for a meal)

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and the restaurant is well worth a visit. No corkage is charged so that it pays to take your own wine.

### DRAMATIC TRIUMPH

At the ULU one act festival, IC Dramsoc gained much success with "The Hole" and "Little Brother, Little Sister", reviewed in main FELIX. The adjudicator was evidently well satisfied by IC's entries since "The Hole" won the Fresher's class and "Little Brother, Little Sister" gained second place in the main class. Roger Haines who played "Cook" in "LBLS" gained the best acting award, and Julian Robertson gained a special Commendation for his part as "Cerebro" in "The Hole".

Both "The Hole" and "Little Brother, Little Sister", together with "The Telephone" by Gion-Carlo Menotti are to be performed at IC from Wednesday March 13th to Friday March 15th as the Dramatic Society's Easter production. Tickets will be on sale next week in the Union. J.S.

### MUGGERIDGE STAYS UP

The annual Balloon Debate took place yesterday in Mech Eng. with Constituent College presidents Chris O'Donnell, Bob Mackman and Ian Wells respectively masquerading, for the purpose of debate, as Malcolm Muggeridge, Leo Abse and the Pope.

These three people imagine themselves in a fast sinking balloon from which first one person, then another must jump in order to save the third. The contestants have to justify their place in the balloon to the audience and a panel of judges, who decide who should go.

In the first round Chris O'Donnell gave a characteristic defence of Malcolm Muggeridge and after a fine attacking speech from Pete Ruhemann in support of Leo Abse, neither heaven or hell could save Ian Wells from floating gently to earth. This left Muggeridge and Abse to fight it out, and once again O'Donnell's arrogant witticism held sway to leave him victorious. What price Malcolm Muggeridge for our next rector.

### EXPLORERS TO DINE

The Annual dinner of the Exploration Society is being held on Tuesday 27th February at 7.00p.m. in the Staff Dining Room, Southside. The guest speakers are Dr. P. Haskell Director of the Anti-Locust Research Centre, who helped with the concept of the Society and has been on many expeditions, and Dr. F. de Q. Robin, Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, who has a wide experience of Polar Expeditions.

Tickets are 25/- inclusive of wine or 45/- for a double ticket. Please book your place from the Secretary, Richard D. Beck; Tizard 445.

### CARNIVAL

At the moment Carnivals' takings are comparing fairly well with last years. £1000 is expected on the Donovan Concert, if all goes well. Carnival is still trying to arrange 2 concerts but up to now has been too busy with the Donovan Concert.

Guilds led the collection total well over £1000.

### IC PUBLICATIONS : CHANGES AT THE TOP?

The working party on the constitutions of the FELIX board, the Phoenix board, the Carnival board, and the student finance committee has now reported to Council. They think FELIX board and the Phoenix board should be replaced by a Union Publications board, responsible for all Union Publications, including the Union Handbook. A Constitution for this board was suggested. The Carnival board does not appear to have a Constitution at the present time, and it was agreed that one should be produced. It was the majority feeling on the Working Party that the composition of the Student Finance Committee should remain as at present. This Committee has for its function the authorization of capital expenditure by Union clubs and other organizations in excess of £20.

### WHATS ON

#### FRIDAY 23RD FEB

IC Arab Soc Film Show 19.30 Concert Hall  
Three Films, Admission Free.

#### THURSDAY 29th FEB

IC Film Soc are showing the recent West-End success film "Onibaba" Concert Hall 7.30p.m. Admission 3/6 including members.

IC Conservative Soc. Annual Theatre visit

"Mrs Wilson's Diary" Tickets (9/6) from 121 Beit, 223 Falmouth or TREVOR Holness (Min Tech 3) ALSO Wells Soc coffee party. Hope to have some short film. All (members) welcome. Common Room, level 6 Elec Eng.

#### FRIDAY MARCH 1ST.

2nd showing "Onibaba" Concert 7.30p.m.  
Members Free others 3/6

#### SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

I.C.'s Women's Hockey final at Motspur Park.

#### SMALL AD

IC Physics graduate wants 2nd flatmate Parsons Green (£3 5s p.w.), or place in flat, preferably with PG's in West London. Nigel Bevan 01-398 4101 extn 257 daytime.

WE WISH TO THANK GLYN MILLHOUSE FOR HIS HELP IN PRODUCING THE NEW LATE NEWS HEAD