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Penney Drops A.A. "Conditions do not exist for a merger"

After eight years of negotiations towards the merger of the Architectural Association with Imperial College, the Governors of I.C. called off the talks last week.

Lord Penney, writing to John Dennys, the acting President of the Architectural Association said that "the Association has raised fundamental issues, and events have taken place in the course of the negotiations which have finally caused my colleagues and I to realise that the requisites for a successful merger do not exist".

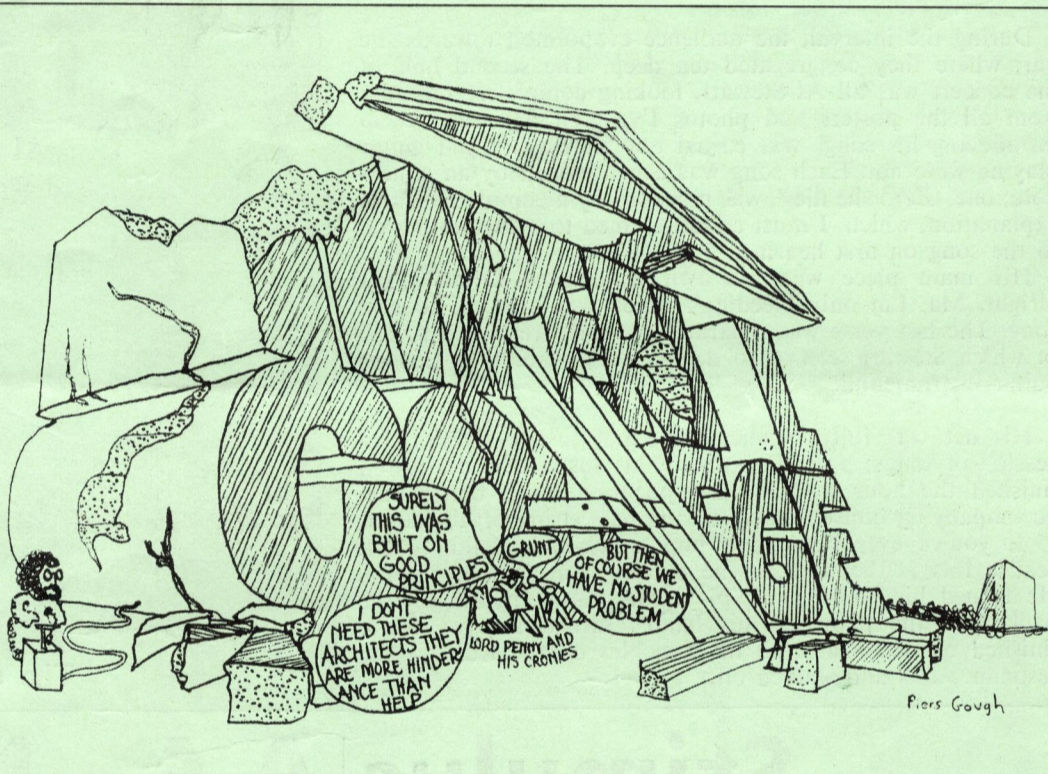
The decision to call off the negotiations left the Architectural Association stunned and many students at I.C. and the A.A. dissatisfied.

The I.C. governors raised three issues in particular in coming to their decision. On the actual fusion of the A.A. within a composite College of Science and Technology, Lord Penney wrote that the A.A. desired the fusion "only on their own terms".

Participation

Of more relevance to Imperial College students, the Governors had this to say on the much greater level of student participation at the A.A. "The stress laid on the participation of architectural students in negotiations about the terms and conditions of appointment of academic architectural staff, and also in examination processes raises matters, which, as we have said, are wholly unacceptable to Imperial College.

("Unlike life tenures at I.C., the A.A. only appoints staff for up to five years, in the belief that this keeps teachers up to date.")



Thirdly, Lord Penney and his colleagues were not confident that "even if the Association accepted the Imperial College position, this acceptance would be endorsed and fulfilled by the School and 'community' following a merger".

Reply

Recovering their composure, Mr. Dennys replied on behalf of the A.A., that the "A.A. did not agree that a basis for a merger no longer existed". This comment came at the end of a chilly letter to Lord Penney in which Mr. Dennys expressed amazement that "such a distinguished body should have behaved so irresponsibly".

No members of the Association were present at the Governors meeting which decided to drop the A.A., even though three Imperial College students were there. Indeed, the I.C. governors had permitted working party meetings and discussions right up to this particular

meeting and had even arranged future dates. This the A.A. found "hard to believe, without giving us some clear indication of what was in your (Lord Penney's) mind."

Fund raising

The move was taken at a time when the President of the Association, Miss Jane Drew, was in the U.S.A. trying to raise money for the new buildings needed by the A.A. on the I.C. campus. Until last week's decision, the A.A. was running a competition for these new buildings, and had only just committed themselves to several thousand pounds additional expenditure in announcing the second stage of the competition.

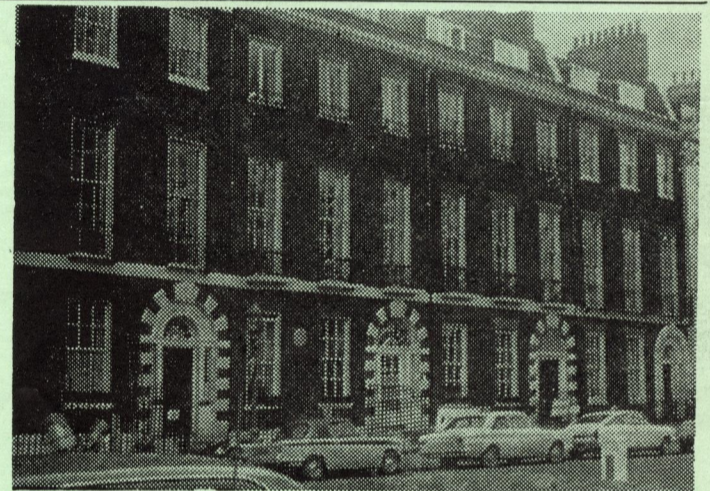
Moreover, the A.A. felt that the Governors' decision, and their letter, did not "express one word of regret for, nor shown any understanding of, the possible results on their action in setting at hazard the education and future careers of the students and staff of the school."

COCKROACH APOLOGY

A number of readers have said that they thought that the pictures of cockroaches in the last issue of FELIX were not genuine. In fact they were photos of cockroaches caught by the intrepid FELIX staff big game hunter during a safari to the Southside kitchens.

They were both photographed (deceased, he's not that intrepid) in a Southside room and they are/were called *Batella Germanica*.

Shortly after the FELIX-PROBE safari to lower Mooney a few weeks ago, our intrepid entomologist suffered a psychological breakdown, so FELIX is now uninformed as to the state of the kitchens or the cooking in Lower Southside. Thus we would be interested to hear from readers on the culinary situation.



The Architectural Association in Bedford Square, whose existence is now threatened by I.C.'s decision.

Norman Morrison wins Tower Race

Last Friday evening I.C. entered a team of three for carnival in the G.P.O. Tower Race. What's more Norman Morrison of Maths III won, knocking twenty-five seconds off the previous record in the attempt, to finish the corkscrew run of eight hundred steps in four minutes, twenty one seconds.

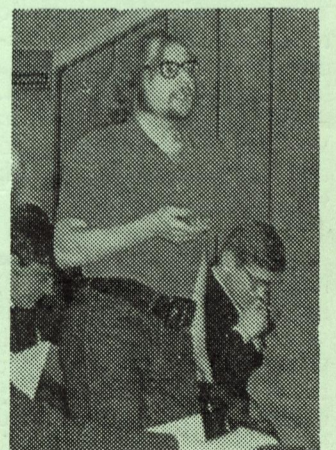
This is a year of endurance

tests for Carnival Charity. Help is still needed for those competing in the "Five Capitals Hitch-Hike" race next weekend. All you have to do is buy a ticket to guess the time the winner takes to complete the course. The nearest three guesses will win prizes totalling eighteen per cent of the takings. Tickets are obtainable from year reps. and carnival office.

Pywell resigns

Barry Pywell has resigned as RCSU Vice-President in disgust at the Union's attitude to Carnival Charity collections. His resignation was announced at last week's RCSU meeting.

Close friends of this bearded stalwart of Physics 3 point out that Barry has been virtually the sole supporter of Carnival in RCSU. The year rep system appears to have broken down completely; many year reps have done nothing to arrange collections, etc., the same can be said of the Department Reps, who are in overall charge of the Carnival effort in their Dept. Barry is reported to be disgusted at their lack of



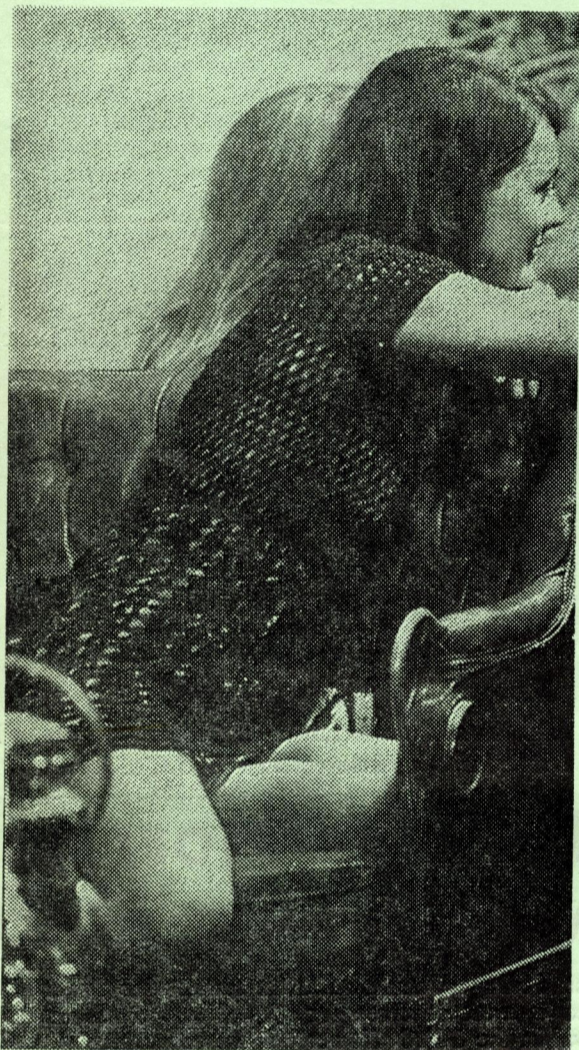
effort. Nevertheless, despite his protest resignation, Barry will continue to support Carnival, and will act as unofficial RCSU Carnival Organiser for the rest of this term. He hopes to drag the Union out of its present state of apathy, which has resulted in under six people turning up at recent collections!

CARNIVAL CONCERT

CHAPTER ONE

At half-past eleven, Thursday 29th January, Carnival Concert No. 1 finished, after three hours of folk music performed in three completely separate ways.

It was a success, both in making money for Carnival and in giving maximum enjoyment to almost a thousand people who filled the great hall and gave enthusiastic support to the Gasworks, Bridget St. John, and Al Stewart.



An Al Stewart Admirer

The Gasworks were the ideal opening act with a come-on-why-don't-you-all-join-in brand of folk; the introductions to the songs were longer than the songs themselves, and just as funny. They finished their act with the saga of the finding of an ancient Roman stone tablet in a Wigan pit which detailed the trials and frustrations of Mark Antony when his own shyness interacted with Cleopatra's lack of verbal encouragement. The chorus to the song was a whispered 'Please verbalize your pre-orgasmic tensions . . .'

Following the brashness of the Lancashire duo there were the quiet, almost naive, songs of Bridget St. John. She was dressed in a trailing black maxi-dress, and her long dark hair almost completely obscured her face. A single spotlight shone on her from each end of the stage, leaving the rest of the stage and hall in darkness.

Her songs, sung in her low, almost monotonous voice, had a curious haunting quality: each song was vaguely reminiscent of the one before, but it was never boring. The last song was the only song she didn't compose herself, Leonard Cohen's 'Suzanne', which was beautiful. The audience, which had been lively and noisy for the preceding act, was silent throughout every St. John song.

During the interval, the audience evaporated towards the bar, where they congregated ten deep. The second half of the concert was all Al Stewart, looking completely different from all the posters and photos I've seen. His manner in introducing his songs was casual but his singing and guitar playing were not. Each song was accompanied by an anecdote; one, 'Zero she flies', was preceded by a complete bizarre explanation, which, I must admit, seemed to bear no relation to the song on first hearing.

His main piece was his own version of Dylan's 'It's alright, Ma, I'm only bleeding', which was also the longest song. The last verse was separated from the rest by a period in which Stewart seemed to devote all his ability to a long guitar instrumental.

His act was fully balanced and not just a simple procession of songs; he recited one of his songs as a poem and finished the hour with another poem, a much better one, accompanying himself solely on the bass string of his guitar.

'If you've ever been to a pop concert', he said, 'you'll realise this is the time in the evening for the drum solo'. He turned his guitar over, played a simple rhythm on the back with the palms of his hands, turned it over again, finished off the beat with his knuckles on the front of the resonance box and walked off.

He came back for a short encore, 12 seconds, then finally disappeared, bringing to a close the first carnival concert.

The estimated profits were about £200, the cost for the artists being only £145 because they had all agreed to take reduced fees in view of the concert proceeds going to charity. It was almost a sell out, only some of the 10/- tickets being left unsold. The concert itself was basically organised by Phil Taylor and Barry Pywell, who brought the Gasworks to the attention of the Carnival Committee. It looks likely that there will be a second Carnival Concert, with ex-Fairport Convention lead singer Sandy Denny's new group as a possible attraction.

If it is as successful as the first there should be little worry about making any substantial loss which would spoil Carnival's steady success story.



Al Stewart



The Gasworks

Adventure Stimulus AA Meeting

"What we want is adventure!"

This was the remark made to a member of the Community Action Group while he was visiting the St. Andrews Home and Club in Victoria. It could be argued that the unsatisfied youth was spoiled for choice.

The club concerned is housed in a modern (1958) five storey building and is well equipped as Youth Clubs go. There are three table tennis tables, a very old and well preserved billiards table, a woodwork room where a qualified instructor teaches once a week, a well stocked snack-bar, a lounge and a gymnasium with good changing facilities. Space is inevitably at a premium and the Club have been forbidden to build on top of their gym; however they have built a wire superstructure on the roof under which they can play football

without blocking the light to the neighbouring buildings.

There is an interest in drama and music and a very evident interest in art: members 'let loose' on a wall in the snack-bar. Weekend activities, regrettably infrequent, include climbing and pony trekking; they have built two canoes, but lack the opportunity to use them.

So, to all outward appearances, a healthy and happy club. However, Mr. Paul Read, the warden, is keen that the club diversify its interests. The members do become listless and there is tangible need for a new stimulus. This stimulus could well be provided by Imperial College clubs and students.

For a successful interchange of ideas the involvement must be at a personal level to be effective. This immediately renders the relationship as much give as

take, and much more worthwhile.

Not so much 'adventure' more 'stimulus'.

If you're at all interested in Youth, and willing to flex your intuition, why not have a go? There can be few more pleasant and satisfying ways

of spending an evening.

INFO: The Club is mixed, ages 11-21.

Address is 26 Gt. Peter St., S.W.1.

Guys to contact are J. K. Lindsey, Chem Eng PG, or myself Andrew Dean, Chem Eng I.

Only about 20 people came to the AA meeting/ event on Thursday evening—Anonymously apathetic IC again?

The AA people brought slides with them — a lot of America, some of the architecture we all know and hate — high density office/

flat blocks and towns fragmented by motorways, some surrealist cottages, a few (half) nude women, and a sprinkling of Vietnam / Biafran gruesomes, just made it clear that "you are being educated, not entertained."

In the discussion following, AA people said that architectural teaching was aimed at making inimical and boring jobs tolerable to people obliged to do them — factory (and IC?) design, for instance.

There is no "alternative architecture" building beautiful cities for us — employed architects and town planners are concerned with making an environment in which the individual is arranged for the convenience of the system. "So you can see what a load of shit architectural teaching is". A dissident voice pointed out that even in an ideal society, houses would still need to be built, but the idea was hard to deny.



ED SEA OF APATHY

The AA-IC merger finally makes headline news in the only way that ever seemed likely—by breaking up. Blame who you like, believe whom you want, the whole thing finally reached an impasse and folded up, and the future for the Architectural Association looks black.

It looks blacker for I.C., if the sea of apathy which greeted the news of the breakdown is any indication. Out of almost 4,000 students some 300 turned up to the last Union meeting; when the subject of the merger was raised a third of them drifted away, the meeting was declared inquorate, and the president was left on his own addressing an ever dwindling flock of the faithful.

Attempted communication between the makers of Union Policy and the general Union member has been better this year, mainly through Piers' bumph-sheet mania, but it has not been enough to shake IC's student body into taking a major interest in the policies of Council and the conflict between the Union and the Administration. It's not difficult to see why: Quinquennium reports and participation, representation (you know the rest) sound as tedious as Council meetings, and something more has to be done than merely tell a student how important they are.

We have one publicity officer, who has enough to do making posters; instead of all this hastily scrawled duplicated info, let there be a separate student group in charge of producing some reasonably attractive advertising for the Union, in the Union.

In reply

Dear Sir,
In reply to Paris, we feel (as 3 honourable members of I.C.W.A.) that APPLE ROT is also attacking the males at I.C. They are slowly being chewed up by work, disinterest of the opposite sex, chronic alcoholism, rugby or SHY-NESS????!!! (or so we are told).

What happened to the honourable decent, well meaning men that are supposed to make up the top 2½ per cent of the country's population.

If this is them then LONG LIVE DUSTMEN, NAVVIES, DOCKYARDIES and I.C. maintenance MEN.

Yours (NEVER!!!)
(you should be so lucky)
ANONYMOUSE
(names not supplied).

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Letters to the Editor

Piers Dis-Gruntled

Dear U.C.,

A few people have asked me 'How was the timing of the refectory boycott on Tuesday 20 January decided on?'. The answer is, frankly, quite unimportant but since 'FELIX' is interested I will explain. Following the boycott decision of the 15 January U.G.M., the special I.C.U. Council meeting (of Monday 19 January) decided that: (i) I—in consultation with John Goodman and other pickets—would decide at 11.30 on each day, on which there could possibly be a boycott, whether or not to boycott on that day. (ii) Pickets were to come to the Union Office at 11.30 every such day, beginning with Tuesday. The decision was to be taken in this way to ensure that the boycott was a surprise. Anybody who attended the special Council

Mental Blockages

Dear Sir,

It is becoming apparent that in its efforts to remain independent of all pressure-groups in the Union, FELIX is become a private arena for political abuse of left by right and vice versa. While not deprecating this useful function, it deserves to be kept within bounds.

I suggest therefore, that extremists be severely limited to two pages, and that these are printed on opposite sides of the same single sheet, and prominently labelled. The large numbers of people who are uninspired and bored by the regular evidence of the mental blockages of Muller, Lafferty, X, Robinson, et al, may then, instead of having to skirt their illogical rubbish, remove it neatly and discard it before reading the paper.

It may be objected that this will cost money: this could well be covered by appropriate contributions (on the advertising scale) from the above mentioned persons, as they obviously consider their views worthy of the attention of the masses.

An alternative would be to add two subroutines to the 7094 library: 'LEFT' and 'RIGHT'. Anyone addicted to the regular reassurance of views he agrees with has only to include these in a programme to receive two pages of random prose in the relevant style, totally indistinguishable from the originals.

Yours sincerely,
P. LEE, P3

meeting (unlike FELIX) would know this. On Tuesday at 11.30 I was phoned up (in my Southside room) by John Butterworth who was in the Union Office with some other pickets. After a discussion we agreed on a boycott that day, John Goodman should have been there and wasn't—but he doesn't mind!

A larger number of people, than who have asked me about the boycott timing, have asked me about the following (for instance): What can we do about possible education cuts? What does the Rector think about the AA? What shall we do if the BOST say 'no' again? What did Gerry Fowler (of DES)

say to me? What (in summary) are the recommendations of the Quinquennium Working Party? I think the answers to these questions are important but will not attempt to give them here 'because of space reasons'.

Yours, etc.,
PIERS CORBYN
(I.C.U. President)

Third World

Dear Sir,

As I watch with interest the growing concern at Imperial College over the economic, social and political struggle in the Third World, and at the same time notice the vast human resources, at the College, of students in science and technology, including a large proportion of students from the Third World, may I make use of the pages of your newspaper to stir up interest in the formation, at the College, of study groups in Third World technology policies and technical requirements.

We have heard of the 'Science of Science' study groups involved in the scientific investigation of the influence, effect and correct application of science policies. As regards developing societies, these investigations are very urgently needed for obvious reasons. Here the greatest interest lies both with science policies and with technology policies. What is more, some very hard and

basic work must be done, since what is applicable to Britain and other advanced societies will not necessarily work well with other types of societies.

Imperial College prides itself in its contribution to the technological education in developing countries, its exchange with the Indian Institute of Technology at Delhi being one of the most quoted examples. It has also a high proportion of students from these countries, especially research students. Nevertheless it cannot help in the fact that its curricula, its subjects of study, syllabuses and research interests of its staff are almost wholly geared to the requirements of highly industrialised and technologically advanced countries like Britain. Those who claim that one science and engineering syllabus meets the requirements of every society are surely trying to mislead. It is only through study, investigation and learning from others that the College can

Anagrams and Hot Air

Dear Sir,

I was more than a little surprised when I read Mr. Hains' letter in your last issue, in which he positively affirms that his latest open letter on diversification is vitally important and much more deserving of type-

space than other articles of a more diverse nature. If we must accept that a student newspaper only exists for members of staff to read, it is difficult to see how yet another open letter on diversification can forward its cause. I had always imagined, obviously mistakenly that FELIX was produced for the students of I.C. whose discerning minds could see that 'open letters on diversification' were a form of anagram where the sentiments could be shuffled and reshuffled and presented as original issue after issue. As I now know, FELIX is produced solely for the benefit of staff and council, who 'apparently' are not so discerning about what they read. I will not fritter sixpences on FELIX any more as it is obviously not intended for a mere student who expects more than hot air from a newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHEUNG,
The letter has been condensed—Editor.

Yours faithfully,
JUSTIN G. JOHNSON

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HAPPY DEATHDAY

Happy Deathday from the play by Peter Howard and directed by Henry Cass, is set in the Tudor home of Josh Swinyard, a rich but dying man. Swinyard (Cyril Luckham) knowing he has only a short time to live, resolves to find out how his family will treat him when they find out he could die at any moment. His son-in-law Zoltan (Clement McCallin), a brilliant scientist offers him in return for his money to freeze his body until such a time, when it might be possible to reverse the effects of old age. The old man tells him that he thinks he is mad and hints that he is going to give all his money to his granddaughter Jetta, who is the only one in his family with any hope left, the others having denied the faith years ago. This makes his daughter uptight about the whole thing and when Jetta announces that she's pregnant, the whole conflict emerges. Jetta can find no sympathy from anyone and not wanting to shock her grandfather to death, decides to commit suicide. This brings everyone else to their senses and Zoltan is converted. Hurrah! Hurrah!

I think an interesting idea

has been ruined by the oversimplification of treatment. I thought most of the performances were unconvincing, but did like that newcomer Yvonne Antrobus (right) as Jetta. The contrasts between good and evil were made somewhat too obvious and therefore seemed unreal, especially the actions of Zoltan after finding his daughter dead. However the message will probably get through to the converted, and anyrate it's quite good for a low budget film.

Z is still on at the Curzon cinema and still pulling in large audiences, which isn't really surprising since it was probably the best film of last year. It tells the fascinating story of a political assassination (in an unidentified Mediterranean country) (could it be Greece?) and how a determined young examining magistrate (Jean Louis Trintignant) grimly digs out, from a succession of scared witnesses, evidence of police corruption. The makers of the film say that it is a true account of Greece before the generals took over. The film is striking and extremely moving. Trintignant and Yves Montand as the politi-

cian give superb performances which bring home the poignancy of the dilemma.

Also worth seeing: **Last Summer**: about two boys

and a girl on holiday on an island. Gives a beautiful insight into women's character and shows them at their bitchiest. It is a fascinating

account of how a relationship can change when another girl joined the group. Very sweet with amusing detail.



"Hurrah for the Bridge"

This was originally entered for the U.L.U. one act play on the grounds that it consisted of a load of metaphysical rubbish laced with some tidy chunks of violence. The plot in general consists of an old man wheeling the corpse, or soul, of a dead prostitute to an indefinite destination by the river. En route he is set upon, mocked, tortured and finally knifed by a gang of teds, who throughout the proceedings dispose of two of their number into the said river. This looks and sounds like a load of old cock!

Further inspection, however, revealed that the play should be taken more seriously. The character of the old man is so subtle and demanding and the imagery so vast and confused that it tied the whole bloody cast up in knots and the only thing left seems to be to play the old sod as a loon—which would explain a lot of things—such as the dialogue!

The characters of the four jobs have likewise grown complex to the point of imbecility. The main conflicts appear to lie not with the old man but in the interplay of characters within the wolfpack which eventually results in the death of the two weakest. Since these parts of the play consist of (sic) improvisations, constant group therapy exercises to 'establish confidence and familiarity' have driven everyone to the desired state of paranoia (and the damn thing goes on to Thursday).

As a final point, if this thing does make it—it could easily be the best and most exciting production Dramsoc has ever spawned.

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Mon.—Fri. inclusive, 9—13 Feb.

IC Operatic Society present "HMS Pinafore" by W. S. Gilbert and Sir A. Sullivan in the Union Concert Hall. Tickets 5/6 and 4/6.

Saturday, 14th Feb.

International Hyde Park Road Relay (possibly world's

largest Student Relay). Start 3.0 p.m. Place West End of Rotten Row, Hyde Park.

Tuesday, 17th Feb.

Photsoc, RCA Studio visit—those who have signed list meet in Union lower lounge at 6.15.

Friday, 20th Feb.

Filmsoc: Claude Lelouches' Cannes Grand Prix winner Un Homme et Une Femme with Anouk Aimee, Jean

Louis Trintignant and Pierre Barouh; Milos Forman's delightful comedy A Blonde in Love. Mech. End 220. Tickets Southside entrance hall showdate lunchtime.

Tues., 24th Feb.

Photsoc portrait session in Phys 630 at 6.30.

Railway Soc "Narrow Gauge Newsreel", a talk by Revd. E. R. Boston. Mech Eng 664 at 17.40.

Piers Piece

The Architectural Association is not coming to IC and its future is in jeopardy. As you know, the negotiations broke down because the college took an inflexible and illiberal attitude to the AA's participatory academic community—as it says in the UGC pamphlet: "the college is confirmed that—(for the AA school at IC) . . . student participation should follow the general pattern for the college as a whole."

The potential academic gain (of Prof. Buchanan, Guardian) and the views of ICU were ignored; the college seems to take the attitude that academic freedom is freedom to conform—or else! So we hold a moratorium.

The week before last when the ICRC (students and technicians, etc.) discussed the refectory situation. They decided to seek an urgent meeting with the rector—of a delegation representing every section of the college community.

The rector refused, writing back that the ICRC "has no constitutional position in IC". So what! If representatives of the vast majority of the college want to organise themselves to discuss things of mutual interest with the head of the college why shouldn't they? Anyhow, despite this, at the food forum UGM, the Union produced a set of minimal requests, which the college's refectory committee should have produced ages ago. If a favourable decision is not forthcoming, by the UGM on Feb. 19th, direct action will certainly be considered.

The senior common room committee, after discussion with the rector, organised a referendum about our requests, but they did not present the Union case to members of the SCR and only asked one emotive YES/NO question. The result was, of course, no. But anyway, what about such propositions as: "make PGs members of the SCR" or "make College Block a free precinct".

All these things show that Imperial College seems to be arrogant and inflexible, incapable of understanding other ideas or recognising the validity of different concepts of academic organisation.

Pedestrian discussion is occurring on diversification—but the Open Forum on the subject has not yet been held—because too much controversy was expected!

We are waiting for a decision on representation from the BOST on February 18th to be reported to the Feb. 19th UGM.

How To Lose Money Without Really Dying

In this article, Insurance Broker Derek Cummings who is delivering next week's General studies lecture on the subject of insurance, is questioned on the subject by Felix

Q: The title of your lecture is "How to lose money without really dying"—what does this mean?

A: It means this. Insurance companies sell endowment policies to the majority of their policyholders. These policies very skilfully entangle the two factors concerning insurance — the protection factor and the savings factor. And the point is that. When it comes to providing for your dependants in the event of your death, insurance companies are extremely good. But if you live — if your policy becomes an investment against later life or retirement — then they are diabolically uncompetitive.

Q: You have gone on record as saying that all insurance companies are rogues—why?

A: In fact, you are referring to the title of my last lecture. I said it then and I will go on repeating it because insurance companies mislead the public into believing that endowment-

type policies are the best things for the public, when in fact they are merely the best for the insurance companies.

Q: If this is true, why have the companies been so successful in what you have called misleading the public?

A: Because insurance is an emotional business. Everyone needs insurance. But the insurance companies spend fortunes on advertising and promoting only those kinds of policies which are most profitable to them.

Q: You have said that taking the investment factor, insurance companies give the public a bad deal. Why?

A: Because the best of them — the very best of them — take eighteen years to double your money — whereas the economy has taken only fifteen years to halve the real value of your money. Obviously, the insurance companies are on the best end of the deal by miles.

Q: How do you back up

this argument?

A: I can back it with two references. According to "The Economist" of April 26, 1969, the top six insurance companies will, on average, take twenty years to double your money. On the other hand, the Central Statistical Office of the Treasury, in a statistic dated September 19, 1969, categorically states that the pound has halved its real value in fifteen years.

Q: Therefore it would seem that contemplating any type of insurance is a waste of time and a potential waste of money?

A: As long as the individual has no financial responsibilities, yes, I agree. But it is my opinion that young people should not ignore the value of saving vigorously towards an end, which is not necessarily retirement, but which is going to have a far more important immediate bearing on their lives. For example, house purchase. As for life assurance, it's fine — when there is a need for protection.

Q: Assuming the need to look to the future, what form should saving or investment take?

A: Put your money into a building society. You are going to need a mortgage before you die! Look at it this way. Insurance companies take your valuable pounds today and your gradually less valuable pounds over a period of, say, fifteen years, and repay you with inevitably devalued pounds at the end of the period. On the other hand, with house purchase you reverse this process. You borrow somebody else's valuable pounds today to buy an appreciating commodity, i.e. a house. At the same time, you repay the valuable pounds you have borrowed over a period, with devaluing money. Furthermore, the appreciating value of the commodity you have bought is more than enough to offset the interest you have to pay on the borrowed money.

Q: But there is the protec-

tion factor. I have my house, I want to protect my family. What advice would you give with regard to that?

A: Spend as little as possible to achieve the maximum amount of cover. It can be done cheaply. I know it can. Every insurance company in the land knows it can, but there is a world of difference between their knowing it and telling you about it. Why should they? They're on too good a thing with the traditional old endowment policy. No, they won't tell you and neither, by the way, will most brokers.

Q: It seems you are condemning your own profession.

A: Right, I am. Insurance companies, I accept, will be biased. Insurance Brokers, on the other hand, are meant to be unbiased, but I have yet to meet any that are.

Q: Why do you say that?

A: Because it is true. It is

in the interest of brokers to sell you the same policies as the insurance companies want you to buy, because their commission is a percentage of the premium you pay. The more you pay, the more they get. Is a broker going to tell you to buy a policy with a cheaper premium? No, of course not. And that is really back to the beginning. You are being misled.

Q: Your previous answers appear to be a strong condemnation of insurance companies. How do you justify being in the profession?

A: I think this is a good question. There is, of course, a great deal more to it than the foregoing as you must realise. I am hoping that what I have said will cause the student to scratch his head rather more vigorously before he leaps out to buy insurance hand over fist. I can, of course, answer any questions at the General Studies lectures on the 17th and 24th February.

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SELECTING YOUR CAREER

By MR. E. MEACOCK

This article will not, in any way, answer the question which so many young women and men ask in their middle to late 'teens, "What career shall I follow?" The scope is wide; so wide in fact that in my allotted space it would not be possible even to list the opportunities open to graduates of Imperial College.

In one's early days, from about five years to seven years old, the favourite

question — "and what do you want to be when you grow up?" could be, and was usually, answered emphatically "Jet Pilot", "Spaceman", and even "Engine Driver" according to the vogue at that particular time. As one grew older these childhood ambitions dimmed until, in the majority of cases, the mind became perplexed by the increasing knowledge of the world and the activities of other men and women.

The state of vagueness can, and does last until the second, and even third year at a university. This fact is recognised and Appointments Boards exist, not merely to act as employment bureaux, but to advise, guide, and to help those students who wish to take advantage of the facilities available.

At Imperial College there is a member of the academic staff in each department who is a member of the Sub Com-

mittee of the Appointments Board. Any student, first, second or third year, or post-graduate, can consult this departmental representative who will give as much advice and assistance as possible, but before consulting him the students may wish to explore for themselves some of the fields which his or her studies are opening up for them.

There are several publications which can be of great

help to a student who requires career information. Among these, and perhaps one of the best, is the "Directory of Opportunities for Graduates" which is published by Cornmarket Careers Centre Ltd. This book gives information about a large number of firms and organisations who have an interest in recruiting graduates, and reference to this book will answer a lot of those questions about the firms which the student will ask. Another publication on similar lines is the Classic Publications Ltd. "Professional Careers for Graduate Scientists and Engineers".

These books are excellent in giving students ideas and information concerning companies, but they still do not supply the whole answer to your question "What do I want to do?"

Most of the firms who employ graduates issue literature describing their organisations, and the various opportunities open to the graduates who join the company. Naturally this is recruitment literature and biased in the firms favour—one would expect this, but the literature provides part of the information necessary to help decide on the final line of action.

Occasionally the course suggested above does not give the student the answer and after going through the books and brochures, and taking his problems to the departmental representative that perplexity still remains to some extent. There is yet a further source of advice open at the College.

The Imperial College Appointments Board has strong links with the University of London Appointments Board and we have taken advantage of a comprehensive Careers Advisory Service which the University Board provides. The Service is operated by Field Officers who are graduates with a wide range of experience and a thorough knowledge of most fields of employment. A Field Officer visits the College one day a week during term and vacations to help students make decisions about careers and subsequently to help put them in touch with suitable employers. Students who wish to see the Field Officer should consult their departmental representative first.

I have glibly talked of the books and brochures but have given no hint of how to gain access to them. That omission shall now be rectified.

In the near future, as soon as certain structural

details have received attention, a Publications Library will be opened on level 3, College Block, by the College Appointments Board. It is the aim of the Board to make available to the students all the literature supplied by the companies and any other literature which has any connection with careers. There will be no fanfare as the room is opened as it will be brought into full operation as quickly as possible.

So far I have dealt with the student who, having completed his course, selects a career within his field of study, but what of the student who wishes to use his degree in wider fields? A good guide here is a publication issued by the Careers Research and Advisory Centre entitled "Beyond a Degree" which gives considerable help in suggesting possibilities which probably would not occur to the student in this position.

To such students my advice is to consult the above mentioned book, which is available on application to the Appointments Board Office on Level 3, College Block then discuss possible plans with your departmental representative and, if he advises, the Field Officer.

As there may be some doubt in students minds as to the identity of their departmental representatives a full list is given below:

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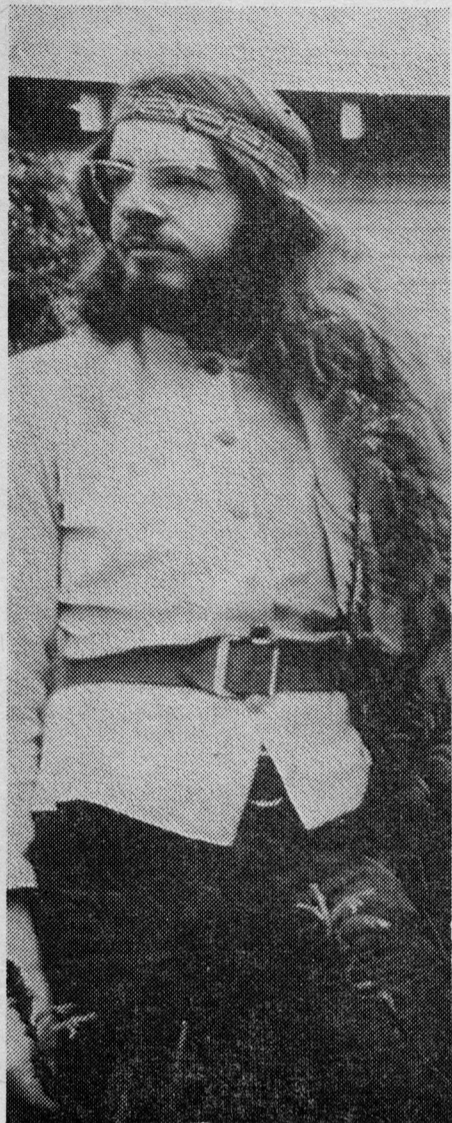
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SPANISH-INQUISITION STYLE RECORD REVIEWS



Jethro . . .

Little Free Rock TRA 208

Of all the requirements for music to bear a "rock" label, the most prominent must be the simplicity of the rhythm. This is not as noticeable on this record as many others, and Little Free Rock tend to act as more of a unit than in Ten Years After, where Alvin Lee takes the fore, or in Led Zeppelin where Jimmy Page does likewise.

Comprising two guitarists and a drummer, each also being credited with an assortment of other instruments, they perform nine numbers, of which "Making Time" seems to be the only futile one.

Myself, I liked "Age of Chivalry", "Blud" and "Tingle", the last of which seems to send itself up one's spine.

I'm not sure what the future holds for rock, but this group is one that shouldn't find any difficulty in expanding their field to become accomplished musicians.

The new single from Jethro Tull is more of a double as both sides are given equal preference.

"Witch's Promise" and "Teacher" are the two sides and show the polished performance that the group has now achieved, ridiculing the "commercialised" tag that has been hung on them by certain members of the public.

Blodwyn Pig's new single "Same old Story" however is rather dull and I'm sure that better could be done.

A good memento of the Young Tradition that used to be is "The Young Tradition Sampler" on Transatlantic. This includes all tracks from their E.P. "Chicken on a Raft" and a good assortment of tracks from their three LPs, including "Lyke

Spooky Tooth/Piere Henry "Ceremony" ILPS 9107

I'll say from the start that this is **not** an album for those who like pleasant tunes that can be hummed at any time.

However the record does achieve its objective, and I feel this is because of the prominent influence of Pierre Henry. His electronic score gives wailing voices on "Have Mercy" and a nail being driven into a person's head on "Confession" makes one cringe with every thud. Even Spooky Tooth's guitars and organ sound tame compared to this, and yet the record keep an atmosphere of reverence, although it is Spanish Inquisition style. It's best listened to in total darkness and then conjures up pictures like on the sleeve.

The distortions produced on the vocals really do sound like a person in agony and if this is an experimental album, then I can't wait to hear what the next one's like.

Wake Dirge", "Byker Hill" and "Daddy Fox".

Anyone who remembers as far back as the days of **Little Richard's** hits (and I don't) will be gratified to hear that all his original recordings have been released on the first of a series of LPs devoted to rock and roll stars. Tracks include "Lucille", "Good Golly Miss Molly" and "Tutti Frutti".



. . . Tull

The Owls and the Catty-Puss

The multitude of duplicated news-sheets, I.C.'s answer to information diarrhoea, and recent Council motions about FELIX have served to focus attention once again on the role of an independent newspaper in the college.

The debate is sharpened by the wider national discussion on the freedom of the press started by various moves in Parliament to protect individual privacy. As a former FELIX Editor and a floor rep. on Council I have more than a passing interest in the debate at least in college.

The first question that must be faced concerns the role of FELIX. The blizzard of bumph-sheets, usually written by disjointed Daleks, has brought a crisis of identity to FELIX. It is impossible for a newspaper printed in remotest Dursley to compete with a sheet of foolscap, produced at the drop of a stencil, in speed of news-presentation.

BOG PAPER?

Those who see speed as the vital criterion have therefore questioned the present high FELIX grant of £800 and suggested it be used to provide even more free bog paper or at least used to defray the costs of this public-spirited practice. Indeed if speed was the only criterion they would be quite correct. However the question is rather more complex. I believe both the efficiency of communication is served by a well-produced, informed and independent newspaper and that such a newspaper is vital to the ethos of a college which must ever fight to maintain a little of the academic atmosphere.

VIRILITY

It has been said that the standard of living of a family varies proportionately to the thickness of the note-paper and inversely as the thickness of the bog-paper. There is something too about the standard of a College which can be told by the virility of its newspaper. I make no pretence to be the kind of journalist with whom it is a pleasure to travel on the tube, but I do take pride that every year or so

FELIX does discover a little latent literary talent. Even more importantly too, I delight to see the growth in critical awareness of many as the impish little cat continues its crusade of independence.

DEFLATING

There is nothing more salutary than when, with a snatch of its paws, FELIX deflates the ego of some swelling Union official, or tears away the drape of grandeur with which Council delights to cloak its parochial schemes. If independence does nothing more than to put us Union types where we belong, in the servants' quarters rather than the throne room, and to underscore for us all the basic human failing of pride in supposed self-achievement, it is value for money. In a university, however, independence means much more than this; it is part of the whole critical character.

As we frequently tell the Rector, IC must develop critical minds because in the big world there is nobody to set the courses or spoon-feed the teaching; only a critically minded person can educate himself. True, FELIX makes mistakes, but this too is part of the process, to better the independence of the paper, for this would be a direct parallel to the Board of Studies' actions, or to those forces in society which dehumanise people.

HOUSE-JOURNALS

Suggestion was made in an article I wrote for the Union handbook this year that the constituent college news-sheets would not gain sufficient independence from their Union bosses to be other than house-journals. Sorry to say, not only has this prediction been borne out, but their very speed and manner of production has made them even more sectarian, and less independent. Searching comment cannot easily be made on news an hour or so old, and certainly not by a party intimately involved. Indeed, in the poorest of these news-sheets, the comment and news presentation has become so **pettily** sectarian that it is they, and not FELIX, that represents poor value for money.

Reproduced below are extracts from a letter by Piers Corbyn to last year's Publications Board. Piers, then a floor rep of Council, spearheaded the successful FELIX counter-attack against certain members of Council who wanted tougher control over editorial policies.

A number of people have recently been complaining about FELIX The people who are grumbling, it appears, are almost wholly establishment figures, largely from the Union, who are concerned about their images.

I believe that the policies of such a newspaper should not be largely dictated by the body which "holds the purse strings" (i.e. Council).

Exec and Council may be prone to suppress opinion in an attempt to use FELIX to boost their own images and bolster their own ego-trips. Attempts have been made in the past to do this and perhaps some may wish to try again. We must not let the powers of money and ego become unleashed in such dangerous forms.

The concentrated financial power over the purse strings must largely be separated from the power over expenditure The function of the Publications Board is, therefore, to safe-guard the interests of the "citizens", by separating the financial control from that over policies.

WIDER SCOPE?

A final word about a relatively new and fashionable suggestion that since we are trying to build a single college community we should turn FELIX into an organ of this community. While it is right FELIX must for the sake of its very independency accept articles from all sections of the academic community and from all views in it, especially those which conflict with its editorial policy; is this idea correctly reasoned?

Although many interests of the college community are similar, other interests are different and still others conflict. For instance are the staff vitally interested in hopes, or technicians in graduate recruitment. Could it not be that the hand requires a glove, while the foot a shoe. Surely one of the purposes of our present Union policy is not to show we are all hands or feet, but rather that hands and feet are essential different, interdependent parts of one body. Let the wise owls of Council have the sense to give the catty-puss FELIX the freedom to show just that.

Les Ebdon

THIRD WORLD SOCIETY

The fact that the western world lives in luxury compared with the underdeveloped countries seems to be totally unimportant to the majority of people in this country.

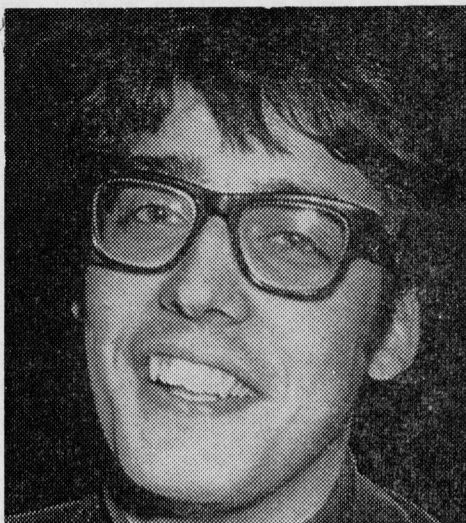
The people of the western world do see a great inequality between themselves and the third world, but either they do not appreciate the problems or they have the ability to suppress their consciousness of this gross inequality. Is it because they do not see these problems on their own doorstep and cannot associate themselves with any event not having a direct bearing on their lives, or is it because they are just unconcerned with the problems of people in the third world?

This third world has problems, many of which have been encountered before by the western civilization, but what really makes these problems intolerable is not only the suffering they produce but the fact that the western world has the power to conquer poverty, disease and human misery, and yet does so little about it, except for aggravating the problems of exploitation. It may relieve our consciences to talk of these problems, philosophise about them and expound theories of solution, but does this have any effect upon the lives of the people in those countries which are politely referred to as "underdeveloped".

EXISTING ORDER

The Third World Society has just been formed in I.C., and our aim is to promote the cause of the third world by means of study groups, political action, meetings and fund-raising, and of course any other means possible. We are working for increased public awareness of the cause for which we stand.

Furthermore we believe in realistic positive action, and as we do not foresee the "coming revolution" we shall work compatibly, but in disagreement, with the existing order. One of our study groups is examining the research being carried out within I.C., since it is our aim to press for projects having value to the specific needs of the T.W. countries. Projects such as this, indicate the ways in which students can act in a creative and positive manner towards closing the naked gap of inequality which exists between the nations of the world today. **Damian Cummins.**

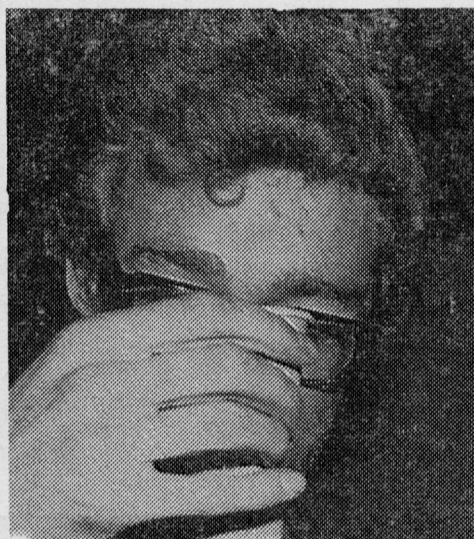


The sixth post of floor rep on Council is now vacant, owing to the recent resignation of Dave Wield (on back page)

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Sports Felix

Football: I.C. march on in League, but lose Cup

I.C. looking half the team they were, went out of the U.L. Cup to Bedford at Headstone Lane. Playing against a well-drilled side, the team showed little enthusiasm for the game and although I.C. were one up at half-time (a penalty by Barnard), Bedford were playing the better football taking control of midfield. I.C. defended well despite heavy pressure until the luckless Hewitt left a shot to go wide only to see it creep inside the post. The forwards did nothing to take the pressure off the defence and Bedford found the winner with a good header from a corner. I.C. fought back well, hitting the post, but time ran out leaving the team to wonder why the cup produced our worst performance of the season.

Back in the league on Saturday 31st (after an easy 4-0 win over C.E.M.), I.C. found a strong Goldsmiths' side. Playing with all the strength and enthusiasm that was lacking in the cup match of the previous week I.C. put on a fine display to win 2-0 away from home.

In the first half the score could easily have been opened several times. A fine header by Clar Wilcock was saved and a shot from McArdle hit the bar. It was left to John Kelly to open the scoring in the second half. Set free on the left, he beat two men and squeezed the ball inside the near post. The second came when Tony Holland seized on a goal-keeping error to score from

an angle.

The whole team ran well, the midfield trio of Wilcock, Widelski and Dixon looking very strong. This fine win comes at the right time, for I.C. are now at the top of the league with Woolwich, leaders for so long, dropping another point. Q.M.C. lie third with only five matches to play. The positions are:

	P	W	D	L	Ps	
1st I.C.	...	13	10	1	2	21
Woolwich	...	13	8	4	1	20

Team: K. Hewitt, P. Worthington, N. Fryer, J. Darley, W. Smith, C. Wilcock, R. Widelski, R. Dixon, A. Holland, T. McArdle, J. Kelly.

Hockey: I.C. Improving

Although we were heavily defeated in our first match of the Season the first XI has now recovered its equilibrium and has played very well in the last two matches. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the second and third teams, both of whom have lost their matches this term. It can only be hoped that they too will soon find their winning form.

I.C. 0 Burnt Ash 4

In this match the effects of not having played hockey for seven weeks soon became apparent, and we were easily beaten by a side which we could have overcome on last term's form.

I.C. 1 Epsom Gipsies 2

This was a very even contest against a very strong side. I.C. had only 10 men and of these, 3 came from the second team and one from the third team. The whole team put up a very spirited performance and were unlucky to lose, the winning goal being scored in the last five minutes.

I.C. 2, Harrow 2

I.C. were unfortunate not to win this match since we had territorial advantage for the whole game. Due to superior half-back play we were able to command the middle of the field and this enabled the I.C. forwards to move freely. The stopping and hitting of the whole team was excellent. The I.C. goals were scored by John Schofield and Julian Sargent. It may also be noted that one of the Harrow goals was scored whilst most of the I.C. team were distracted by a slight fracas between the opposition inside left and one of the I.C. team — there was no result from this individual contest.

I.C. 4

St. Catherine's (Camb.) 0
Again in this match the play of I.C.'s half back line

enabled the forwards to move freely and they capitalised on this. The whole forward line played well, but special mention must be made of Ron Dougill on the left wing who was playing his first game for the first XI. The I.C. goals were scored by John Schofield, Julian Sargent (2) and Suki Mudan.

Considering that two regular members of the team were absent (one of them due to a strange mix-up about a certain tie on the previous day) this was a most pleasing result.

Team: Colin Townsley; Alistair Forbes, Tim Watson; Mike Burt, Julian Sargent, Robin King; John Manning, Dave Richman, M. Bates, Mike Pratt, John Schofield; also Suki Mudan and Ron Dougill.

I. C. W. S. C.



An action shot from I.C.W.A.'s hockey match against Royal Holloway last week

Netball

The first netball league match of the term was played on 31st January at Westfield College. The team expected to have a tough match and during the first half this proved to be the case with the goals going

evenly to both sides.

It was realised at half time that though the score was only 6-5 to I.C. the team had the edge by making Westfield play at their speed.

Thus at the beginning of the second half the team gained a convincing lead and retained this until the final whistle.

Final score 18-11.

Team: H. Hutchin, J.

Butchers, R. Date, B. Sawyer, J. Hillier (Capt.) M. Davies, I. Songin.

Badminton

On Sunday 25th January the Ladies Badminton Team went to Cambridge to play a friendly match against Cambridge University ladies team as the team was not up to full strength, this was looked on as a good day out. The team consisted of one beginner and external member from C.E.M. Considering all this some of the games were strongly contested and this is not represented in the final score of 8-1 to Cambridge.

Team: H. P. Hones, R. Date, P. Ryall, H. Hutchin, H. Long, F. McKinnon (Capt.).

Badminton Mixed

Other results:

I.C. 6	Kings 3
I.C. 2	U.C. 7

Hockey

I.C.W.A. 2	Royal Holloway 4
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Football: Tech Cup

Mines 2 — R.C.S. 2

Sunday 1st February saw the second of this season's Tech Cup matches, when Mines met R.C.S. Both sides started off enthusiastically, but due to some disorganisation in the R.C.S. ranks their goalkeeper was soon brought into action. Indeed, in making one save he was injured when a Minesman managed to cut his hand open with his studs. However, R.C.S. recovered from this early setback and led 1-0 at half-time thanks to a well taken goal from Richards, who beat the Mines' goalkeeper, with a narrow-angled shot.

The second half was one of see-sawing fortunes, Mines equalising when Dixon scored from a disputed penalty. This was regarded

as a harsh decision even by some Mines players.

After this, play swung from end to end until after a succession of corners for R.C.S., Darley converted one with a header from close range. The Mines players were not to be discouraged by this and being driven on by Dixon and Widelski they got an equalising goal about ten minutes later, when by a great stroke of luck a hopeful cross from the left wing managed to beat four R.C.S. defenders, leaving Moon with only the goalkeeper to beat from ten yards out. There was no further scoring from either side, and so with the match finishing as a draw R.C.S. are faced with the task of beating Guilds if they are to retain the trophy.

Guilds 2 — Mines 1

In the first game of the Tech Cup this year, Guilds beat Mines 2-1 in a fiercely contested match. Guilds had the stronger attack, but Mines defended bravely and intelligently. Dixon was everywhere, breaking up Guilds' attack and starting swift Mines counter attacks.

Guilds were the first to score, when Willey, through on his own, slid the ball past the advancing goalkeeper. A good goal by the Mines outside right made the scores

equal at half time.

The second half was scrappy with neither side able to produce any fluent, coherent football. Mines presumably would have been satisfied with a draw, but McCauley made it 2-1 for Guilds 15 minutes from the end. Jumping with the goalkeeper he managed to force the dropping ball into goal. Mines tried to switch the emphasis of their game for the last period, but now it was Guilds turn to defend which they did successfully.

Cross Country

Last Wednesday week I.C. scored a narrow win over Metropolitan Police and Westminster Bank at Hayes (Kent). Over a complicated 6-mile course consisting of woodland and playing fields, I.C. scored 34 points to the Bank's 37. Metropolitan Police were third with 66 points. Barry Dabrowski, Chris Burden and Eth Himsworth all ran well to finish first, third and fifth respectively, with the much improved Rog Phelps in eleventh position.

Results:

1. I.C. 1st team, 34 points;
2. Westminster Bank 1st team, 37 points;
3. Metropolitan Police, 66 points;
4. Westminster Bank 2nd team, 89 points;
5. I.C. 2nd team, 99 points.

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Ichthyosaurus

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New Constitution for R.C.S.

The working party set up at the last RCS Union Meeting to re-write the RCSU Constitution, has now virtually completed its mammoth task, over a three hour coffee-drinking session. It is hoped the new Constitution will be presented to a Union meeting shortly.

The most important changes proposed are to give the Vice President something to do, to constitutionalise the RCS Broadsheet, the Entertainments Committee, and the Academic Affairs Committee, and to cut down the number of Union meetings. In the objects of the Union, the working party proposes that Carnival Charity effort should be added to the objects, and that student welfare be removed, as the latter is now ably taken care of by IC Union.

The basic reasons for these changes are that the General Committee has had great difficulty in finding enough business to do at the six statutory Union meetings each year. Moreover, many members of the Gen. Comm. have been re-thinking the role of Constituent Colleges. In future, it is proposed that ICU business will be strictly left to ICU so that RCSU will not weaken or duplicate the efforts of the Central Union.

To further this aim, they propose to have only four ordinary Union meetings per session. The first would be a Freshers' Meeting, arranged primarily by Ents. In the spring term, there would be a hustings meeting to present the aspiring candidates for elections, followed by a meeting to announce and ratify the results of these elections. The last meeting would be the AGM. In addition, an Extraordinary Union Meeting could be called by 20 members. The quorum for all of these would be kept at the nominal low figure of 50.

On the subject of elections, ballots would have to be held throughout RCS for the posts of President, Secretary, Chairman of Ents, Academic Affairs Officer, and Charity Carnival Organiser. The latter person, would be the former Vice President who would be given an

actual job to do. Before, the only official task of the VP was to take over the chair in the absence of the President. Now, it is proposed, he would chair a Carnival Committee of year Reps, so that he could be in more direct touch with Union members to persuade them to make greater efforts to support Carnival collections, etc.

The RCS Broadsheet is now in the Constitution. The Editor would, in the new proposals, be co-opted onto the Executive Committee (a re-named version of the General Committee). The content and format of the Broadsheet would be left to the Editor, as yet nothing has been decided about financial control.

The Ents Committee and Academic Affairs Committee would both be put on a formal basis in the new proposals. A list of functions to be organised by Ents is written in—this includes a "Smoking Concert", but nothing is said about what goes on at this function, so in theory (at least) we could be seeing an H. G. Wells type of Smoking Concert. The Academic Affairs Officer is given a Committee of the ICU Department Reps

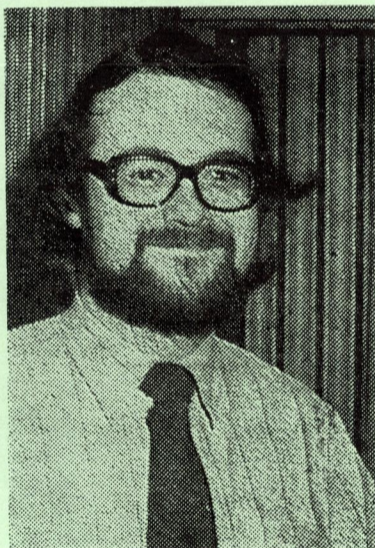
and members of the Departmental Sub-Committees. The Acad. Off., who would be Chairman, would also be the RCSU Rep on Council, so could easily promote the views of RCS students on that body. The Departmental Sub-Committees would deal mainly with academic matters, and they would be chaired by the IC Department Reps.

Also, the RCS Clubs and Societies would come under the control of a single Committee, the Clubs Comm.

In the Rules to be observed at General Meetings, the working party wants to acknowledge reality by scrubbing the clause which bans "ammunition" from the Meeting.

A clause which could lead to abuse would be the proposal that Constitutional Changes need only be posed by one meeting, instead of two as before.

Most of the Officers of RCSU are confident that the new Constitution would, if passed by the Union, greatly improve the purpose and activities of RCSU, especially in view of the current re-thinking about the role of Constituent Colleges in IC Union.



Dave Wield resigns from I.C. Council

Dave Wield, long standing member of I.C. Union, hard worker on Council and a contributor to Felix for many years has been forced to resign from Council in order to devote more time to his work

Over the past years Dave has devoted much of his time to furthering the democratisation of the Union, playing a large part in the upheavals of last year which gave IC an elected for the first time. He was on JURGO and was one of the student representatives on the Merger Committee during the abortive discussions with the Architectural Association. He also played a leading part in the negotiations to join N.U.S., which I.C. has been a member of for some months now.

Unfortunately Dave's course in Chem, Eng. means that he is technically no longer a student, and so has had to resign.

Give Southside a Chance

"The standard of cooking has improved in the last fortnight, and must be given a chance." So said Mr. Stephenson at "Massive (in-chorate) Mooney Meeting" last week.

In fact, the low attendance drew the waspish comment from Mr. Stephenson that

"you arrange these things and the nobody comes".

Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Levy, chairman and deputy chairman of the Refectory Committee, and Mr. Mooney answered questions from the floor

Mr. Mooney saw no necessity for such extreme

measures as a boycott but agreed that the standard of cuisine in Southside used to leave something to be desired.

Mr. Stephenson's opinion was that, Southside excepted, the refectories had improved greatly this year, the Union especially. He too



Messrs. Stephenson, Mooney and Levy at the Union Meeting.

admitted that Southside was poor but added that there are now two cooks in Southside whereas there used to be none. The cooks were quite upset by the boycott and felt they had not been given a chance to prove their worth, one of them saying he did not know if he was any use.

On the question of overcrowding in the student buttry in College Block, Mr. Stephenson said that when College Block was in the design stage some years ago, the equivalent of the buttry, the old "chippie" in the Union, was underused. Consequently only the present cramped quarters had been allocated in the design.

I.C. ENTS. PRESENTS
in concert in the
Great Hall College Block

Tues. 24th Feb. DEEP PURPLE
and **10/-**
Prince Edward's Magic Theatre

Tues. 3rd March LOVE
and **16/-**
Blodwyn Pig

Fri., 6th March PINK FLOYD
and **£1**
Juicy Lucy
Tickets from I.C. Cloakroom

Balkan Workshop held in Linstead Hall



The "Dunav Balkan Group" held a Balkan Workshop in Linstead Hall Sunday last where the 'ideal' number of about fifty present were taught some Yugoslav and Greek dances and songs and listened to the group play music from Yugoslavia, Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece.

The group, playing in Linstead at the request of John Gardiner played between three and six-thirty in the afternoon and also gave an illustrated talk on Balkan Folk Music.

People there enjoyed themselves immensely learning the intricacies of these Balkan dances and there is a possibility that another Sunday afternoon workshop will be arranged in the near future. Everyone is invited and welcome to come along.

Queries to John Gardiner, Linstead Hall.

I.C. ENTS. PRESENTS
Sat. 14th Feb.
MATTHEWS SOUTHERN COMFORT
and
SPICE
Admission 6/-
Sat. 21st Feb.
FREE
and
Samson
admission 10/-



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HYGIENE IMPROVEMENT IN SOUTHSIDE, NOW FOR THE FOOD

FELICITY is pleased to announce to all readers that the Southside kitchens are now cleared of insects.

Following the recent criticisms of hygiene there, Felicity's staff have been keeping a surreptitious early morning watch on the kitchens.

They now report that the floors and working areas are now being scrubbed, and the pots are being washed every night: and that only 3 insects were seen on their latest expedition. Our latest information is that Rentokil have at last managed to clear virtually all the cockroaches, mice, etc. from S/S. Accusations have been made, however, that the firm, who are under contract to keep insects out of all the College kitchens, have not been trying hard enough, and could have cleared S/S much earlier with a bit of effort on their part.

The Public Health Inspector, called in by Mr Mooney when the cockroach storm first broke, is reported as being satisfied with the present state of the kitchens. FELICITY congratulates Mr Mooney and his new chef on acting promptly to correct the situation.

However the standard of food served in the lower refec is STILL below that elsewhere: FELICITY notes that the SAME food served in the upper refec has markedly improved. Moreover serving behind the bar who go into the kitchen for their free meal report that food fresh from the cookers is very good. If the chef is turning out good food, yet the customer is getting a bad meal, then it follows that the food must be spoilt on the service counter. The service staff are in a different "department" to the kitchen staff, and do not come under the control of the chef.

Perhaps it is about time that the counter staff were given a few lessons on how to look after food. Whenever FELICITY staff go to the Union, they are served by friendly, helpful people. In Southside it is almost always "service with a scowl". An improvement in the atmosphere would be very welcome.

STAN MYSTERY

It is rumoured that Stan Kearns, the Southside barman, is leaving for a better job sometime in March. When asked about this, Stan refused to deny it. For some time it has been known that Stan was not happy about his pay, and the fact that his rises are several months behind everybody else's.

DEEP PURPLE

AND

PRINCIPLE EDWARDS MAGIC THEATRE

ON TUES. FEB 24th TICKETS TO USK 10/-

MORITORIUM MARCH WELL SUPPORTED

The great IC/AA Moritorium on Pancake Tuesday had an air of ~~mourning~~ about it. The flag staff above the Union arch carried a black flag at half mast, as the procession set off with a coffin advertising Guilds wake at the head.

The ululating crocodile collected, in its journey along Prince Consort Road, a number of cars, a van or two and a number 33 bus. This collection was swapped for a different set of variagated vehicles as it turned right into Exhibition Road.

The cortege turned into Imperial Institute Road and made its way to Queen's Tower, where a wreath and a coffin were laid and speeches made to the 500 people present by Piers Corbyn, Dave Yorrath (NUS Exec.), and Seamus MacBrade, one of the few representatives from the AA.

The procession made its way to the Rector's house where it became obvious that no one was going to open the door, so another wreath and a nude plaster model were laid.

The demonstrators then circled Physics and made their way to the College Block Senior Common Room, which 200 students entered, under the baleful glare of Mr Carl to Seaford, the domestic bursar. After about 15 minutes in the SCR the meeting adjourned to level 5 of the College Block (wherin lies the Rector's office) and found, in an office, a large number of copies of the Rector's letter to the AA which were intended for distribution to staff, and were, in fact, distributed to students.

The company, now down to a few dozen, returned to the JCR; congratulated themselves on an enjoyable lunch hour diversion, and dispersed.

By a special correspondent

FIRST REPERCUSSIONS

The Rector and Mr Davies (College Secretary) were not pleased, to say the least, that the copies of the above mentioned letter had been removed from the duplicating room. Mr Davies was angry that some of the admin staff had been upset by the noisy presence of the students.

As a result of this, the Rector asked to see the president and 3 other Union representatives about the removal of the paper and the upsetting of staff.

Piers Corbyn, Brian Hains and John Goodman told the Rector that they accepted collective responsibility for the incident, but that it was impossible to exert absolute control over every student, for instance the 2 or 3 who had removed the paper. In general the inhabitants of College Block received the demonstration in a friendly and interested manner.

The Rector said he was still considering what to do if anything. The 3 Union officials apologised immediately to ~~XXX~~ staff concerned. It was found that the various allegations concerning who was in fact upset were not entirely consistent.

NEW PRO-RECTOR

Professor H. Jones, FRS, at present head of the Maths dept., has been appointed Pro Rector of IC with effect from 1 Oct 1970, in succession to Lord Jackson of Burnley.

IC SCOUTS TO RESCUE

IC Scout and Guide Club took part in a dramatic mountain rescue in Snowdonia last weekend. On the Saturday afternoon one of the IC walking groups was stopped in the Llanberis Pass and asked to help in the rescue of two men badly injured near the summit of Snowdon. They helped in the remarkably difficult task of manhandling two stretchers up the mountain. Whilst doing this they discovered the bodies of two more victims. The IC party came down at nightfall and returned to the hut where they were staying. However the IC party was no longer needed so they consoled themselves in the pub across the road.

GUILDS CARNIVAL R.I.P.

This year Guilds Carnival will not take place. To celebrate this event of a bygone era, Guilds wake will be happening in College Block on Friday 27 Feb. from 10pm to 6 am. Chief mourners will be Colosseum, Julie Driscoll, Jeremy Taylor, Max Collie's Rhythm Aces, Mushroom, and Boris. There will be a bar extension till 4am to celebrate the bereavement in true wake fashion. All well wishers are welcome, invitations from Guilds Office. Please send no wreaths - we do not wish to spoil the joyous atmosphere.

SMALL ADS

FOUND outside Physics a ladies purse containing just money. Would all the owners please contact T. Marples, Metal P.G. via Mines Rack.

From the firm which brought Moondust to IC, we now proudly present for your amusement and amelioration:- INTRODUCTORY TALKS ON ASTRONOMY. Zebedee Prods Inc (Astrosoc Division) announce a series of 2 ingeniously imaginative and intensely interesting interludes in Physics lec. th. 2 at 6.30 pm on Tuesday Feb 24 and Tuesday March 3.

Tuesday 17th February in Mech Eng 542 at 1300, G. & G. Eng Soc. AGM and Elections. Films to be shown - "River of Steel", "Ship to Shore", "Desert Drive", "The Story of the Motor Car Engine". All are welcome.

ARABIAN NIGHT, FRIDAY 20th FEB. Concert Hall 20.00 hrs. Details from Linstead 331, 54 New Beit, 174 & 267 Keogh or the Union at lunchtimes.

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