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Out of Isolation

I.C.U. Votes to Rejoin N.U.S.

At the first Union Meeting to be held in the new Great Hall in College Block, indeed the first massed gathering in that noble place, the Union voted in favour of rejoining the National Union of Students after an absence of thirteen years.

The meeting opened normally, late. Mr. Seaford apologised humbly that there were no carpets to place our dainty feet upon, and hoped we would excuse the inefficiency of I.C.'s administration and himself in not having the place ready for us.

According to Ken Weale's financial report, I.C. union is technically in the red, to the tune of £900, but this was offset by investments of £1,620, and Mr. Weale thinks the Union should just get by this year.

Dave Wield proposed the motion that I.C.U. rejoin N.U.S. His arguments, he admitted, were much the same as Jack Straw (N.U.S. president) gave at I.C. a fortnight ago (see page ten for a fuller report). Piers

asked for someone to speak against the motion. No one stirred. Disbelief among old hands at I.C., for this perennial motion has provided grist to the mill of I.C. debaters for donkeys years.

Ken Barker spoke. He didn't, he said, really want to speak against the motion but he thought more time should be devoted to consider such items as cost, feelings of other colleges not in N.U.S. For Mr. Barker this was no matter to be treated lightly.

Les Ebdon obviously thought this poor stuff and girding his loins strode across to the microphone. More time, Les said, but we've been bandying this idea about for thirteen years. Cost? Anthony Crosland himself, in his halcyon days as Minister of Education gave an assurance at an I.C. general studies lecture that joining N.U.S. would be a valid reason for an increase in Union fees. Sailing on in full command of his subject, other bogies were laid to rest without anybody even raising them. Participation, student unrest, the student

image. Only through being members of a national union could I.C. Union make an impression on national student affairs such as these. Blasting away through the amazing acoustics of the Great Hall Les entreated the Union to join N.U.S. again.

Gwyn Hughes was unaffected, in his opinion joining N.U.S. would double the workload of council, and, quoth he, who would listen to Corbyn anyway at an N.U.S. conference.

David Logan, of N.U.S. executive give his views to the meeting and pertinent questions directed at him from the floor drew lucid replies. Someone asked if N.U.S. can do anything more concrete than demonstrate? Nobody ever gets everything he asks for said Mr. Logan. How big a voice would I.C. have in N.U.S.? Mr. Logan said that college representatives control N.U.S. through a proportional representation scheme of delegates with voting rights. N.U.S.'s achievements rolled freely from Mr. Logan's lips, but the Union was wary. Dennis Taylor even

more so. He asked if four hundred students at a Union meeting could accurately reflect the feelings of the whole of Imperial College on this issue. A deep question which drew a deep reply from David Logan on the use of democratic structures. They exist for people to use and if an insufficient number of people use the system then government must continue in the absence of interest.

Someone sneakily asked about last years unfavourable referendum on joining N.U.S. Irrelevant, said Mike Green, if people had wanted to come and vote, they would have done so.

The sands of time were running out as two thirty approached. Dave Wield summed up, Mr. Guy asked if visitors would stand up and be counted. So the president of the A.A. and Chris Walmsley, president of U.C., stood up and were deftly counted. The vote was 192 for, 143 against and 7 abstentions.

Piers applied for membership last Monday, and membership should be ratified soon.

Did You Know ?

This years' Carnival is for the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Carnival has already collected some money ! ? Guilds is doing phenomenally well, having collected more than £270, including £150 from the Lord Mayor's Show and most of the rest at the Guilds - Mines terrifying tiddly - winks tournament. R.C.S. also did well out of the crazy conking in the King's Road. R.C.S. netted more than £100 from a pedestrian speed trap there to total £210. Mines has also collected about £53 !

It seems that carnival can raise a lot of money collecting at such events and there is no reason for not enjoying yourself at the same time, so how about supporting the Trad Jazz Group busking in High Street Ken. on 22nd. of November. This, plus last weekend's bed-race to Southampton and the three legged pub crawl provide devious forms of entertainment for anyone with enough energy to lift a collecting tin in one hand and a beer in the other.

This term's Carnival Week is from 28th of November to 6th of December and seems to be well supported by feet, with the round Britain hitch-hiking race starting on 28th November, and the Carnival Walk start-

ing between eleven and midnight on the 5th of December. Those arriving back sore of foot and parched of thirst will be greeted by girls of Maria Assumpta bearing breakfasts. A Darts Marathon is also among events proposed for that week so what about volunteers from the Union Bar.

A successful Albert Hall Concert will be the main feature of next term's Carnival Week, followed by a fete. The Rag Mag will also be on sale then, so if we have any volunteers for salesmen in Outer Bongolia . . .

In a special effort to have all the Carnival Committee fail their exams, these and other events will be carried on continuously throughout the year, so I hope you'll enjoy yourself participating, especially with the help of all the Corbynian USK Colleges who are putting in a lot of work.

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So join me at the Institute Francais between South Ken. tube and Cromwell Road in Cromwell Place S.W.7.

RAKE.



CONFUSION AT COUNCIL

The addition of the department reps to ICU Council further increased the the size, squabbling, and cumbersome unmanageable nature of the second Council meeting this year, held in the old Astro-mooney on Monday, 10th November.

The meeting was notable for a large amount of confusion. This was largely due to poor chairmanship by Messrs. Corbyn and Guy, the latter of whom took the chair so many times that he was accused of acting as a co-chairman! Both of these had, at times, difficulty in controlling the meeting. Disagreement frequently flared up between Guy and Corbyn, or one of these and the floor, sometimes resulting in quite sharp exchanges and many "oh, shut up you" type incidents.

The matters dealt with were, with 3 or 4 important exceptions, rather trivial, and if it were not for a lot of general time-wasting, some of which could have been prevented by the chairman, the conclave need not have dragged on past 11.30 p.m. As it was, the tired and impatient members of Council were finally able to dash off to bed at 01.08 a.m., Tuesday.

Nevertheless, it was noticeable that, while some people were unhappy about Corbyn's handling of things, none of them hesitated to lumber the President with any jobs that came up during the session!

GLIDER

One of the major items that came up was the matter of the Gliding Club's appeal to the College Centenary Appeal Fund for £500 to replace their Eagle sailplane. This glider belongs to the College, but maintenance costs are paid by the Union. The club therefore thought it reasonable to ask the College, and not the Union, to replace it. This would in fact save the Union some of the heavy repair costs.

Council made no concrete move on the matter, but will not allow the application by the gliding club until the possibility of obtaining money from this fund has been advertised to all clubs and societies.

The Fund will also be asked for money towards the IC Lodgings Bureau. Council, meanwhile, gave £70 to put out more circulars to landlords.

SUPPRESSION

The Pro-Rector came under heavy fire for apparently attempting to censor the views of the Union representatives chosen by Piers to meet the UGC Arts Committee, by objecting to the Union submitting some documents giving Union policy on diversification of courses. In general, it appears that the College is attempting to push the Union around too much for the liking of many Council members.

It was decided to consider petitioning the Queen to have the Royal Charter of the College changed to allow student participation, when she comes to open College Block, and/or to hand out pamphlets on this occasion.

A boycott of refectories was also mooted, as a protest



Co-Chairmen

Lyon Playfair Under-used

The Lyon Playfair Library has now settled down in its new site in the Library Block, with the builders only remaining in parts of the basement. The book collection has been tremendously expanded, though still leaving over 70% of the space empty to allow for the envisaged expansion. The number of spaces for students to study has been increased to 500, from 80 in the old building, and the library now stays open until 9.30 in the evening, and is open until 5.30 on Saturday.

There are also carrels and study rooms in which academic staff and post graduates can work in peace.

Although borrowing of books has increased, the reading and study areas are very little used.

Since the Lyon Playfair library now works in even closer collaboration with the neighbouring Science Museum library, which is very strong in periodicals, the Lyon Playfair has decided to concentrate on buildings up its collection of textbooks and advanced monographs, so that the libraries will complement each other.

The present stock of books is about 80,000 volumes; capacity of the new 53,000 sq. ft. premises is about 300,000 volumes. This year the library has been given an extra grant of £12,000 for more textbooks and advanced monographs, in addition to its normal annual grant of £15,000.

The library occupies five levels of the library block. On three of these, 2, 3 and 4 are working places for 500 people. These may be used during normal library hours, which are 9.30 to 9.30 on Monday to Friday, and 9.30 to 5.30 on Saturday. The full library service is available during these hours.

Carrels

Also on levels 2, 3 and 4 are the carrels. These are 65 small study rooms with a desk and bookshelf, intended for postgraduates. They are allocated for the whole year, and PG's may keep their own books and library books in them. Plenty of these are still available, and prospective users should see the Assistant Librarian in charge of Reader Services, Miss Millier. If demand is large, however, preference will be given to PG's not in Hall.

Also on two levels are the 16 study rooms, which can hold up to six if necessary, and are allocated in a similar manner to the carrels. These are primarily intended for visiting staff members and advanced research students, though some will be made available for discussion groups.

Textbooks

The Library's general text-books section is on Level 2. The books are arranged according to the Universal Decimal Classification — the same textbook coding system used by the Science Museum and other major libraries. The assistant on the issue counter will be pleased to help you find the section you want.

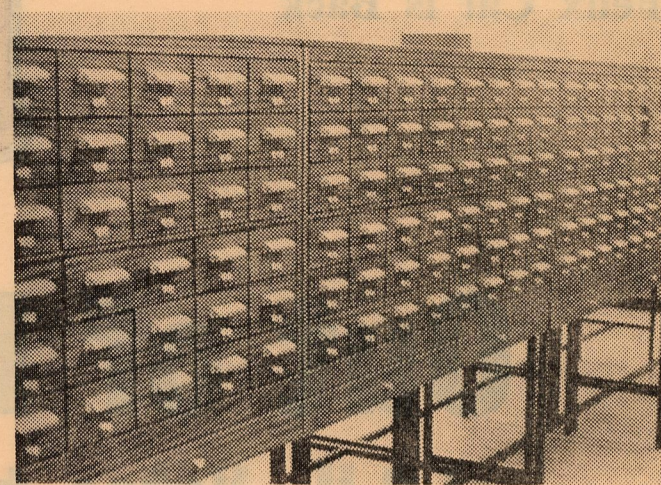
against the reluctance of the Refectory Committee to do anything about the students' complaints. Messrs. Stephenson and Seaford were mentioned as being particularly obstructive on this and other committees.

UNFAIR

Geoff Needham brought up the disturbing and undemocratic activities of ULU Societies Council. This has some rather odd and apparently unfair practices, but when the IC delegates queried some of these, the Council got very stropy and tried to shut them up! Geoff sent in some proposed amendments to its constitution, by recorded delivery, before the closing date for inclusion on the agenda, but these items were **not** included for discussion. Now the Council is going to exclude semi-permanently all those Colleges who do not send delegates to the next meeting!

APPEAL

A Mr. Edwards came along to appeal against a 10/- fine imposed on him for parking opposite Southside, without a sticker. He said he saw the business as a matter of principle — who is in charge of parking and discipline in these areas? Much discussion followed, in which it was stated that Mr. Edwards was a persistent offender. At the start of the term,



Endless line of filing cabinets

Also on this level is the "Restricted Loans" section. Here are kept the textbooks on the departmental reading lists. Every member of the academic staff has been asked to recommend books for this section. They are kept behind a special counter, and may be borrowed for no more than three hours, or overnight.

Periodicals

Level 3 houses the extensive Periodicals section of the library. On the west side of the level are the bound volumes of past years' issues of most periodicals; the current issues are kept on the shelves in the east room. If the library has not got the periodical you require, it will be able to get a copy from either the Science Museum Library, University of London Library or the National Lending Library. Sometimes, certain volumes of periodicals are removed for binding. In this case, the library generally ensures that the same issues are available elsewhere in the College.

On level 4, where the reading and study spaces are very little used at present, there are report material, foreign language journals, and the Operational Research Society library. Also on this level is a large empty room, for future expansion.

Reference

Back down on Level 1, the main entrance level, are all the catalogues, and the main issue and return counters. The bookshelves here accommodate many indexes, abstracts, encyclopaedias, atlases, dictionaries, telephone directories, and other general reference works.

On the right of the entrance as you walk in is a small carpeted area — this is the only place in the library where smoking is permitted. If, while working on a higher level, you feel the need for a break and a cigarette, then please go down to Level 1. There will soon be a display case in this area, to house recent acquisitions.

To get to higher floors from Level 1, go left inside the entrance and up the stairs on the left, past the returns desk.

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he had gone to the Union office, and, on hearing he had not been allocated a sticker as he only came from Evelyn Gardens, he had stated that he intended to park there anyway! Eventually his appeal was dismissed, after 35 minutes wasted.

Other minor matters brought up at Council were:— Dave Wield has resigned from the Refectory Committee, and Piers Corbyn was elected in his place.

Mr. Mooney has reprimanded the barman for after-hours drinking.

The College will be asked to up the pay scale of the Union Clerk, Janet Hughes, as it was felt she was being overworked. It was decided that clubs, etc., must duplicate their minutes themselves, and not ask Janet to do it.

Ents were given permission to end some Hops at midnight. The financial report on the proposed nursery in the basement of 8 Princes Gardens, indicates that the cost will be £4 5s. per child per week.

The IC tribal warfare film is still not completed. Ten student reps. were elected to JURGO; these are Messrs. Corbyn, Guy, Hains, Hughes, Woods, Ebdon, Mac-Adam, Elphick, Wield, Simpson.

The new ICU Constitution, as worked out last year, will be presented to the Union soon.

The President refused to buy all Council members a curry if the meeting did not close at 11.40. In fact, when it did close just after one in the morning, most members were too tired even to think of food!

Letters

The opinions expressed in the letters on this page do not necessarily concur with those held by the Editor.

Co-ordinated Diversification

'The time has come,' the Walrus said, 'to talk of many things.'
Charles Dodgson (alias Lewis Carroll)

Dear Sir,

In response to the very reasonable expressed desire of students in the College, many departments have introduced non-scientific subjects into their undergraduate curricula. However, the result makes one very suspicious that it is a stop-gap action to placate a current trend. It might also have been a conspiracy to convince students at Imperial College that non-technical subjects are not worth studying.

Having spent the last three years as an Electrical Engineering undergraduate, I regret the prosaic inclusion of non-technical studies in the syllabus. The status of liberal studies increases from a virtual non-existence in the first year to a total of one, two, or three subjects (as the student chooses) in the final year. Surely, the reverse order, with a wider range of non-scientific subjects read in the initial part of the course, will be more appropriate in introducing the fresher to engineering.

Balanced

Most, if not all, students come to I.C. to benefit from its specialised training. Some also come to be educated, and it is not Mephistophelean to gently persuade the rest that a well-balanced education is congenial.

To develop an imaginative liberal studies programme in engineering faculties requires care, consideration and competence. Ludicrous combinations, such as parallel courses in Twentieth Century Literature and Modern Drama, should clearly be avoided (assuming that Pulitzer Prize aspirants will not have drifted into our company).

The worth of an introductory economics course in an engineering curriculum is generally acknowledged. But, final year engineering students cannot be expected to be enthused by a course based ashamedly on a first year or perhaps Pre-University) test for economics students. Not surprisingly, the attendance on the economics course during the last session fell very noticeably as the year progressed; most of the remaining students depended on that subject to satisfy course requirements.

Similar tales of woe beset all studies non-technical. Departmental lieutenants do not appear to dignify these subjects with much care or attention, even while they swear an equivalent weighting of these subjects with their technical counterparts in the final assessment.

Dangers

Surely, I.C. cannot afford to regress in a day and age in which the dangers of overspecialization are consistently emphasised.

The solution is obvious, even if it is not simple. Taking the cue from the establishment of an Industrial Sociology unit it is not unreasonable to expect the creation of a department to co-ordinate the liberal studies programme in the various faculties of the College.

The task of providing non-scientific studies in the country's leading technological institute should not be underestimated. It has to be executed professionally and efficiently, so that those who seek to acquire scientific and engineering skills of the highest quality in the context of a balanced education do not have to go west.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. S. Loh (C.C.A.)

No Need For Bar

Dear Felix,

So the student houses are going to be 'anonymous conglomerations of cheap rooms' unless facilities for the sale of alcoholic drinks are provided. (Felicity correspondent from Mining House). Is the level of personality of the people in these places so low that they cannot be sociable without the aid of a depressant drug? Is it true that the only social community they experience is when they all puke communally on the floor?

Shame.

However, rather than allow this state of affairs to persist, I suggest that the Chemistry dept. produce sufficient quantity of LSD and give it to these people so that they can either decide to communicate on a more human level or jump off Colcutt's tower.

Yours expectantly,

Doctor K.

(Name supplied).

Capitalism Defended

Sir,

A few days ago, I noticed a number of leaflets around College publicising 'Captive Nations Week'. When I had recovered from the shock of seeing a leaflet which was not published by Piers Corbyn, I was intrigued by the figures on the back of the leaflet. These added up to the astounding total of nearly 100 million deal as a result of the application of Marxist-Leninist ideology — making the late and unlamented Herr Hitler look like an amateur!

The leaflet warns us against indifference and apathy, the very malaise which must have struck this college last year, when I.C. chose to be run (overrun?) by those lovers of top-heavy bureaucracy, the left wing.

It is about time that we realised the dangers of allowing ourselves to swing too rapidly towards socialism. A great difficulty lies in the fact that the most publicised of a socialist's views are good humanitarian principles with which most of us agree. The dangerous part of his views is that his Utopia will be achieved by a sudden revolution, which will tear down the establishment and replace it with an all-powerful 'people's state'.

An often overlooked advantage of capitalism is that it allows a far greater freedom of speech and movement. In a capitalist state no one group ever gains complete control, there is a continuous struggle for supremacy within the upper reaches of society, with the state but one faction among many, and no group can get in the position to impose its own ideas and suppress others. This is greatly to the benefit of the 'lower classes' who gain a relatively large amount of real power.

Under socialism, the 'upper class' consists of one group, the state, which is free to impose its views upon the rest of society by any means, usually violent, as we can see from the 19 million deaths in Soviet labour camps between 1921 and 1960.

The stated principles of the left (equality, etc.) are not undesirable, it is only their way of imposing them which is unwise. It is (or should be) the job of the moderates and the right wing to keep a check on the childish impatient left, and to slow them down so that we may ultimately achieve an equilibrium to the benefit of the whole of society.
Ian Williams, E.E. 3

Inverted Racialism?

Dear Sir,

During this term IC Union and ULU have been trying to fight racial discrimination in Lodgings, and now against higher hall fees for overseas students. The only people who benefit from these actions are the overseas students, as far as I can see, and many of them have volubly argued their case in the Union.

When I myself queried the place of overseas students in IC (see FELIX number 281, page 3), many British students in IC rallied in opposition, talking about "integration" and "intellectual cross-pollination". It appears, then, that British students have been doing their best to promote integration. Some even wish to demonstrate against higher Hall fees, risking legal action.

Personally, I would not expect the overseas students to try and prevent this integration, but on Friday, 7th November, the Overseas Students Committee held a party in Weeks Hall.

Revolution On Felix

Dear Editor,

Having read Mr. Cyril Smith's comments in Felix on "The Coming Revolution", I would like to point out the utter hypocrisy which runs through the conversation. The key quote in it is thus:

"For us our principles are scientific principles, and we wouldn't bend them for anybody".

The quotation by Mr. Smith denotes the fundamentals of Stalinism, which he so laboriously condemns. The fact that he considers his scientific principles to be more important than people ("we wouldn't bend them for ANYBODY"), typifies the totally inhuman and bureaucratic nature of Stalinism, and sets him well on the road to Fascism. What on earth makes him think that because he has stuck Trotsky on to the end of his list of gods. Marx and Lenin, that he is fighting for a social system that would be any less bureaucratic and inhuman than that the Russian revolution has obtained? I would have thought that if anyone wants to be a politician, they should be obsessed with the desire to give people a free and happy life, and not be obsessed with imposing their "scientific principles" on society.

Yours sincerely,

John Thomason,

Chairman Political Societies Council.

What did the notice say? "Overseas Students only"!

This advert was an insult to ULU and ICU. Should we British members of the Union be told we are not acceptable? We can fight discrimination against overseas students, but we must be discriminated against ourselves. This is insulting ingratitude!

The person or persons responsible should either apologise, or, if he has the nerve, justify this action in these pages. I imagine that some of the overseas students themselves were likewise horrified at the offending notice, and I would urge them to set up an enquiry into this. How can we fight external racism if we have this sort of behaviour internally?

Until a satisfactory apology or explanation is received, IC Union should refrain from discussing the problems of O/S students. If we are not good enough for their social acceptance, they must indeed be superior enough to fight their own battles!
George X

N.U.S. Debate Criticised

Dear Sir,

We and others present at today's Union meeting, where it was decided to join N.U.S., would like to express regret that a decision which affects the whole of the college union was taken at a meeting where less than a tenth of the union was present.

Whilst we appreciate the reasons for joining the N.U.S., we disapprove strongly of the manner in which this decision was made. As this was an issue affecting every member of the union, we feel that more of an effort should have been made to present the case fairly to every student; instead of having a chairman clearly seen to be biased and lack of information from the opposition.

We therefore sincerely hope that in the future a referendum will be taken on any equally important issue.

Yours faithfully,

S. P. Cooke
Maths II

C. R. Sully
Maths II

P. G. Sealey
Botany III

R. D. Sharratt
Maths II

Dissassociation

Dear Sir,

After recovering somewhat from the uncontrollable bouts of laughter caused after reading Colcutt's column in your last issue, I feel I really must clear up one point for the benefit of our judicious 'overseer'. John Darley is a soccer player, a good one by some accounts (he was captain of last year's 1st XI) — he never has been a member of the Rugby Club and, after his 'performance' in the R.C.S. Sevens, I hope never will be a member. In fact the R.F.C. just could not tolerate having such a reactionary, right-wing fascist as J.D. amongst them — no, not for all the rats in Queen's Tower!

Mike Adams

Captain I.C. R.F.C.

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One-sided Debate

The debate at the last Union meeting which took I.C. into NUS was far too one-sided for such a major decision. On the one side there was Dave Wiold, quoting extensively from a speech made the previous week by NUS president Jack Straw, ably supported by some fine rhetoric from Les Ebdon, and if this wasn't enough there was Dave Logan from the NUS to answer questions and, in the process, providing a number of fine points in favour of joining NUS. On the other side were just three short speeches from Ken Barker, Dermott Corr, and Gwyn Hughes.

One of the points made by the proposers was that we should join NUS to be able to take part in the policy making decisions, and over the long term, to see that these policies come to fruition. David Logan emphasised that the NUS cannot bring about changes overnight, but suggested that it was constant pressure brought to bear on the University authorities that brought results. If, then, ICU is to gain anything from joining the National Union (except for the travel concessions, the importance of which was played down by all three proposers) we must remain a member for a considerable period.

This brings me back to my original premise — that the debate was pushed through the Union far too quickly. The majority of those who voted against the motion at the Union meeting did so not because they were anti-NUS, but because they felt that (a) as there had not been enough public discussion before the debate, (b) the proposers were in such a strong position as compared to the opposition that they could play down their weaker points such as the cost of joining, the cost of sending delegates to the bi-annual meeting of delegates and in fact the effectiveness of 4 delegates from IC amongst over 300 in all.

The motion having been pushed through so quickly, there may well be a backlash from those who were not even aware the NUS vote was being taken, and they could rightly include in their argument that the Union has been used by the pro-NUS contingent in alliance with President Corbyn.

Out-dated Posters

There seems to be a reluctance on the part of some club publicity officers to remove posters immediately after the event being publicised. This is not only true of those placed on notice boards, but more importantly those placed around other places in college. The Debating Society, for example, still (at the time of writing) have posters advertising their meeting on Tuesday, November 11th on every landing in Linstead Hall. So wake up publicity officers, it is nice to see adverts for events, but not when they are a week out of date.

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President's Piece

3 Fields

The Union has clear policies in 3 important fields: Diversification, Representation and the Architectural Association merger, and wants early statements from the administration on them. Following Councils' (Nov. 10) discussion of the present situation, which reinforced what I have been saying to the Admin. for some weeks, I wrote a letter to the Rector (see elsewhere in Felix) concerning the Nov. 12th Board of Studies meeting. The main subject of discussion at the Nov. 12 special meeting was the A.A. The BOST was asked by the Union to discuss our ideas on the A.A. and hence also representation.

The A.A. negotiations are now at a crucial stage, as is revealed by some surreptitiously obtained documents yet we are excluded from discussions.

A special meeting of the Deans Committee was called after the Nov. 12 BOST meetings the results of which should be conveyed to JURGO on Monday 17th and the Union meeting on Thursday 20.

Diversification

The Oct. 29 decision by

the BOST to set up a diversification — co-ordination committee (as reported in this week's (!) I.C. news.) The report implies that the decision is something to do with the Nov. 12th BOST which it is not!

Anyway, confusion apart, we are still waiting to be represented on this committee. We will re-state that a central college organisation is vitally needed — a co-ordinating committee which works within existing resources is just not enough!

Well, what is stopping the administration going forward at full speed on diversification and representation? Government reports, students, many staff and a good number of admin are all in favour.

The great difficulty I had in obtaining the minutes of the special June meeting of the BOST which discussed last years representation requests, and the ghastly "discussion" which took place there, gives the answer.

Backward looking Professors and department heads form a strong vocal group on the BOST, the progressives do not speak out.

The BOST reports to the Governing body (for which

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COLCUTT

It is typical of the left-wing at IC that they should have the nerve to purloin the minutes of the June BOST meeting and then make it public, these are matters far above the concern of average students. On reading my copy, I find myself in total agreement with those staff who spoke against representation especially Professor Chain when he said that there could never be equality between "Masters and Disciples", that the whole affair was just political muck-raking and that the staff should not give in to these marijuana-crazed, poetry-writing, sandal-wearing, orange-juice drinking, sissy, long-haired thugs as "appeasement never pays".

Whilst on the subject, I wonder if the College Authorities are aware of what took place in the RCS Union office last Wednesday: Henry (Heroin Experience and Nude Romps for Youth), the College excuse for mass drug and sex orgies, put on a so-called Sensory Adventure. Never have I seen anything so obscene as the 40 people leaving, smiling and being friendly to each other, obviously under the influence of drugs as I saw nothing to be amused about.

True to the so-called "democracy" of the left, last years referendum was totally ignored and a Union Meeting passed a motion for joining NUS. Once again IC will become part of the "mass student movement" which gives students such a bad name and it could force IC to lose its reputation as the most forward-looking and well-behaved College in the country.

Whilst on the subject of money, coming up at today's Union meeting is a motion to investigate links of IC with racist regimes and companies who provide money for us. Surely we can trust our academic superiors, the administration, to make sure of the moral consequences of our finances.

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the F and E Committee acts) and the F and E can instruct the BOST. Have the Rector and the other members of the F and E got the courage to stand up to the "Backward-lookers" and instruct the BOST on our "3 fields"? They meet on Fri. 21, they could decide then!

What can we do?

The Admin fear adverse publicity and the Queen has the power to change I.C.'s Royal Charter. It is for these reasons that council suggested that we should (if necessary) petition the Queen and issue a public statement on Nov. 27. This moderate proposition is not anti-monarchist but the best attempt we can make to fulfilling Union policy. You must come to the UGM today to discuss it, and decide what to say to the F and E.

Refectories-Ugh

An operation research study is urgently needed. If the refectory committee continues to be obstructive, council suggests a food strike — this is probably the only answer — discuss at the Union meeting.

The Union and college could be far more socially useful and relevant to everybody. A working group is being set up to do things — report at the Union meeting.

N.U.S.

Well... we've joined. Apart from LEAs paying for the benefits we already got we can get further positive help from NUS on for instance: information, conferences, Union 'demands', Sabbatical year, legal advice, competitions, etc. This is a step forward!

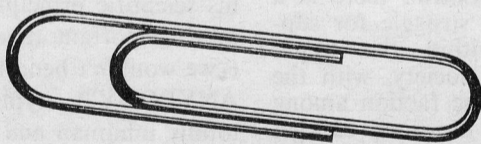
Some people say there was not enough discussion on NUS. Well, discussion has been going on since last year — the people who don't want us to join were always quite free to protest more discussion — they knew NUS would come up! I even asked some of them to write an anti-NUS piece for a leaflet with a Same length pro-NUS piece — they didn't — instead they say we shouldn't have joined because there hasn't been enough discussion. That is an easier way out hardly valid. Anyone can start a discussion!

A lot of people still haven't got their Handbooks, Bluebooks, USK Broad-sheets and ULU cards — come to the Union office and fetch them when you fetch your Union Directory.

Next Issue

The next issue of Felix will contain, amongst other things, an article by the President of the A.A. on attitudes to I.C., a feature on Jazz Expo 69 and a special Christmas surprise. Order your Felix now so as not to be disappointed.

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ODDS & SODS

A Proclamation

Citizens of the Imperial Empire, greetings, may the love of all things red keep and preserve you!

Let it be known to one and all that the Emperor Caesar Red is not pleased with his subjects. It has been noted by his Imperial Majesty that there has been reactionary voting in the Imperial people's meetings. This he commands to cease!

Let citizen Torr be an example; his name has been removed from the CEFE mailing list, for reactionary voting. This terrible fate will fall upon all those who oppose our beloved and deified leader.

Let it be known henceforth that all leftist motions passed by inquisite meetings of the peoples will be passed to the Imperial Senate, as if the meeting had been quorate. This will be known as "democracy", and those who challenge the quorum will be known as the "Union bar/Rugby Club clique".

Let it be known that on XXVII November MCMLXIX a lounge suit will consist of a mauve sweater and very battered jeans. The Emperor wishes it to be known that he commands more respect than the Queen, but because of his unparalleled and god-like politeness he will allow the Queen to open the new Imperial Palace.

The Emperor warns the Bost: his infinite patience will soon end. Their knowledge of the Universe gained over many years is nothing, compared to the knowledge of our most beloved leader. They must cease their reactionary thinking and accept the words of the Emperor.

His august Majesty proclaims that this month's deity (after himself) will be: MAO, god of mobs and god of bloody carnage. He reminds us that when divine retribution comes from above, it will have the symbols CCCP neatly lettered, in red, on its side.

Proclaimed this day, XX November MCMLXIX,
GAIUS JUSTINIAN

Lyon Playfair Library

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In the basement, Level 0, theses are stored. This part of the library is not, however, completed yet.

There is an Xerox machine down here, and the charge is the standard 6d. per sheet, with reduction to 4d. per sheet for copying of theses of 300 sheets or more.

Photocopying equipment will be installed shortly, and then the library will be able to produce slides, etc.

The micro-readers in the basement will be most useful for reading theses and other papers sent to the library from other places (particularly theses from America) in microfilm form.

The old books deposited eight years ago in the UL depository at Egham have been brought back, and these also are on Level 0. Some of these volumes are of more historical than academic interest!



Lastly, it cannot be stressed too much that the new library facilities are very much under-used. There must be many people in digs who could use the 500 work spaces in the evenings. The best way to keep abreast of the latest scientific discoveries is to read the periodicals in that field, and what better way to follow up a subject than to look at the original papers? The periodicals section caters for both of these. The Restricted Loans section stocks all the recommended books, and you are almost certain of being able to see a copy.

The library is there for you to use—use it.

TONY KIRKHAM

Film Soc. Travel

Film Soc could be the answer to built-in obsolescence in the cinema — access to all those vast libraries of great old movies—so, who heard of television? — can't beat the big screen and picture quality of film — so they're having the projectors serviced at Christmas, aren't they?

There is now a movement of over 600 Film Societies in Great Britain. Its 100,000 members are disciples of the principle of furthering the appreciation and use of the film medium, with the implication that this an art form of serious intellectual merit, supported by such periodicals as 'Film' and 'Sight and Sound' and a vast body of critical and adulatory prose in many types of published literature.

In fact 'Film' is a medium which caters for all intellectual levels (Q. Is John Lennon's erection an intellectual edifice?) and which can be utilised in any economic system for a myriad of purposes. To be good a film should make you laugh, cry, or sit bolt upright in your seat, involve your mind with the thought of man's intelligence behind it (did anybody see 'Targets?'). We think the feature films we're showing this year are good; you might not have recognised yourself as a disciple hitherto, but if you come to see one then join the club.

One of the disadvantages of Film Soc is the passive nature of 'film appreciation' and the lack of contact between audience and organisation, a lack of the feeling of belonging to a society. To bridge the gap we are planning to make available short films next term which can be used for spontaneous Film Soc meetings, and we hope there will be some sort of happening anyway on the Fridays between feature shows. You don't need to be passive, call us we won't call you, and remember brothers, you too can walk on the water.

FILM SOC HAS FOUR HUNDRED MEMBERS. JOHN LENNON HAS ONLY ONE.

JOHN SPENCE

Small Ads

Rakesh Mohan, jolly chief of the white liberals, now resides at 659, Yale Station, Newhaven, Conn. 06520, U.S.A. All correspondence to him would be very welcome.

Any student living along the Edgware Road or in Hendon Green or Hampstead and would like a lift to and from College, please contact K. Levy, Bot I.

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Going places this year? Sheffield, Skopje, Sydney, Singapore, Sweden, South Carolina? Did you know you can get student reductions on travel to all these places and millions more? If you didn't, you are, to put it in student language, a mug!

Or do you think you know everything? "Sure, I do — N.U.S. do everything at the cheapest rates" — well you've got something to learn as well — at the time of writing N.U.S. can only better us on cheap student train fares in Britain and by the time you read this article, maybe even that slight oversight on our part will be amended. Very soon we might be the cheapest travel bureau in Great Britain — we are still debating whether to give our 5% on all your bookings back to you or to use it for publicity — if everybody in I.C. reads this then there will be no problem!

One more question — do you know what G.S.T.S., B.U.N.A.C., E.S.U., and I.A.E.S.T.E., to name but a few, stand for? If so, you've wasted your time with this article — you've dealt with us before and know we hang out in Committee Room D, next to the Main Union Lounge in the New College Block, on Mondays (12.30-1.45) and Thursdays (1.00-2.15). If you didn't know, well you do now — come and find out the cheapest way to get around and abroad (hitch hiking hints!). Or if you are in an ultra-tremendous hurry to book that flight to Siberia, call along to Linstead 517.

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Thoughts of Birds

Communicate

Very often at IC, people say they know nothing about the Union, and don't wish to know anything. They say that the Union doesn't do anything for them except, maybe, finance their clubs.

Perhaps they don't realise that the Union also allocates parking places, that it can help them borrow money, and assist in many welfare problems.

The floor reps. want to do their bit to help the cause of 'communication'. On three lunchtimes a week they will be in or around the Union office. Anyone with queries, criticisms, advice, or comment of any nature please go along to the Union Office.

The floor reps. will be present from 1 to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

WHAT'S ON

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER

Scout and Guide Club: Talk on RSPCA, Mines 303, 12.35 p.m.
Go Club, Southside upper lounge, 8.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

Principal Edwards Magic Theatre, IC Hop in the Union.
Trad Jazz Group playing in High St., Kensington. Collectors needed — meet Union lower lounge 10.30 a.m. or High St. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER

Christ on the Air—S.M. Alexander (FEBA), ME 242, 1.10 p.m.

TUESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

General Studies: See Notice Boards.
Photo Soc: A lecture on abstract and montage by R. Knox, ARPS, Physics 630, at 6.30 p.m.
Wink Soc: Tizard Gallery, 10.00 p.m.
Go Club: Southside upper lounge, 8.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER

Films: Les Biches and Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, Mech Eng 220, 7.30 p.m., members 1/6, guests 3/6.
YHA Group: Next weekend is to Stainforth YH, Yorkshire, on November 28th to 30th, see Southside notice board.

WEEKEND 29th-30th NOV.

Touchstone: Personal Unhappiness. Apply by 24th November to Touchstone Secretary, 331 College Block.

SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER

IC Hop in the Union tonight features Deep Purple.

TUESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER

The Life of Adolph Hitler — documentary film series, ME 220, 6.00 p.m.

First night of the new Dramsoc production, "I don't know what we'd do without Miss Schmidt" by Leon Rosselson. Concert Hall, 7.45 p.m. Continues until Thursday.

Wine Tasting Soc: Alveres Montilla, Physics SCR, level 8, 5.40 p.m. Members 2/6.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER

Folk Song Club present a double bill! Maureen Kennedy-Martin and Mike and Clair of the Troubadour Club, in the Union, top floor, 7.30 p.m. Members 3/6, others 5/6.
Board of Studies.

THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER

The Word Became Flesh, Rev. Dennis Peterson, EE 606, 7.30 p.m.
Domestic Bursar talking on "Money", Mines 303, 12.35 p.m.

Articles for inclusion in the ODDS & SODS page are always welcome. Please send them to ODDS & SODS, Felix, I.C. Union, at least 10 days before publication.

Copy date for inclusion in the next issue is Tuesday, 25th November.

A Look Round The Shop

Graduate Careers by Paul Heath

It is about this time of year that employers, not only from this country but from overseas, start their campaigns to recruit their 1970 graduate intake. It is also about this time of year that most students in their final year at university start to think (or try to think) seriously about where their money is to come from after June. The purpose of this article is to make a brief survey of the various types of employment that graduates of the past few years have found popular, to swiftly mention the standard ways of obtaining advice about a career and (I hope) to offer some encouragement to those students who like me, found themselves treading water in a sea of despair, wondering which island to swim to.

When we talk about employment for science and technology graduates, we should not only include jobs in industry and teaching, but also openings for academic work, social work and careers in various government departments. In 1968, according to an excellent review in "The Recruiting Market" in the Guardian of Nov. 12. Consultancy was considered the most *attractive* career by the highest proportion of students. This was followed by journalism with academic work, falling from top place in '64, edging industry into 4th place. A career in the forces was considered emphatically the least attractive, despite (or perhaps because of) the intensive advertising campaign waged by the Army Navy and Airforce in recent years. A high number of students (vide the author) have come to appreciate the various openings in accountancy.

There is, I think, little reason to suppose the thoughts of students about the attractiveness of various careers have changed significantly in the last year or so, although it is probable that industry is a more attractive proposition than academic work in view of the way that the value of post-graduate grants has fallen steadily in terms of the real value of money. In addition, the attractiveness of a career in industry (in terms of the financial reward) is heightened by the fact that, from the point of view of the student, the market is a seller's one, with the employers in close competition with each other for the most competent graduates.

Journalism may also, in the future, be able to offer



The author of this article, Paul Heath, is an ex-editor of Felix, for which work ICU award him Social Colours. He scraped a lower second in Maths last year, and deciding he wanted to get into publishing some way, joined Cambridge University Press as a trainee accountant. He is unmarried and has no children.

increasing opportunities for scientific and technical graduates with the ability to write clear and lucid English. There are many trade and professional journals around where the expertise of the scientist or engineer can be employed usefully.

Accountancy will continue to provide ever more openings and, once an accountant has qualified, the demand for his services, and hence the salaries offered, are very high. There is, of course, the drawback of having to spend 3 or 4 years qualifying, but this should be no great difficulty. In any case, the vacancies for even partly qualified men are numerous and lucrative.

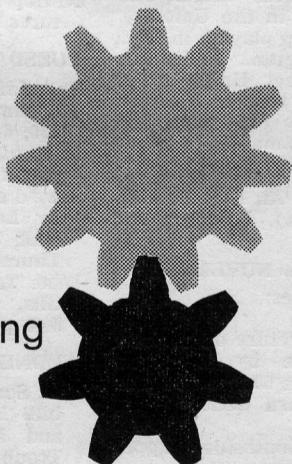
From that, admittedly brief, survey of trends of employment, it will be useful to go on to the means of obtaining advice. The standard way is to see the departmental careers adviser and after discussing likes, dislikes and ability, to attend selected interviews of firms recruiting at IC or to go on and see the University Appointment Board Field Officer who visits the college regularly. The person is a specialists careers adviser with numerous contacts in industry, government and the academic world as well as great familiarity with the problems of the graduate student seeking a job. Moreover the facilities of the U.L. Appointments Board are available to the graduate *throughout* his life, not just while he is at college. If you've not decided after going through their channels, the usual course is to keep an eye on the Ads. in the "heavy" dailies and Sundays. It is also useful to keep your eye on Felix — advertisers who support student publications can't be too bad at all!

Inherent in the problem of finding a job is the consideration of whether you will feel happy in it and be capable of success. This is the sort of question which cannot be answered satisfactorily until you have spent a while in the job, but it can be answered with at least some degree of confidence when you've seen what your prospective employers have to offer. In any case, if for some reason you're not happy in the job you select, because you're unsuited to it or even because you're underemployed, any worthwhile employer will not raise objections to you making a change. An interesting statistic is that female graduates spend an average of only six months in their first job. The average for males is greater but the point still remains that it is quite respectable to change a job if it is unsuitable. Anyway it is in the employers' interest that his employees should feel happy in their work and the majority realise this and act accordingly.

In looking back, I've come to think that finding suitable employment was less difficult than all the worry and insecurity I felt made it seem. As they used to say on the rare occasions that I finished a problem sheet — "Christ, if Heath can do it, why the Hell can't I?"

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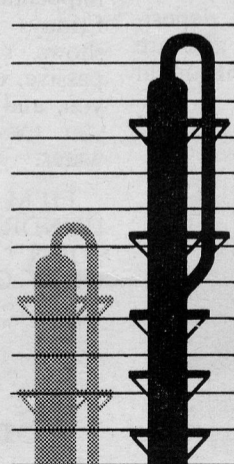
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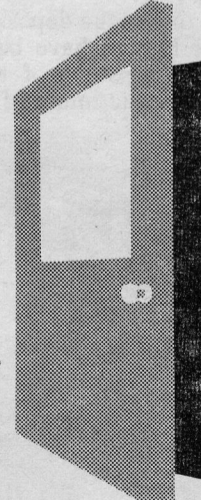
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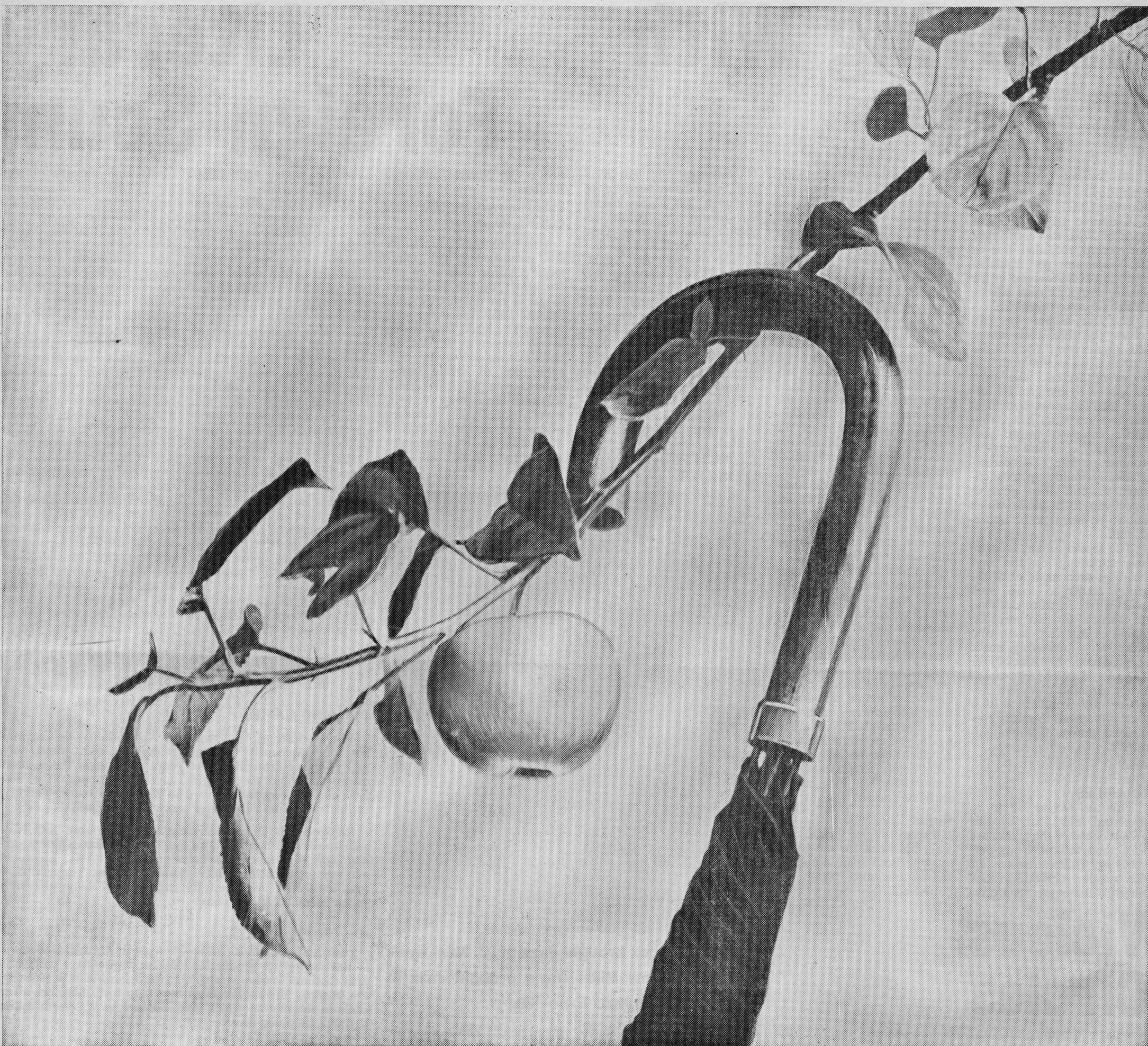


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PROCTER & GAMBLE

Grooving With A Pict

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Pink Floyd
Harvest (EMI)

A double LP at the low price of 57/6, this consists of one record recorded live at two separate performances and the other recorded in the studio, complete with effects, electronic and otherwise.

The live album has two tracks per side, each about ten minutes long. The best are *Astronomy Domine* and *Saucerful of Secrets*; the first, composed by the group's former lead guitarist Syd Barrett, is a nervous, jerky, rhythmic song to music that continually ebbs and flows in volume, while 'Saucerful' gradually builds up to a climax, lessens, then goes in crescendo to a finale which has to be heard to be appreciated.

The studio album is much less appealing on the first hearing; each member of the group seems to have been given a free hand to do what he wanted for ten minutes, which is all very well, and some very interesting music is produced, but tracks like *Several Species of Small Furry Animals Gathered Together and Grooving With a Pict* will appeal to a very specialised group of Floyd admirers.

Free

The Free
Island ILPS

This the second LP to be produced this year by this group. Some of the tracks are very good without being outstanding, while others are just the regular derivative rock songs so many groups are re-

Vicious Circles

What is this thing religion?

At least two things as far as I can see. There is the Religion of the established churches, the Christian Religion, Mohammedan Religion etc., which have been formalised so that they are acceptable to a large number of people because within their dogma, there is such a freedom that one can pick and choose one's own way through them. Then there is religion best defined, I think, as that which is manifested in the individual's spiritual relationship to his environment. The first involves a belief in the dogma of the particular religion, the second the belief in whatever the believer holds to be of import. The common factor in both of these

is the belief; that is, the acceptance of something as true; which by extension involves the introduction of the beliefs in the believer's store of knowledge.

Four Sail

Love, Transatlantic

Apart from the atrocious title, this LP is good value for money. Love seems to be built around the musical talents of Arthur Lee, who composes most of their work and plays various different instruments. Again, most of the music is simple blues and rock without originality showing itself to any degree, but there is always an audience for just that. After all, think how many groups started in just that way, and are now experimenting in the misnamed "underground".

The predominance of Lee's musicality in Love's music brings you to wonder just how many groups suffer from the same defect. Certainly, Pete Townshend, Winwood, Keith Emerson of the Nice, and to a lesser extent, Jagger and Lennon, all contributed the major amount to their group's work, and, with the Floyds' L.P. in mind again, you are caused to wonder just how much Syd Barrett's composing talents were responsible for the group's early success.

Singles

Three singles came my way this week for me to try to write both some pseud reviews, and also please the publishers.

Why is it necessary to go through the rigmarole of religion merely to get to this stage of accepting something as true, and therefore usable as a day to day criterion for action? Historically, religion (and Religion) were used to explain the things supernatural which could not be rationally understood. As the supernatural is a dynamic concept more suited to explanation by today's science than by religion, this role is of diminishing importance.

However, one reason for belief which is still important is the need for mental secur-

ity, the need to know something. I'm almost tempted to say *anything*, on which one's spiritual existence can be based. Many people need this in the same way that people need the physical security of job, family, established society with all its conventions, etc. It is perhaps the need for certainty in a world where nothing is certain — do you know that the sun is going to come up tomorrow?

Further, in pursuit of happiness there is always a clash between the rational elements and the emotional elements in us. This clash can be lessened if there is something the intellect can accept to be; on this basis it could perhaps resolve the conflict which occurs when the emotions demand answers while the ra-

“Naturally”, by Fat Mattress, who have been to IC this term, has a very catchy and distinctive guitar sequence predominating. Generally fast, loud and good.

“The World's An Apple” by Big Bertha featuring (sic) Ace Kelford, sounds like a rehash of “Natural Born Bugie” by Humble Pie. The similarity really is quite noticeable. However as “Natural Born Bugie” was a good record, I liked this one also.

Lastly and leastly was “Pretty Girl Why”, by Buffalo Springfield. A pleasant sound but not particularly special.

LUNCHTIME O'DISQUE



Mike Westbrook brought Jazz to IC. Next week FELIX tells how Miles Davis brought Jazz to Jazz Expo '69.

tional person knows there are none.

How, you may say, do these vast generalities relate to my religious beliefs, which is what this article is supposed to be about. Very simply. You see, I believe all the above. And you will notice that this belief effectively serves me as a religion. For, while on rational grounds, the only tenet I accept is the contradiction “If I know one thing it is that I know nothing”. I believe in my need to believe, to know, and my belief is firm enough to keep me happy, which (I believe) is the end point of my belief.

LSE: The Natives are Restless

Paul Hoch & Vic Schoenbach
Sheed & Ward: 10s.

This book has been written and published in the minimum possible time in an all-out effort by the publishers to get it on the book-stands before LSE fades in our minds. The result is what one would expect as far as the book's composition goes, with subscripts to every page, quotes from all and sundry scattered throughout the text, and occasional passages where one is led to believe that whoever was carefully subediting away all the

authors' wilder comments and ideas, missed.

All this could obscure the fact that a greater part of the book is a factual, day-by-day account of the sit-ins, occupations, strikes and marches organised by the active members of LSE. It stresses that all the much-publicised taking down of gates, forming of picket-lines and invasion of LSE staff facilities was not just the action of a small active group of foreign agitators, but the result of long Union discussion. All the attempts to defy the governing bodies of the school were passed by large majorities at Union meetings, where, incidentally, they get a hell of a lot more people turning up than they do here.

It's biased, of course, Hoch and Schoenbach being proud members of the “foreign scum” refusing to be downtrodden by disciplinarian attitude of Adams and Co., but it's not too one-sided to stop you seeing that this isn't just a lot of students causing

trouble for the sake of causing trouble. It overwhelmingly points out time and time again the fantastic anti-student bias that exists in the press and in the minds of the older generations, and it does this by quoting excerpts from the Dailies (you can guess which ones), and from speeches made by MPs and industrial heads.

The bias is something everyone knows about, it's caused by lack of communication, which is easy to say but seemingly impossible to do anything about. Throughout the book you are assailed by the complete inability of any of the protagonists to see any point of view other than their own.

The Natives are Restless is the first report on this subject to put forward a concise account of what the students did and why they did it, and it's worth reading for that alone, but it also lets you see just what the “agitators” thought they were fighting for.

INFORMATION

FUN AND GAMES

The Institute of Contemporary Arts situated in The Mall has a comprehensive programme of films, exhibitions, plays and concerts throughout the year. The Union has a block membership and you can get a membership card on production of your registration card in the Union office. This will enable you to buy tickets at much reduced prices.

Replacing the John Heartfield exhibition from 28th November will be Play Orbit, an exhibition which explores various aspects of toys. It includes giant games, toys for adults and one toy each from over a hundred artists. The exhibition runs until after Christmas, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily; admission 4s. for members (that's you).

RECORDS

Discount on records can be obtained at Mascall Records in S. Kensington on production of your registration card. Student discount is also available at the record stall in Kensington Market, Kensington High Street. In fact, there are a few stalls in the market which give discount so it's worth asking if you're shopping there.

CLOTHES

Vast sums of money aren't required to provide a costume for Carnival or to infuse a bit of variety into the traditional students' modes of dress. Here are a few ideas:

Jumble Sales provide a surprisingly wide range of clothing. You can get shirts, trousers, vests and jackets for 6d. to 1/-. White or light coloured clothes can be dyed very cheaply with dye obtainable from any hardware shop. East End markets like Petticoat Lane usually have second-hand and surplus stalls; all it needs is a good eye and some imagination. There are second-hand clothes shops and stalls in Portobello Road Market and also two shops in nearby Pembridge Road selling old theatrical clothes.

DUPLICATING

The Union duplicating equipment can be used by any member of the Union. If you need any duplicating done see Jon Moont in 415 Tizard, who can supply materials. The dyeline machine in the union cloakroom is also available for doing posters, if you supply your own materials, bought from the bookshop. See Deputy President Pete Earl (Beit Hall) for details.

In this complex of vicious circles, I sit back and smile smugly . . . J. H. C.

Board of Studies

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of Studies, held on 12th June last, to discuss the question of student representation on the Board, have now reached FELIX.

The minutes show that most of the professors were against the idea of student observers with only Professors Butler (Physics) and Baker (Civ. Eng.) supporting the students' views, and the idea was eventually defeated.

The Rector put forward a note giving the students' views, asking for a year's experimental representation on the GoB, F&E, and the BoSt. He also suggested the idea of excluding the student observers from certain areas of discussion.

Professor Chain (Biochem) spoke strongly against representation, saying it was not in the best interests of the College and nothing of interest to students was discussed at the BoSt. which could not be dealt with by existing machinery.

The Union proposal was not, he claimed, based upon a desire for staff/student dialogue, but on pressure from political activists. It was a misconception and distortion to accept representation because of democracy and because their demands were moderate.

There could never be equality between 'masters and disciples'. Student unrest was a political manifestation; appeasement never paid, and IC had a duty to show leadership in the situation.

Chain was supported by Professors Sparkes (Civil Eng.) and Wood (Botany).

Professor Butler then spoke in favour Lord Penney's proposals. He would not be unhappy if student representation on the BoSt. was made permanent. This would help break down the separation of the Academic and Student bodies, and, he was sure, in time would build up an atmosphere of collaboration with students.

Rejections

Rejection of the proposals would provoke controversy, which it was very desirable to avoid.

However, he agreed with the ideas of reserved areas of discussion.

Then followed several shorter speeches. Professors Jones (Maths), Ford (Mech Eng.), Hewer (Zoo) and Barrer (Chem.), Ubbelohde (Chem. Eng.), Francis (Civil Eng), Anderson (Elec. Eng.), Hall (History of Sci. and Tech.) and Richardson (Metall.) all spoke against student representation on the Board. Most of these were concerned that the presence of students might inhibit free discussion at the Board. It might be better to invite student representatives for discussion of specific issues. It was, in general, better to leave student representation to the BoG.

Prof. Ball (Metall.) thought IC would be performing a great national service if the Board rejected the students' proposals, despite the risk of precipitating unrest.

Prof. Butler spoke again in support of the Rector's note. Notwithstanding his very warm support for staff/student collaboration at grass roots level, he still felt that student contributions on the Board of Studies would be valuable in areas which cut across Dept. boundaries.

After a few minor speeches, a vote was taken, and the idea of having student observers on the Board was defeated by 17 votes to 8.

No Hanging at I.C.

On Tuesday, 11th November, I.C. Debates held one of its all too rare meetings to discuss the motion, 'This House would reinstate capital punishment'.

The motion was proposed by Coun. Lazarus, sent by Conservative Central Office, but speaking, he said, from a purely personal viewpoint, Coun. Lazarus said that in recent years two elements had gained prominence in the spectrum of crime—firstly there was a growing tendency to make the life of the criminal more comfortable in prison; and secondly crime of all sorts was on the increase. The proposer claimed that these two could be equated, and so one way of reducing crime was to reduce the comfort of the criminal. In the case of murder, he continued, hanging was the one real deterrent, and he concluded by saying that although one can't reform a murderer by hanging him, doing so might deter others.

Miss Penny Tomlinson, opposing the motion, stated that the finality of death was very difficult for man to accept and it was for this that murder was thought of as the worst crime, and so should carry the supreme penalty.

With the use of statistics, she showed that since the temporary abolition of the death penalty the incidence of murder had remained about the same. Murder, Miss Tomlinson submitted, was committed under intense mental and emotional stress irrespective of the penalties; this is readily seen in the cases of family murders. Thus the argument that hanging is a deterrent does not hold under close examination. Miss Tomlinson, it must be said, was using the results of

an intensive survey on major crime on which she had been working.

Mr. Cullen, seconding the motion, deplored the increase in crimes of violence since the abolition. Les Ebdon, seconding Miss Tomlinson, claimed that there was no deterrent to a crime which is largely a manifestation of insanity, although perhaps temporary, in extremely emotional circumstances.

After some lively speeches from the floor and summing-up speeches from the principal speakers, the motion was put to the vote and defeated by 100 votes to 17 with three abstentions.

UNION MEETING NOV. 20

1 p.m. MECH ENG.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Community Action
Refectories and Food

DIVERSIFICATION AND REPRESENTATION

- (i) Report on BOST (Nov 12) meeting.
- (ii) Report on JURGO (Nov 17) meeting.
- (iii) Public Statement when Queen comes.
- (iv) Statement to F. & E. (Nov. 21).
- (v) South Africa and Hall fees.
- (vi) Sabbatical Year for President.
- (vii) Use of space under motorways.

Does your club require cheap, reliable transport?

If so, the R.C.C. 'Transit' 12-seater minibus is available for the use of Union members at reasonable rates. For more details, including availability, cost and conditions of use, contact Mike Gibson, Physics 913 (Int. 2976).

our Uncle Bill being all heart. Recognising that most of the students at IC couldn't give a Mooney chip for Commemoration Day, our spies inform us that he is willing to do away with the whole affair if student opinion is against it. Crunch. Not exactly student opinion but students' mums' opinions—'cos, says Uncle, the Ms and Ds revel in this kind of thing! Watch out for a coming FELIX with a questionnaire for you to send to your mum—and . . .

. . . . Talking about questionnaires: Felicity's amazing referendum on whether or not IC needs a newspaper drew a staggering 100 per cent "yes". No Stalinist rigging this. But out of modesty we must ask if 4 "yesses" is statistically significant in a college of 3,900. Anyone who can provide a lucid mathematical proof of significance will receive his next FELIX for free.

N.U.S., What it's All About

Now that we have joined N.U.S. what can we get out of it. Anyone expecting a box of good things to be dumped on the doorstep of the union will be disappointed. Returns don't come in the same way as for instance when we buy a glider. With a few important exceptions we get what N.U.S. gives already without paying for it. N.U.S. is a national pressure group for students and will go on without us. However if every other college did the same there would be no National Union and no national student pressure group. I.C. for many years has been regarded as isolationist by other student bodies. People at I.C. have regarded themselves as different from other students and able to do without any official contact with other unions. This is a view however which has been recently changing and the attitude of students here has changed tremendously in the last two or three years.

N.U.S. has also reformed itself. It has become more efficient and has started to take a determined stand on student demands. In the past N.U.S. has thought of itself as a mediator in any dispute between students and authorities in colleges. Now it is much more forthright in its support for legitimate student causes. In this respect it could be of use to I.C. If anything blows up, for instance in the deadlock on double discipline, Jack Straw has said that he would certainly come (if asked) to talk to the Rector and admin. At Guildford School of Art N.U.S. blew the issue of staff sacking up to national proportions and Guildford School has now been black listed by the staff unions. The Select Committee report on Student Relations has now agreed with the N.U.S. recommendations and has also called for an independent inquiry there.

N.U.S. of course has always run a travel agency and I.C. students have used it in large numbers. In fact last year Albert Preston, Treasurer of N.U.S. said that N.U.S. would lose money if I.C. joined N.U.S. because individual members pay £2 as opposed to 5/- a head for affiliated colleges and over 1/3 of I.C. students were members. N.U.S. also run things like drama festivals and debating competitions. I.C. has entered the drama festival this session on a special agreement. If we had not joined N.U.S. we would not have been able to enter next session.

The financial arrangements for I.C. joining N.U.S. are rather complex. The D.E.S. say that the affiliation fees for N.U.S. are 'legitimate expenditure' and Anthony Crosland, when he came to I.C. in 1967, said that this meant that the L.E.As. would certainly pay it. However the chances of getting it this year are uncertain. After talking to a member of the admin. it appears feasible to ask the Governing Body for £6.5 instead of £6 a head this year. A third possibility is that N.U.S. may waive the fees this year providing we pay them next year. Piers Corbyn is looking into this problem. In any case the External Affairs Committee will probably decide to send two observers to the Margate conference which starts on Nov. 24th.

Going back to the Select Committee Report all national educational bodies except N.U.S. are criticised. The A.U.T., the A.T.T.I., N.U.T., and the committee of Vice-Chancellors are all criticised for lack of organisation and zest. About the N.U.S. they say, 'They seem to be succeeding in creating a truly national body to protect and advance what they see as their legitimate claims. They have enabled student concerns to be well defined despite the complexity of the (educational) system!'

I.C. has finally moved out of its isolationism. Let us hope that we can help N.U.S. meet the challenge in pressing for great changes in the educational system of this country.

FELIX ROAD

Home Again

As avid FELIXfans will have realised, Young Felixcat will return to grace our front page next issue. Felix appeared in some guise or other on every FELIX since the paper's conception, and disappeared only when FELIX changed printers early this year. Famous throughout the BBC as the cat the Radio Times pinched to use as a heading for their children's adventure weekly, his temporary disappearance was mourned by all. Many Happy Returns.

Bill's Booze

At Linda Steer's recent ICWA Sherry Party, W. Penney divulged to our editor

one of his lesser known experiences during the Second World War. He was engaged in research in a US warship—research which involved the use of alcohol. American Navy ships being "dry", every evening a queue of thirst-ridden sailors would form outside Bill's laboratory all hoping for a drop of the hard stuff.



Linda Steer

When asked if he thought he would be in his present

position if his benevolence had been discovered, W. Penney replied in the negative, adding that he would probably still be in jail.

Secrets?

As an irrelevancy, our Mexican correspondent tells us that the Mexican secret police—a much larger force than the British equivalent—bought 2,000 Datsuns from Japan this year. Apparently these are the first Datsuns in Mexico. Your guess is as good as ours as to how many secret police there are in Mexico, but estimates range up to 2,000 less than last year.

More Commem

Further to the funny tale before, yet another example



Edgar Broughton at I.C. hop last Saturday.



FELICITY

The Felix late news supplement.

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GUILDS' SHOW - LORD MAYOR ATTENDS

The Lord Mayor was an also-ran in his show this year, Guilds capturing the limelight (again) by the timely intervention of their supporters at Ludgate Hill, encouraged by the sight of the Guilds float following hard on the heels of the Whitbread float, complete with bar and barmaids.

The float itself was a great success, especially the discotheque and "Je t'aime..." at 100 watts, well received by the VIP's viewing gallery.

The crowds were soon entertained in the customary way by Guildsmen in, on, around and underneath the float, a living Eros, and the policemen who tried to join in the fun.

Be also took part in the show, and could often be seen weaving in and out of the procession, to the obvious embarrassment of "Nerves" Gainey, the driver, who nearly ran over a foot, and a chief constable (the owner of the foot).

£ 150 was collected on the day under strong opposition from Kings and from City University, and "a good time was had by all", which is what its all about.

DENNIS TAYLOR.

SUCCESSFUL PUB CRAWL

Carnival's three legged pub crawl on Friday proved to be one of most profitable collections ever with over £250 being collected and more still coming in.

Saturday saw the start of the London-Southampton bed-race which finished 6 hours and 80 miles later at Southampton University.

Mines/R.C.S. bed suffered a series of mishaps including a fractured leg but still managed to finish inches behind Guilds'.

Den't miss the gorilla!

DAVE HOBMAN.

MORPHY DAY ANCHORED

The Guilds Union meeting on Tuesday started promptly in front of a reasonably large audience. The minutes having been read, the Vice President started to unfold his master plan complete with mathematical formulae for the annihilation of the opposition on Putney towpath the following afternoon (i.e. yesterday, Morphy Day).

One of the main items on the agenda was the ceremonial painting in Guild's colours of the mascot of UC's Engineering Dept, a large anchor. Members of the Civil 2 Rugby 7's team having won the knockout cup on Sunday were duly elected anchor bearers for Morphy Day.

A motion of censure was passed on Dennis Taylor, among other things for his alleged continual obscene behaviour and for mislaying his official jacket. Punishment was confined to ten press-ups to be carried out with a pint of beer on his rear quarters. One press-up was completed.

The latest additions, kindly donated by Southampton University and Walls Icecream Ltd., to the Guilds' collection of assorted mascots, signs, etc. were shown to the assembly before the meeting was closed with the usual Boomalaks.

MIKE YATES.

LETTERS: CORBYN'S UNDRRESS

Sir,

Last Friday night I went to the Presidents' Ball at ULU. Among those present were the Queen Mether and also Piers Corbyn, who was wearing light blue jeans, floppy jumper, and tatty scarf (not even IC), in direct contrast to the evening dress that everyone else were.

Now I agree with quite a lot of Piers Corbyn's leftish views, but I think a strong complaint is needed about our President's attire at such a function. If he doesn't agree with formal functions and their formal wear, then he shouldn't go to them.

Perhaps Mr. Corbyn thinks a show of protest is necessary, but surely his action does him, and IC, no good at all, and certainly could do a lot of harm.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Mellor, Elec Eng 3.

Dear Sir,

DISILLUSION ANSWERED

I was extremely disappointed to read in the last edition of Felix (6th Nov.) that Mr. Wood believes I.C. is a "feeble weak-minded college" after only one month here! Such an opinion clearly indicates a blinkered outlook and an exceedingly shallow analysis of the situation.

Consider U.S.K. Although only in its infancy, U.S.K. must surely present I.C. with one of the brightest hopes for the future. Work to be done in this field is boundless and the rewards are limitless.

Consider the societies. Each one of I.C.'s numerous societies has an important role to play in college life and they are undoubtedly the...

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Consider the Societies. Each one of I.C.'s numerous societies has an important role to play in corporate college life and they are undoubtedly the biggest influence on I.C.

Consider the unions. Every union is short of people to take us into the 70's with confidence. New ideas are always welcome in this field.

So, Mr. Wood, I hope you understand a bit better now how destructive your attitude is to the whole college. You are enjoying all the benefits and opportunities of your presence here and all you return is bitter cynicism, aimed at destroying and ruining the social lives of every student here. I suggest you reconsider your position, concentrating on the more constructive ideas available and act accordingly. Peter Lewis.

RCSU - Morphy, Mooney and Mascot.

At the R.C.S. Union meeting on Tuesday in Physics Lec. Th. 2, the President, John Butterworth, proposed that "this meeting of R.C.S.U. expresses the wish that all members of R.C.S.U. go collecting for carnival instead of wasting time at Putney on Morphy Day; the boat crews to be excepted." This motion was passed nem con.

In his president's report, Butty mentioned the apparent delay by the relevant union officials in doing anything about the standard of food at college. He suggested that direct action might be called for eventually. Presumably this would be in the form of a boycott.

On a more humorous note, a motion was passed to the effect that the Theta bearers (Incidentally Theta is still missing without trace) be placed in stocks to be erected in Trafalgar Square, where the public could have the chance of buying rotten food and throwing it at them. All proceeds to carnival.

Alan Cummings reminded everyone of the R.C.S. Carnival on Friday, Nov. 28th in the union. Tickets are 25/- from Alan Cummings, Skirk 672.

COMMUNITY ACTION

I.C. Council recommends that I.C. Union more fully participates in student community action. Can we combat social want? Are we aware of social needs? Come to a meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 1.00p.m. in Lecture Theatre 1, Chem. Eng., and find out.

KEITH LINDSEY (Chairman OSS)

CARNIVAL The advertised busking in Kensington High Street has been postponed.

REPRESENTATION AGAIN

Following the discussions at the last Council meeting (fully reported in FELIX), Piers Corbyn has written a letter to the Rector, copies of which are posted on notice boards.

This letter points out Council's views on the refusal of the BoSt to allow student observers, and Council's "deep concern and anger" that minutes of the important June 12 meeting were kept from the students (now revealed - see FELIX).

Piers also pointed out that Council had asked him to look into the possibility of petitioning the Queen on the questions of representation and diversification.

He also emphasised that Council is seriously producing leaflets explaining Union policy and its lack of progress, to be distributed to press and public on the occasion of the Queen's visit, unless some positive steps are taken by the Admin to implement these policies.

These ideas will be put before today's Union meeting in ME220 at 1.00pm prompt, so it is especially important that as many people turn up as possible to discuss these important issues.

AJK,

BOAT RACE RESULTS: Morphy Cup 1st City & Guilds, by 3 lengths
2nd Royal Coll Sci by $\frac{1}{2}$ length
3rd Royal Sch Mines.

Lowry Cup: 1st City & Guilds, by $\frac{1}{3}$ length
2nd Royal Sch Mines, by 5 lengths
3rd Royal Coll of Sci.

BATTLE REPORT.....by our Special War Correspondent.

A successful Morphy day was held yesterday, against strong opposition from Apollo 12. Both sides claimed a rout but Mines were helped by having most of the ammunition due to their early arrival, whilst Guilds made a spectacular journey from South Ken in single file.

Festivities were soon under way when both Presidents received the customary custard(?) pie, Ken Barker perhaps coming off worst with the famed Guilds "garlic" pie. A good battle was had by all with perhaps both sides the winners.

Guilds crowned a good day by winning both the Morphy and Lowry Cups, and these high spirits continued on the tube journey back to South Ken, when passengers were treated to a tug of war between carriages.. DT

SPORTS FELICITY

GUTTERIDGE CUP (Rugby) - first Round: IC 14, UC 9. RUGBY AT HARLINGTON: C&G 6, City 16; Mines 15 XV 11, UC Trojans 8; RCS 27, North Western Poly 5; RCS Guilds & Mines extra 1st XV 8, LSE 3rd XV 3; SOCCER: IC 2nd XI 3, Kings 2nd XI 3; IC 3rd XI 2, LSE 2nd XI 2, IC 4th XI 1; Brixton 2; IC 5th XI 8, UC 6th XI 0; HOCKEY: RCS extra 1st XI 8, LSE 3rd 3; ICWSC 0, UC 2.