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DEATH— IT CAN BE FATAL COLLEGE DOCTOR LASHES OUT

“SHEPPARD RESIGNS?”

PRES. ELECT WITHDRAWS FROM CIV. ENG. EXAMS

After the dizzy heights of the recent elections and sweeping generalisations characteristic of them we are suddenly reminded that even the president of the Union has to pass exams!

In fact, it has become apparent that the college authorities had not thought of this either and so we are (or rather Chris Sheppard is) faced with an interesting situation. The Union constitution is more than vague over this point. This is hardly surprising since there have only been three sabbatical presidents up to date, none of these being undergraduates at their time of office.

The problem has been lurking around for quite some time and now we have come face to face with it. Is it right for the Union to give its officers immunity from examinations? The motion which is to be put at today's Union Meeting could be interpreted in this way.

“I.C.U. believes that the President-elect should be allowed to take office regardless of his performance in any examination subsequent to his election.”

However, I think this would be a wrong conclusion. There is no reason why a Union official should be officially registered on a course while serving his term of office. As long as he has the interest of the Union members at heart then he should be recognised by the College.

In the letter which follows, all this is explained in detail (it has been edited). It is vital that full

support be given to the motion at today's Union Meeting otherwise the Union is faced with another re-election.

Today's vote is effectively a vote of confidence in your choice of President.

Mining House,
55 Evelyn Gardens,
London, S.W.7.
Saturday, 6th May

Dear Professor Skempton,

After a considerable amount of thought regarding my present situation in the Civil Engineering Department I have decided to withdraw from the forthcoming examinations. This has not been an easy decision to make but I am now sure that it is the only satisfactory one. In reaching it I have tried to take into account as many of the influencing factors, both personal and otherwise, as I am able. I do, however, find it impossible to rationalise some of these factors and it is this that has made the final decision so difficult to make.

My original choice of civil engineering was made without any difficulty at the age of fifteen. By that time I had shown some aptitude for things practical; my somewhat greater ability at science and mathematics had been fostered at the expense of any literary interest, and my teachers explained in their reports that I exhibited a certain quality of “leadership”. The simple analysis of civil engineering as a blend of technological and creative ability, together with its social relevance, and, when concerned with contracting, its reliance on good human relations, altogether presented a too ideally attractive proposition. My decision was not reached by an appraisal of a selection of alternatives, but by being provided with someone else's evaluation of my vocation-

al potential, together with the corresponding and suitably attractive career choice.

On arriving at college and entering the Department I was still very much subject to the somewhat romantic idea of becoming a civil engineer. My commitment in emotional terms was almost complete, and this together with my good A levels constituted what I suppose was excellent honours degree material. I was however, conscious of the idealism inherent in my choice and was very concerned with finding some justification for it in the course. Thus I began my time here at I.C. deliberately looking for a correlation between what I was studying, the way I was studying it, and what I perceived as the aims, objects and responsibilities of civil engineering as a profession. In that search I was frustrated. I was disillusioned by the seemingly abstract course content, by the lack of thematic continuity, and by the impersonal nature of staff/student relations. I was also disappointed by the lack of community life at the College and by its general insularity in both social and academic terms.

The result of this dissatisfaction was for me to make the College as small a part of my life as possible, doing an absolute minimum of work, and seeking elsewhere those things which I had previously imagined to be an integral part of university life but which I was unable to find at I.C.

My decision to return into the second year was based on the condition that I would assume a quite different approach to the College, the Department and the Course. That I have done. From the start of the session I have attempted to investigate many aspects of the student's lot here at I.C. Where I have found anomalies or deficiencies, points of difference or a lack of understanding, I have attempted to work constructively, both per-



sonally and through my involvement in the Union, to correct them. This has applied particularly to my course where I first attempted to discover some intrinsic interest, and then to approach it purely as an intellectual exercise. I failed in both.

I have come to realise that the course here is doing nothing to further my development in any sense of the word. On the contrary it is, in many respects, conflicting directly with some of my most deeply felt ideals and aspirations, and far from stimulating any truly creative response, is only limiting my realm of experience to the detriment of my “education”.

I am firmly committed to the concept of a system of education that can be variable in content and approach, and which is not constrained by the inadequacies of selection, by the rigid division of disciplines, or by the emphasis on examination results as a criterion of success. I am, therefore, the product of a vastly different system of education whose values have been predominate in my upbringing and the effects of which, although I may be conscious of, I am unable to neglect. To weigh my desire for self-determination against an awareness of the aspirations of a family I love is indeed a difficult thing to do.

My final decision to withdraw from the examinations results, I hope, from a certain degree of mutual respect between myself and the department. It has never been denied that the Department is happiest with students who are completely committed to a career in civil engineering, and who in return for a degree of the indisputable repute which the College awards, are prepar-

ed to accept the way in which the Department chooses to conduct its affairs, whether they are likeable or not. The Department also hopes that its students, far from regarding the course as a means to an end, are attempting to grasp a real understanding of the subject and are prepared to subordinate themselves to that aim. In short, the staff of the department expect of the students a devotion to the subject of the sort they themselves feel. That is an expectation which I respect.

It remains, however, that I do not present such ideal material, a fact which both the Department and I have been aware of for some time. For me to sit the forthcoming examinations would do nothing to enhance my principles nor, I believe, those of the Department. I now feel that the best way to realise a mutual acceptance of my total incompetence with the course is for me to withdraw from that part which formally epitomises it.

The reason for me publicising my intention to withdraw from the examinations is because of the way in which it relates to my being President-elect of the Union. While I regard both the criteria and the results of an examination in civil engineering as distinctly separate from those for the election of President of the Union, I do realize that neither the College or the Union is clear about this in terms of policy. For that reason I intend firstly to put the question to a Union meeting and if their support is forthcoming to proceed to the College for their decision. In the event of the Union not wishing to support me I shall resign.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Sheppard.

MIXING BEIT HALL

A questionnaire has been sent round to the residents of Beit to find out their reactions to a possible room-by-room mixing of the sexes both in the Old and New hostels. The mixing would be engineered to have about half men and half women on any floor, mixed randomly. The bath and toilet areas would be open to use for both sexes.

This would, we feel, lead to better mixing of the sexes and bring the sexual differences into perspective. People at the moment see the opposite sex too much as sexual objects, and not enough as human beings first and foremost. The only kind of relationship with the opposite sex that is possible, they imagine, is a sexual one — the idea of a platonic relationship does not occur. Thus one would get a more balanced, mature outlook on both sides, and a generally more relaxed atmosphere.

The mixing of the bath and toilet areas is primarily a matter of convenience — any embarrassment felt at first would quickly disappear.

Some structural alterations would have to be made but these were in the pipeline anyway: e.g. shower doors, not curtains; improvement of kitchen facilities in Old Beit, etc.

The analysis of the questionnaire will be put before the Beit hall residents' committee on May 22nd and they will decide whether to implement the suggested system, which if they agree, could easily be in operation for October 1972.

ENTS

Far from slackening off its activities, as is usual in the summer term, the Ents. committee has organised no less than eight concerts in the first five weeks of this term.

Already we have seen two excellent concerts by Country Joe McDonald, who had the whole audience laughing, clapping and singing along from his first song. Apparently he enjoyed the concerts as much as the audiences for he has offered to play another concert here free, the proceeds going to charity. Details have not been settled yet, but the date will probably be Monday, May 15th. If you missed seeing him last time round, see him now; those who have seen him once don't need urging to go again—they'll be there.

Friday, MAY 12th sees the only London appearance of one of America's biggest bands — THE DOORS. They have not been seen in this country since the Isle of Wight festival in 1970, since when Jim Morrison, the lead singer has died. Morrison was the unwilling figure-head of the group; before

his death he had virtually opted out of the role forced on him. He never wanted to be a pop star. Now the rest of the band are producing their own musical ideas, and the same brilliant playing ensures that few DOORS fans will be disappointed. Tickets for this concert are £1 in advance and £1.20 on the door.

The usual Saturday concert on May 13th features two bands. FLASH are an excellent new band — this is one of their first London gigs — whose music has been likened to that of YES. (Indeed, their lead guitarist, Pete Banks, was once with YES). Also appearing is the Roy Young Band? — no pretensions, just good stomping rock. Admission: 50p in advance, 60p on the door.

Spencer Davis has formed a new band and produced a new album recently. Their debut performance in this country will be in the Great Hall on May 20th, accompanied by Amazing Blondel, who not only play a truly amazing number of instruments, but who also have a reputation for telling obscene jokes.

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REFECTORIES—A DREAM COME TRUE

The Rectory Account has 4 components which make up the eventual surplus, balance or loss, namely:
 The Bar Account
 The Cellar Account—likely to make the usual £2000-£3000 profit this year
 The Catering Account
 The Shop Account—likely to break even this year.
 The Union over the past few years, has very strongly pressed the point that the 2 main Accounts (Bar and Catering) should be considered as separate, i.e. Bar profits should not be used to subsidise Refectory losses, but this year no major battle of words looks likely to be fought on this issue as both of these accounts look like ending up well in the black.

BAR PROFITS MEAN 2 NEW BARS

The Bar Account had a net surplus of £6000 by January and thus a price decrease was decided upon:—this never happened, because the main breweries increased their prices by 1p per pint and instead this increase was not passed on. Still, the end of the year surplus figure on the account is likely to be in the region of £2000.

Far from being misers though, the Bar Committee (the only major College Committee to have a Student Chairman — Pete Earl), besides promising no price rises for next year, decided this was a golden opportunity to make some improvements around the place. Thus, this Summer, 2 major schemes are being undertaken.

Firstly a new bar in College Block is being built—the connecting wall between the JCR and committee room 216 is being knocked down and a bar the size of the Southside one is being constructed along the northern wall of this new annexe to the JCR.

Secondly, in the Union, the present very meagre bar in the Lower Lounge, which has become very popular

this year, is to be re-vamped, extended along the East wall (where the Juke Box is) to the doors and properly shuttered, so that Brendan doesn't have to carry out elaborate stocking and unstocking arrangements every night.

AND A NEW LOWER REFECTORY

Whilst talking about Refectory developments, a major facelift is to be given to the Union Lower Refectory.

If an application to the University Grants Committee for a loan for redevelopment of the archaic area is accepted, then the whole of the present furniture and equipment is to be chucked out and a brand new Refectory is to be built from scratch. The Union has an investigating team preparing ideas at the moment and any comments to them via Dave Amos or John McCullough (both to be found in the Union Office) will be welcome.

If the UGC application is not successful, then at the very least a new coat of paint and new furniture are promised.

BUT WHAT ABOUT PRICES?

The most important annual problem is always prices for next year. Two years ago the Catering account made a thundering £28,000 loss. Last year it was £3,500 down. In both cases big price increases followed. This year, however, with increased Conference bookings (which help to stem losses in the vacations) and increased consumption (was the food better this year?), a possible surplus of about £8,000 is in the offing on a turnover of £250,000 (£35,000 up on last year). £6,500 of this surplus is already committed to revamping/replacement of crockery, cutlery and machinery, and it is hoped that, starting with this amount this year, a fund can be kept on an annual basis to help pay for capital equipment expenditure, etc. Any surplus on top of this fund money (maybe £1,500 this year?) will go towards another pool, as contingency money to offset any future losses.

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EDITORIAL

I can think of no better place to comment on the events of the past year than from the last edition of Felix this session.

FELIX

Perhaps this edition is even more important because there is no doubt in my mind that Felix will turn into a "real" newspaper, able to carry news and information produced on a weekly basis by a full time sabbatical editor. Undoubtedly next year will see a Union free from communication wrangles, a union where participation and involvement become the rule rather than the exception.

ELECTIONS (or if at first you don't succeed)

I cannot help but comment on the situation whereby one person was able to successfully challenge the election of Honorary Secretary and force the union quite rightly into re-opening and re-holding of that election. It was obvious to every member of the executive that the Imperial College constitution was pathetically weak and it is with regret that there has never been time enough for John McCullough's constitutional changes to be discussed. I don't know whether to treat the un-contested re-election with grateful thanks to the three defeated candidates who stood down or with disappointment because they had not fought on! One thing is certain, the road has been opened to anyone whether they are merely seeking justice or whether they only seek trouble and confusion, to bring the union to a halt.

ACCOMMODATION

Finally I think we must be grateful that this year has not seen the situation whereby hundreds of IC students have been homeless. I feel that now is the time for consolidation in housing rather than advancement. A start was made in October when twenty-four women were moved into Selkirk—now they must be integrated with the rest of the residents, not isolated at the top of staircase 8.

Beit Hall too, should scatter it's women's rooms amongst the men's and hopefully try and attain an atmosphere of understanding between the sexes. The union has its part to play, and could start well by reducing the number of Union Officials' places thus allowing more ordinary IC students the opportunity of at least one year's residence.

Felix, 11th May

This edition of FELIX was edited by David Hobman with able and generous assistance from ex-Editor Dave Sugden, Business manager (turned journalist) John B. Stares, Ross McBeath and Editor-elect Olly Dowson. Bob Cranmer-Brown and Denise Lisenden thought of the features while the reviews were produced by Bob Carter and Syd Amor. Photographs (nudge, nudge) were taken, developed and printed by Colin McCall, while the Sports Page was Chris Potter's baby. Typing by multivarious young ladies.

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Readers Comments

Black Thoughts

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of your readers the forthcoming election for the Sabbatical position of Hon. Secretary of IC Union; this election is equally important as the previous, aborted attempt and, as such, I hope that Union members will spare a little of their valuable time to ensure that the democratic process prevails over the bureaucratic. (bureaucrat, (byoo'rok'krat) n. Official who works (?) according to a fixed routine without exercising intelligent').

The STV system as used by IC Union is nothing more than a sophisticated form of constitutional castration. It is a sad and sorry indictment of our Union that the negligent transactions, or perhaps the administrative incompetence of a few can thwart the will of the majority. I sincerely hope that the Union Members will feel moved to mandate me to extricate the executive, and the Union, from its aimless perfunctory writings.

My aim is to revitalize the enthusiasm of the average union member,—a goal which can only be achieved by a person who is both approachable and informative; somebody who union members can meet for a chat, who will fully account the executives' action through the media of a weekly Felix and prominently placed notice boards.

Union General Meetings have sunk into a morass of petty bureaucracy; many union members with constructive ideas to contribute at meetings are befuddled by the procedural techniques used by both chairmen to railroad official motions through, and by factions who have a bare-faced disregard for the feelings of the muffled majority. These monstrous political methods born out of dishonour and deceit, are an infringement of one's discussion. The Union's Blue Book (which this year carried a red cover!) should contain standing orders; formal business at UGM's must be sped up so that everybody is able to take part in debate.

I am not a person who sits in an ivory tower immune from current events, I have the ability to get things done, I am an eminently suitable man for the job.

I remain, Sir,

the Union's servant,
Martin C. Black.

More Elections

Dear Editor,

For once I'm not wasting space in your admirable publication by talking about general apathy in IC for ICU. That would be a waste of time! What has disgusted me—even in this cynical state—is the general level of actual disinterest from those who actually attend ICU meetings and appear concerned.

I think the last straw was the election of Student Residence Officer (and one or two others) last term. Having made a specific point of information regarding abstentions at the Union meeting in question, I was not surprised to see so many abstentions (20 per cent) for SRO compared with about 40 each for the remainder. Final figures were:

Winning Candidate ...	183
Other ...	143
Abstentions ...	82
Papers ...	7
Total ...	415

You don't need a Mathematics Degree (sic) to see that the winner didn't have a 50 per cent majority do you? And you should not need reminding of an analogous example either!

This raises a number of questions:

- Why so many abstentions?
- Why accepted?
- Why not challenged anyway?
- Why am I bothered?
- Alternatives?
- What is worse?

Well I think the large proportional of abstentions can be due to either voters being unable to choose between apparently equal candidates and/or dissatisfaction with both candidates.

I understand the winning candidate was considered elected on the basis that the election was not true STV (which it certainly wasn't).

Anyway there were 80 people that abstained and since there could be a valid questioning of the election why did no-one challenge? (You still can!). I nearly did. I wrote a letter and delivered it but then withdrew it.

John B. Stares

Maths. Dept. Rep. (72/73—unopposed).

(This letter has been shortened—Ed.).

Black

Hatred

Dear Editor,

On reading M.C.B.'s letter my Super cultural mind sprang immediately to Shakespeare; "It is a tale told by an idiot, Full of sound and fury signifying nothing".

The pompous and pedantic ramblings contain within it maintain the standards that we have all come to expect from M.C.B. (It's easy to guess what the C stands for). This pomposity in my opinion would serve to alienate the ordinary members of the Union whom he is pretending to want to draw into the mainstream of union life.

All would be union executives make the predictable point of stating their vehement dislike of bureaucracy, M.C. . . . B. is no exception. He promises us the ultimate in Student Unions; a streamlined Corporation over which he would pontificate and enact his fantasies of being a big business entrepreneur, quite a frightening thought. What this organisation, run by Zurich type gnomes headed by M.C. . . . B., would do nobody knows, for he appears to be devoid of ideas and only interested in strutting round insisting how approachable (sic) and representative of the silent majority (sic) he is.

M.C. . . . B.'s bitter criticism of the S.T.V. voting system is so vivid I can only assume that he has had previous experience of castration. I leave it to the readers to decide which form.

D. T. Cummins
Met. P.G.

Anonymous

The Editor,
FELIX,
c/o ICU.

Dear Sir,

I'd like to write to you about apathy in IC but I just can't be bothered.

Anyones?

Letters to be featured on this page should be sent to the Editor via the union letter rack, where there is a special pigeon hole for Felix. The Editor reserves the right to omit or cut any letters submitted.

WHAT'S ON

UNION GENERAL MEETING — TODAY

(Thursday, 11th May)
Great Hall, College Block.
1.00 — 2.30.
Including:—
Election of 6 Floor Reps and Ents. Chairman
plus
Hustings for Hon. Secretary and Editor of Felix.

BALLOT?

Voting for the posts of Hon. Secretary and Editor of Felix will take place:—
on **Friday 12th** and **Monday, 15th May.**
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IC Union ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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CONFERENCE AT THE CROSSROADS

This year's Birmingham Conference of the National Union of Students will be remembered in NUS history as the conference of the LCDSU—the "Liaison Committee for the Defence of Student Unions." The Liaison Committee say that they were formed firstly to "win the NUS to its policy on the question of Student Union Autonomy and secondly to draw together all those unions and groups of militants in the ongoing fight against the state's attack in education and the other central political issues of the day." They formed up at the November Margate conference, Piers Corbyn being a founder member. This Birmingham conference may yet turn out to be the first of a series of such LCDSU-dominated conferences. It is to be hoped that they will not do further irreparable damage to the reputation of the NUS.

The LCDSU succeeded not only in pressing their point with great forcefulness, but also proved to delegates, onlookers, readers of the popular dailies and the tax-paying public alike that NUS conferences can be the biggest farce around—one day Lew Grade will televise it as a never-ending, self-perpetuating series. For that's just what it is. I know that this is only my second conference, but as I once again witnessed the resurrection of Autonomy and Ulster and the birth of Women's Lib as a new topic for the book, I felt as though I had been sitting in that conference hall all my life.

Perhaps the most intriguing thing to a layman and non-participant like myself is the seriousness with which the proceedings are taken by the delegates, even (or perhaps I should say especially) by the members of the LCDSU. I firmly believe, unlike some of my student press colleagues, that the organisers of this faction have only the good of Student Unions in their minds, and had no intention of directly making a laughing-stock of conference. As I saw a Liaison Committee member get up to every motion and propose an amendment expressing their basic principles, these manifestly being that everything that's wrong with the world is the product of Imperialism, Capitalism, Toryism, and, more generally, Ted Heath, I realised suddenly "God! They really do expect conference to take them seriously!"... though I did find it very difficult to conceive that if one overthrew capitalism pollution and overpopulation would be instantly cured, which is what they seemed to be implying at one stage. Their beliefs are quite possibly correct—but, having heard them churn up the same argument for the same amendment to every single motion that came up before conference over those five long days, one sympathises with conference for being disillusioned and defeating them every time. At one stage I felt like dashing out and joining the

Conservative Party. (You'll probably be pleased to hear that, on reflection, sense prevailed and I didn't).

And now, having bored you stiff with my personal views on conference, and before launching into a mammoth resume of what really happened motions-wise (yes, the TRUE unexpurgated facts as only FELIX can tell them!!) you will be treated to a brief bit of chit-chat about the IC delegation and weather.

The latter, which is really what you wanted to know about anyway, was pretty terrible (NO, I'm talking about the weather, not the IC delegation!!!). Come to think of it, it was pretty terrible at Margate last November too. Must be something about the weather in the constitution (GET ON WITH IT!!—we didn't pay for you to go so that you could write 2,000 words on the weather—Ed). The Imperial delegation consisted of John McCullough, Dave Hobman, Rob Armitage, Chris Sheppard, Piers Corbyn and Pete Ransome. If it strikes you that the last two were the two NOT to be elected to go, you'd be right... but Dave Amos and John Murlis had to drop out at short notice, and so Piers and Pete agreed to come with observer status. And so the intrepid six, together with passengers, duplicator, 30 reams of paper, 'n suitcases and yours truly, your very own pet (Miaoooouuu!) reporter, crowded into the RCC Transit at 1100 hrs. on Monday, 10th April and proceeded at breakneck speed up the Edgware Road and thence up the M1 to beautiful Birmingham. Then, feeling suitably elevated by a 70-minute wait in the registration queue and having moved my luggage half a mile on foot to another hall of residence and subsequently discovered that the walk from the conference hall to the hall of residence where I was staying was in the region of a mile or more (needless to say, with their delicate constitutions, the delegation travelled the distance by van), I enthusiastically entered the conference hall in anticipation of

another thrilling opening speech from who is without doubt the worst speaker in conference—our pressy himself, the Rt. Dishon. Digby Jacks.

But now to serious matters: i.e., the motions that were variously passed and defeated (or at least the important ones):—

AUTONOMY was by far the longest debate, lasting for a good eight hours in toto, in bits and pieces between 9 a.m. and 1 a.m. the following morning. Surprisingly perhaps to those uninitiated in conference, little if anything new was raised, and the majority of the time was spent counting and recounting the four or five card votes that were demanded by the LCDSU. (For those who do not know, a card vote is one where the total strength of the constituent unions are counted as votes in a secret ballot—usually motions are passed on a show of delegates' cards. The Card Vote principle tends to favour the large colleges, invariably universities and polys; this is because of the system of allocation of delegates' cards to small colleges). IC (John McC) spoke on this motion censuring those CO's who had not yet coughed up the 1p levy, let alone the 2p one, levied by last November's conference and the emergency conference in January.

WOMEN IN SOCIETY was without doubt the most interesting motion passed, and perhaps the most important. Besides outlawing strip shows in Student Unions (which was, naturally, all the popular dailies reported) the motion more generally supported women's right to equal opportunity and pay, equality in education, coed schools, more sex education, free contraception, and the abolition of single-sex colleges. Dave Hobman, famed liberator of the Union Bar, spoke on behalf of IC for this motion.

ENVIRONMENT. Conference accepted that the world was now in a most dangerous situation because of pollution and overpopulation, and called for a reduction in the former and free contraception to help combat

the latter. An interesting amendment tabled by the executive was that all smoking in public places should be banned. Having passed this by an overwhelming majority, conference proceeded to totally ignore it and continued to smoke profusely. Nor have I noticed ICU taking any action on this most thoughtful and sensible amendment by banning smoking in the Union Building, etc. (Now you know that I'm a non-smoker!!). It is making a mockery of conference if CO's take no notice of the motions they themselves have passed.

JAMES. Conference totally rejected the James Report on further education as a "total hotch-potch of ideas" which would result in "an elitist system of Higher Education with an inferior Teacher Training sector". Conference called for an end to the binary system of financing of further education. It also called for a "Day of Action" to protest about James, Binary, and the government's attitude to Autonomy.

GRANTS. The Imperial-supported amendment extolling the virtues of and pressing for a "Student Wage", to be paid to all students for the duration of the academic year and without parental contribution, upon which income students would pay income Tax and Social Security payments was passed by a large majority. The motion also called for equal "wages" to be paid to all students irrespective of sex or the sector of higher ed they are in.

CONFERENCE REFORM (My God, does it need it!!). After miscellaneous suggestions, including one that instead of two conferences a year we have one 8-day one (it was then pointed out that not everybody was that suicidally inclined), Conference set up a working party to look into the whole set-up. Amongst things they will look into will be the election of all delegates by union meetings (like the ICU system, in fact, is at present... many other colleges' delegations consists of volunteers or co-opted members, and no election

is held), which would probably mean that the LCDSU and any other similar organisation that might set up would receive less support, and that Conference would become more moderate; they will also consider the necessity for the mandatement of delegations by their unions on important topics prior to conference (which would weaken splinter groups still further) and methods of saving conference's time (very welcome, in view of the time spent on points of order and information and in dragging up every sub-sub-paragraph of the constitution in every motion.).

F.E. COLLEGES. This motion recognised that many FE colleges have no facilities whatsoever, and that the others have very little. The exec was censured for their lack of leadership over the binary campaign, and a move to establish a fund for FE college unions was referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration.

EMERGENCY MOTIONS concerned the campus problems of several CO's. A motion on Lancaster supported the students there on their action over the dismissal of Dr. Craig; another supported the students of Magee College in Londonderry, which is threatened with closure; and yet another expressed conference's support for Steve Parry, expelled sabbatical president of Brighton College (he has since been reinstated).

ENTERTAINMENTS. A report proposing an NUS limited liability ents brokerage was adopted by a large majority. This will entail CO's buying shares in this company and, perhaps, having a bit of a rough time ents-wise for at least several months. The idea is that this brokerage will be able to book groups at a lower price than individual colleges are having to pay at the moment. However, it seems likely that the big agencies to whom all the artists are signed will boycott this brokerage, and thus their groups will not appear at colleges.

But the NUS, in its infinite wisdom, thinks that this situation

will change, in that they depend so much on the college circuit that eventually they'll give in and agree to book groups to us for a reduced fee. Whether this will work or not remains to be seen... on condition that you yourselves boycott visits to see groups perform at other venues than colleges, it might just work...

ELECTIONS is the only thing left to tell you about. During the first two days of conference, the executive for next year was elected, or, should I say, re-elected, since it remains virtually unchanged. Almost every election was a straight fight between a retiring exec member and a candidate put up by the LCDSU... so the "Telegraph" had to swallow its pride and socialist tendencies and declare its relief that a Communist had won the election to President of NUS against a Marxist-Trotskyist ultra-left-winger. Needless to say, the LCDSU lost every election, although they consistently polled a third of all the votes, and in some cases rather more. So Digby Jacks is president for another year. And the rest of the old regime will continue. At any rate, for another year. And, having elected their chosen executive, conference will proceed to censure them whenever possible at next year's November and April conferences. When, once again, the farce will recommence.

Well, are you still with me? You're probably the only one! I'd like to apologise for the very heavy political content of this article: although I'm no politician, since there was no doubt that the political element was the most important single theme of the conference, I felt it necessary to elaborate on it.

What has the conference achieved? Well, let's hope that the Constituent Organisations will act upon the motions, the Executive will honour their instructions, and that the authorities will consider fully the views of Conference. Then, perhaps, conference will achieve far more than might at first appear.

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Imperial College

A PERSONAL VIEW

The many inadequacies of pre-university education provide us with a predictable stereotype Imperial College fresher. One who has been subjected to an academically biased and intellectually very narrow course of study since the age of fifteen, at which time that vital decision was unlikely to have been entirely his own. In general he has had no reason to question the nature or direction of his education, or the way in which that education affects his non-academic development. His scrutiny of University options would probably have been far from critical and his final choice of Imperial College would undoubtedly have been based on its reputation, which in the eyes of most headmasters serves to nullify any possible disadvantages.

What are the disadvantages? They lie mainly in the failure of the College to either recognize or accept its responsibility to students as individuals. The sort of person who finds his way into I.C. is just the person who needs more from a university education than a narrow course of study, with a very high work load, in an environment that is socially inadequate and intellectually uninspiring, and in an atmosphere that is potentially extremely oppressive.

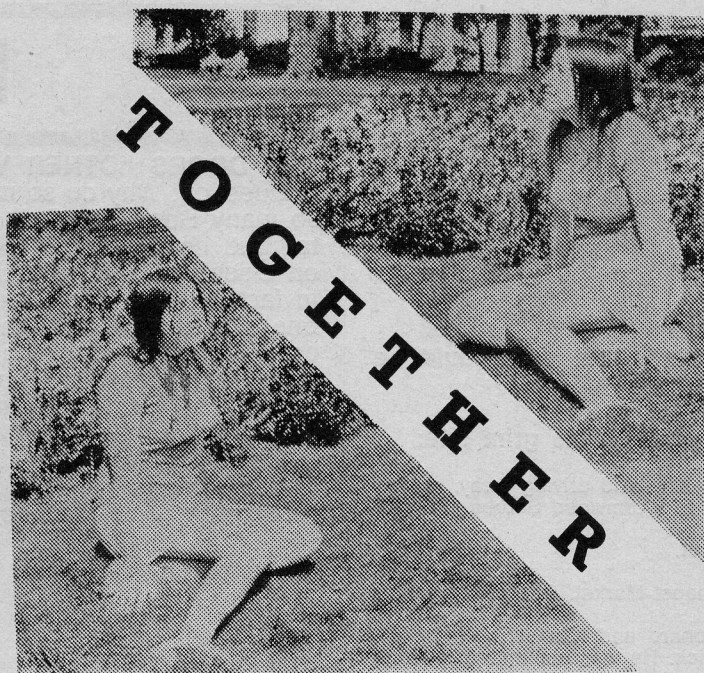
On arriving at Imperial College the fresher finds himself part of a very small social group, a member of his year of his department, part of system that is so structured that there is a minimal amount of contact with other groups. Barriers exist between departments, between years within departments, between undergraduates and postgraduates, and between staff and students. Even within the confines of the College and its already narrow influence the individual is still further isolated from any diversity of stimulation, intellectual or otherwise.

The College will argue that it is up to the initiative of each individual student to pursue such alternative activities as he may desire in the friendly, you-can-get-it-if-you-really-want-it community that is Central London. Can they be so naive? Do they really imagine that someone who has to commute daily from his bedsit in Wimble-

don, and who knows no better from school than to go home and do his 'homework' in the evenings, will go out into the big city in search of cultural or intellectual fulfilment? The average I.C. student in that position is too concerned with trying to sort himself out a passable social life to even think about it.

The College insists that placing the burden on the individual is all part of the 'challenge' of university life, vital to a process of character building and essential in producing the sort of good moral fibre that industry demands of its young employees. It assumes that secondary education has been successful in producing an annual supply of eight hundred well balanced individuals who are both intellectually and socially accomplished and have come to the College committed to three years hard work towards a well chosen and well defined goal, and consequently will neither need nor ask more of the college than access to its specialised teaching and research facilities and a successful passage through its examination machinery. That is the only sort of student that I.C. really caters for, and if the College truly believes that the majority of its students represent such ideal material for their concept of a university education (or is it just an industrial training ground?) then they must be shown otherwise. Any individual has the right to an education that caters for his own needs and not just the needs of external industrial interests. That is a right which can and must be exercised.

Chris Sheppard



- Self :
- Hiding behind the scenes.
- Invisibly trying to make an impression.
- Words : Songs : Music : Communication breakdown?
- Sometimes, living in a vacuum —
- Nobody knows where I am,
- Who I am,
- What I want.
- What do I want?
- Questions : Who is asking, who is answering?
- People everywhere — hiding?
- Where are they?
- Very difficult to find them,
- And once found,
- To communicate with them.
- Fences : Walls : — where is the door,
- What is the key?
- Just talk — smile laugh TOGETHER.
- that's a nice word .—
- Let's use it, and make it work.

COME SUMMER CRUISING

The cruising section of Imperial College Sailing Club is now breaking away to form a Yachting Club, to separate the dinghy fanatics from "Ichthyosaurus", the 27 foot, 5 berth, Folkdancer Class yacht owned by I.C. In recent years "Icky" has visited France, The Channel and Scilly Islands, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Sweden, as well as many pub-to-pub weekend cruises around the coast.

This year started well for "Icky" with a splendid winter refit and consequently she is sailing very well indeed. Over the Easter vac. she was chartered for 4 weekly cruises, and visited Belgium, France and the Channel Islands.

From the 9th—16th April, Peter Banbury, Tony Atkins, and Sandy Ealing sailed from Dover to the Hamble, and although storm bound for a couple of days managed some very fast sailing in a Force 6, along the south coast. Over the next eight days, Icky was sailed by Peter Banbury, Malcolm McVean, Bob Cranmer-Brown, Dave Hobman and brave Christine Fisher. The 126 mile trip from the Isle of Wight to Guernsey in a brisk NE wind took 24 hours, and on arrival we were all entertained very well at the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club, where lager was cheap at 7½p and the showers unbelievably welcome. From St. Peterport in Guernsey we sailed to St. Malo in a record 9 hrs., averaging 6.4 knots in a Force 5—7, with some dramatic navigation through a 200 yard wide channel in the rocks, at the entrance to St. Malo harbour. The return trip to Guernsey against the wind took a hard 18 hours and from 3—5.00 a.m. saw some brave sail changing on a plunging foredeck by a wet and exhausted crew. Eventually we left Icky in Guernsey, having heard a series of Gale Force warnings from the NE—for those worried about it, "Icky" has weathered several Force 8 Gales, but it's just not possible to sail to windward in a Gale!

Over the summer, there will be a number of sailing weekends, and several cruises lasting from one to five weeks—the latter as a charter to Spain and back! At £40 per week for 5 people, this is a very cheap way to spend an exciting holiday. If you'd like to come along for a weekend or a week, contact Bob Cranmer-Brown, Chem. Eng. P.B., I.C., 01-589-5111, extension 1964, or phone 994-4788 evenings.



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WHO KILLED STEPHEN McCARTHY



The story of the death of Stephen Mc Carthy is so bizarre that one would be forgiven for thinking it was a Stanley Kubrick film.

Stephen died on the 26th January 1971 . . .

The chronology of events is perhaps the most telling part of this grim tale:

1969	
25 November	Stephen appeared at Old Street charged with taking and driving away.
10 December	Stephen sentenced to borstal training and sent to Wormwood Scrubs.
1970	
February	Stephen allocated to Guy's Marsh Borstal in Dorset.
April	Abandoned from Guy's Marsh.
Mid-October	P.C. Leonard involved in fight with youths in Chapel Market. One of the youths is said to have looked like Stephen.
16 November	Stephen arrested in Upper Street by P.C.'s Leonard and Kilshaw.
24 December	Stephen appeared at Old Street, looking very sick. He was committed to Inner London Sessions.
25 November	McCarthy family wrote to the Governor of Wormwood Scrubs to enquire about Stephen's condition as they were very worried.
26 November	McCarthy family wrote to "The Sun". The reply was that there was little chance of success in a complaint as Stephen was a borstal boy.
7 December	Probation officer expressed concern at Stephen's condition.
8 December	Reply from Assistant-Governor of Wormwood Scrubs that Stephen was "fit and cheerful".
11 December	McCarthy family received notification that Stephen had arrived at Dover Borstal on 8th December.
12 December	McCarthy family wrote to the Daily Express, who, in their reply, advised them to contact the N.C.C.L. The N.C.C.L. were sympathetic, but, so far, have made no impact on the authorities.
20 December	McCarthy family visited Stephen at Dover. He was still not at all well, though the doctor said that he was much improved.
1971	
10 January	Stephen's sister and her boy-friend visited him and found his condition was very poor indeed.
14 January	Stephen failed to appear at Inner London Sessions because of illness.
15 January	Telephone call from Governor of Dover that Stephen had been admitted to Folkestone Hospital with a suspected mastoid.
16 January	Stephen transferred to Brook Hospital, Woolwich, a neurology hospital. Immediately on his arrival, he was taken to the operating theatre. His family was told that, the following day, he would be feeling much better. Later that night they received an urgent message to return at once as Stephen had taken a turn for the worse. Letter written to Home Office.
22 January	McCarthy's made official complaint to Scotland Yard. Three police appeared at Brook Hospital, where Stephen was in a coma. They demanded to see witnesses. Newspapers, who enquired at Scotland Yard both on 22nd and 23rd of January, were told that no complaint had been made.
26 January	Stephen died.
29 January	Inquest opened and adjourned until 19th February.
2 February	The newspapers finally took up the story.
3 February	Stephen's funeral, filmed by '24 Hours'.
19 February	Inquest. Verdict: "Death by natural causes."
25 February	John Grant, M.P., asked Home Secretary for public enquiry.
15 March	Public meeting at Islington Town Hall. Police attacked demonstrators, and arrested 17, including 4 McCarthys. John McCarthy sent to hospital for treatment of injuries received.
20 March	Richard Sharples, M.P., on behalf of Maudling, finally replied to John Grant attempting, in bureaucratic jargon, to explain away the need for an enquiry.
May	The Ombudsman was asked to investigate and agreed.
3 July	Chris, Derek and Dorothy McCarthy were all convicted by magistrate McElligott. Derek got 6 months prison.
24 July	Benefit dance to raise cash for campaign.
August	Ombudsman decided not to continue his enquiry, because of McCarthys' intent to sue the police and Home Office.
September	Thames Television programme on neglect in prison abandoned after Home Office refusal to send a spokesman.
8 & 9 October	Joint benefit with Ian Purdie and Jake Prescott Defence Group.
28 October	Derek, Dorothy and Chris appeal to Inner London Sessions. They were blackmailed by their lawyers into keeping quiet.

"Who Killed Stephen McCarthy?" is a small booklet price 10p from:

The McCarthy Committee,
50 Courteney Court,
Holloway,
London N7.

CROSS ROADS

One does not have to be particularly committed to the ideas and ideals of the Moral ReArmament movement to have an interest in the life of its founder, Frank Buchman. Any man who had such an influence over so many people deserves attention.

Thus comes "Cross Road—The Frank Buchman Story" to the stage of the Westminster Theatre. The play is presented in a cunning Mixed-Media form, with action on stage interspersing sequences of still slides and live film. We are led from Buchman's small town origins in Pennsylvania, through his work in six continents, to his death in Germany in 1961. The young cast, eight of them from five continents, sing and talk of their own lives and experiences, as well as of Buchman and his ideology. The effect is often almost that of watching a Television documentary, and that is my main criticism of this production—as a play—there is insufficient action on stage to balance the enormous amount of (excellent) projected material.

But to criticize an M.R.A. play in conventional terms is like discarding the Special Theory because of Einstein's shocking handwriting. It is the matter, and not the form, that is important. Some of the acting is pretty awful, but, oddly enough, this enhances the production, for it shows the absolute honesty of the cast, and their belief in what they are saying. They are really not acting at all. Cynics may sneer, but there is a genuineness here that is refreshing.

REVIEWS

THE DOORS "OTHER VOICES" (Elektra)

Question: Why do so many Rock and Roll stars die? Answer: Because there are so many Rock and Roll stars. There seems to be in people's minds a fundamental but imaginary difference between a musician leaving a group and carrying on elsewhere, and a musician leaving the group to join the Grateful Dead (sorry). In fact Canned Heat managed very well after the death of Alan Wilson (ask everyone who saw them at the Albert Hall last year, except of course the Melody Maker correspondent) and the Allman Brothers still boogie on with that macabre name despite the death in October of Duane Allman. But wasn't Jim Morrison the only member of the Doors—most people had only heard of him either when he whipped it out on stage at Miami, or when he died and was buried at Pere Lachaise cemetery in trendy Paris — near the grave of Moliere. Woudn't the names of Robbie Krieger, John Densmore and Ray Manzarek have been forgotten if the rest of the group had decided to call it a day?

DISCS

No. Jim Morrison was only a quarter of the Doors with a flair for poetry, a love of the Blues and a sexy voice. The songs on the early Doors albums were always given joint credits so people may not realise that some of the groups' more familiar numbers — "Light My Fire", "Touch Me", "When the Music's over" (We want the world and we want it now!) were written by Robbie Krieger. And don't the organ and guitar solos on "Light My Fire" send a shiver down your spine? Of course Morrison gave those songs a charisma which will not be imitated — don't expect the group to play them this Friday—but the faith in their ability to write more good songs, and in the record buying public to remember that the ability (alas, not fulfilled—the record did not make the top thirty in the States, although it scored quite well over here) must have been what decided the three to stay together. In fact the Doors had almost broken up before Morrison's death and would certainly not be playing at Imperial College tomorrow if he were still alive.

Now to "Other Voices". It could be summed up as a fairly logical progression from "L.A. Woman" but with Robbie and Ray doing the singing. As such it is not outstanding, falling short of the classic first album or "Strange Days" but I'm enjoying it more than I did "Waiting for the Sun" or "Morrison Hotel". Happily the two vocalists do not make strenuous attempts to sound like Jim Morrison. Ray, whose vocal debut on record was "Close to You" on the "Absolutely Live" album, sounds more at home on the funky (yuk) rocking numbers like "Hang on to Your Life" and the incredible "Tightrope Ride" than on the softer numbers like "Ships with Sails" where a shadow seems to creep over the music (guess whose) notwithstanding the fact that "Ships" evokes an atmosphere similar to "Riders on the Storm". In the unhappy "I'm Horny. I'm Stoned" Robbie shows his vocal talents too. Nice bit of saloon bar piano on this one.

I'm sure all Doors freaks already have this album. If you doubt its quality, or think you don't like it, try to forget it's the Doors and think "This is a funky little band". Failing that, try to imagine Jim singing these songs (it's not difficult) and ponder over what little difference it makes. And try to see them live.



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SOCCKER

I.C.A.F.C. crowned yet another successful season, when the 1st XI won the U.L.U. Challenge Cup at Motspur Park on Saturday, 11th March. A large number of the Club supporters travelled with the team to Motspur Park and cheered them to a 5-0 victory.

Straight from the kick-off the I.C. team began to show their supremacy and ten minutes into the game the Q.E.C. defence failed to clear a J. Kelly corner and M. Pearson was left with the easiest of tasks to put I.C. one up. This raised the confidence of the team and they continued to dominate the play. The I.C. defence had complete control of the Q.E.C. attack and this seemed to inspire the rest of the team to play some imaginative and rewarding football. I.C. increased the lead when B. Milne beat the Q.E.C. 'keeper with a header from a C. Willcock free kick. By half time the lead had been increased to 3 goals to nil. B. Smith had endorsed the I.C. superiority, when following a fluid move down the left flank, N. Fryer pulled the ball back across the Q.E.C. goal for Smith to head just inside the far post.

The second half was more even with the I.C. team relaxing a little and allowing Q.E.C. more possession of the ball. However, they did not have the ability to break through a solid I.C. defence, and although I.C. were not playing with the same attacking flair as they did in the first half they added yet another goal scored by B. Milne. With the ground now becoming rather cut up, and the Q.E.C. team resigned to defeat, the I.C. team re-asserted their superiority. They began to push the ball around the pitch, and dictate the pattern of play. The final goal came from P. Worthington, who overlapped from his normal full back position to see the opposing defence open up before him, and his shot left the Q.E.C. 'keeper with no chance.

This was a great finish to a good season, and after the final whistle the achievement of retaining the trophy for the second successive season was celebrated by team and supporters alike.

Team: M. Whitham, P. Worthington, P. Maslin, S. Wells, M. Pearson, N. Fryer, B. Smith, C. Willcock (capt.), B. Milne, J. Kelly, I. Rodgers, P. Bartlett.

BADMINTON

Best Ever Year

In the three years I have been at I.C. the season has been by far the most successful of all.

Previously main achievements were primarily restricted to 1st team efforts. This season, however, has seen every team do more than just pull its weight as the league table shows.

Mens I	1st	We tried to win them all but didn't quite manage it. The IV mens incidentally lost the league by 1 game. The ladies, though starting off badly, really showed what they could do towards the end of the season. The tragic game against Q.M.C. cost them the league. Ah well, that's life!
Mens II	1st	
Mens III	1st	
Mens IV	2nd	
Mixed I	1st	
Mixed II	1st	
Ladies	2nd	

Undoubtedly the Great Hall has been the reason for the Club's success, and hopefully the Club next season will be even more successful as far as extending its facilities to non-team members. Club play will be one of the main points that next year's committee will try and promote, so I hope that people will take advantage of this. Moving on:—

The B.U.S.F. championships were held in Edinburgh this year. The team included 4 selections from I.C., Stu Donald, George Georgiou and Dave Ward, Sue Thompson as reserves. Georgiou and Donald have all 3 medals now. Gold, Silver and Bronze, never mind, eh!

- The U.L.U. Championships:
- Mens Doubles — Donald — Georgiou I.C.
 - Mixed Doubles — Miss Hilary Rowson — Georgiou I.C.
 - Mens Singles — Closing finalist S. Donald I.C.

A mention must be made of the ladies doubles (Sue Thompson, Hilary Rowson) who did well to get to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost to the eventual winners.

Our annual singles championships was won this year by G. Georgiou in one of the closest finals to say the least. 18-17, 12-15, 18-17; 4 rackets were broken in the process of this game which added to the excitement of the game and the despair of Georgiou (they were his). The men's handicap has now, I think, become as traditional as the men's singles. It was won this year by Georgiou and Donald against a very steady pair (except for rightat the end of the game) Ward and Palmer 21-19, 21-19.

The last achievement by the Club was the winning of the U.L.U. knockout tournament. Thanks go to Hilary Rowson, Brenda Dilly, Sue Thompson 'Souki' Dave Ward, Stu Donald and George Georgiou. I should end for fear of getting this edited with a final thank-you to the committee, Chris Gaukroger, Dick Thompson, John Powell, Steve Sanderton, for all their co-operation and enthusiasm. The delectable Hilary must also be thanked for doing an excellent job of captaining the ladies and demonstrating her very strong objections at the committee meetings.

Bradford Barrel Goes To IC

Every year, Bradford University Sailing Club holds an inter-University Team Racing Tournament in Firefly dinghies, to which a selection of the best British teams are invited. Last year I.C. came second, being beaten by Trinity College Dublin only on the result of a protest, so we were determined to win this year. The tournament is half-American (each team sails all the others once), the winner being the team winning the most races, or by points in the case of a draw.

Saturday's courses were short, so that good positions at the start line meant more than team tactics during the race, and the results served to show I.C. that their starts could do with some improvement. We did not get all the 1st three positions in any of the races, but managed to beat every team we sailed against, except Bangor. The races were generally friendly, although the race against T.C.D. caused us to protest for some pretty dirty tactics, but with proverbial Irish blarney they got away with it at the hearing.

Sunday left us two races to sail. Some good team racing gave us our first 1,2,3 against Bradford, and a further win against Nottingham (revenge!) meant the trophy was ours.

Team: Helms: Ed Hyams, Alan Curran, Derek Clark.

Crews: Peter Waite, Graham Eastwood, Mike Martin.

Results:
Against:
Leeds 14-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, St. Andrews 15-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, Reading 16-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Bangor 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ -12, T.C.D. 12-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, Southampton 12-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, Aston 11-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, Manchester 13-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Bradford 15-5 $\frac{3}{4}$, Nottingham 14-6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Graham Eastwood.

EDITORIAL

A great year for I.C.! Almost every club has won a major trophy which leaves us far and away the best college on the field of sport. In fact I hope some of the other colleges in ULU read this so that next year they will be able to arrange some acceptable opposition.

We have taken the "big three", that is the ULU Football, Rugby and Hockey Cups which was last achieved by I.C. (who else!) in the early sixties.

Mr. Georgiou's badminton club has again been as boring as ever, winning everything in sight. His demands for space have not gone un-noticed but his command of English does seem to be excessive.

This term, sport still functions in I.C. in the form of the Cricket and Tennis clubs whose support must come from P.G.'s and undergraduates with sense. The Tennis club, having lost heavily in the first game, expect to improve during the season.

Russ Smith has an easier job because at least 3 or 4 freshers have looked good enough to fill the vacant positions in the cricket 1st XI. There is enough experience to see the cricket club to their third win in succession — in the ULU Cup although there is still a lack of really good fast bowlers.

The year has proved a successful one for all clubs; the impression that has been gained by the editor is that whilst first teams have been consistently good, all members of the clubs have had a chance to compete and gain enjoyment from their sport.

In the last issue of FELIX, I should like to wish everybody the best of luck with exams, and I hope to see you all lining up for the first games of next year.

Castaways Cup Victory!

For the fourth year in succession I.C. won Castaways' Cup—the U.L. intercollege Team Racing Championships—at the Welsh Harp.

Originally 3 teams were entered from I.C. in this knockout competition. Each round of the competition consisted of two races—the teams changing boats between races.

The third team won their preliminary round but were unlucky to be eliminated in the first round in Saturday's blustery conditions.

The other two teams fought their way eventually to meet in the semi-final. This proved to be a very exciting match with the second team sailing very well to contain the first team to a very narrow win in the first race 10 to $\frac{3}{4}$. However in the light winds of Sunday afternoon, the first team had an easy victory 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 15—total score 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 25 $\frac{3}{4}$.

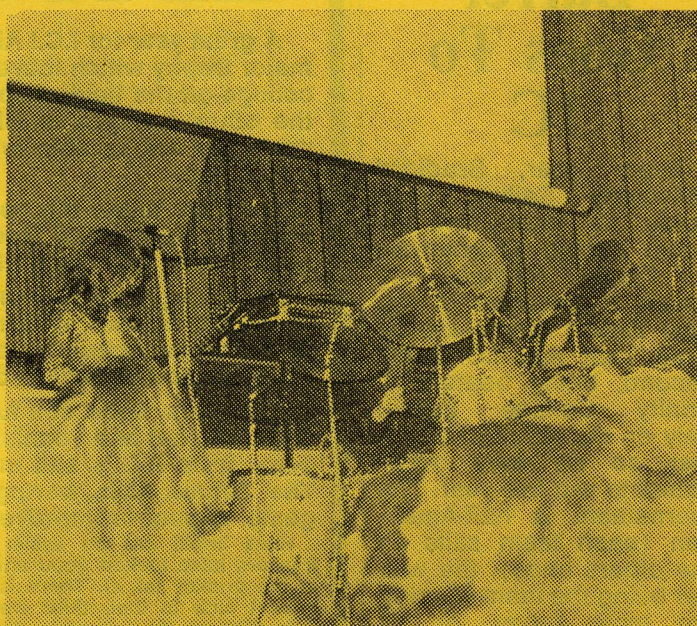
The first team then met Guy's Hospital in the final. The first race started with I.C. in a disastrous position 4,5,6, but close fought tactics eventually found the team 2,4,5 on the finish line—losing by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ points 11 to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. The second race however saw a much better start with I.C. eventually finishing 1,2,6—8 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 taking the trophy by the narrow margin of 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 21 $\frac{3}{4}$.

I.C. I	I.C. II	I.C. III
N. Martin (Capt.)	N. Charlwood	S. Briscoe
A. Curran	(Capt.)	(Capt.)
E. Hyams	D. Law	A. Russell
M. Martin	S. Cambell	R. Mason
G. Eastwood	B. Hollins	D. Hobman
P. Waite	K. Frampton	R. Lyn
	P. Dunning	P. Chaplin



GIVE ME AN F!

These were Country Joe's first words as he took the stage on Saturday night and the audience obediently echoed it. Of course it was a sham this time—just to test whether the audience were eating out of his hand, which they were. In his hand he had lots of goodies—a very fine show, in the words of "Entertainment is my Business". The songs never lost the attention of the audience whether they were lewd, like "Movie-Ola" and "On notch of your c—", sad, like "The Ballad of Jean Duprez", simple optimistic songs like "Free some day" or the acid (perhaps the wrong word in County Joe's case) digs at people in high places like "Tricky-Dicky (He's a genuine plastic man)" for Richard Nixon. That's the way to sing protest songs, right? A light-hearted dig, and not a clumsy pseudo-accusation associated with groups like Chicago.



Nearly all the songs, with the exception of "Jean Duprez" were short and to the point and for this reason there were far too many to be recorded in detail. But Country Joe will always be associated with anti-war (or at least anti-draft) songs and he did of course do "I-Feel-Like-I'm-Fixin'-To-Die-Rag" complete with "Fish" chant, and the other anti-draft song called "Kiss My Ass". Before the Vietnam Rag he told a long anecdote of how the police at Boston forbade the group to say "it", and his trial for saying "it" at Wooster, Massachusetts. In his defence, after having been asked what the word "Fuck" had to do with going to Vietnam, he said well, when someone gets a letter in the post saying he's going to fight in Viet-

nam he'll probably say "Oh Fuck". Right On said the audience and they joined in with the cheer just like the crowd at Woodstock. I wonder how many of them really had experienced the draft. Still it's the singer, not the audience, and Joe entertained par excellence. Linda Lewis (again?) gave an excellent opening set with some wistful songs about life and love and was warmly received by a surprisingly small audience.

So you need to earn a living?

It would be fair to say that most students do not want to leave college, much preferring the free and easy way of life. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and in one year's time, from which you will gather this article is aimed at this year's second year, this will be the case for the majority of you! Is it not a horrible thought?

To those students who are going to wait for a job to come to them and to those students who believe firms are just tearing their hair out to employ graduates I implore them to be a little more thoughtful in the dole queue. It has been proved these past two years, that if you want a job you have to

- i) know what you want to do
- ii) know where to get this type of job
- iii) work hard to get this job.

So why not take a couple of days after your exams this year and think about getting a job.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

If you know what you want to do, where you can do it, if you know the Managing Director, and his son or daughter, do not worry, you will probably get a job.

APPLY EARLY TO FIRMS!

One booklet that will help you is the Main Areas of Graduate Employment that can be obtained from the Careers Office Room 306 College Block. There is a careers library attached to this office where a reference selection of firms can be viewed.

Why don't you have a chat with your departmental careers advisor. Even better go and talk to the University of London Careers Adviser who visits College Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. His name is Mr. P. A. Ashworth and he thrives on work. He will undoubtedly be busy first term next year so why not take the opportunity of his free time this term and have a chat with him. An appointment can be made with this gentleman through the Appointments Office Room 306 College Block.

If you want a job there is no time to delay!

WARNING

THIS MAN IS INSANE



Oliver Francis DOWSON

"Felix" Editor 1972-3

Friday, 2nd June R.C.S. ANNUAL BALL at

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HIP, HIP, HOORAY!

Yes, another year of boring Presidential waffle is coming to an end and as it's difficult for me to write it as it is no doubt for you to read it, I'm sure it's a reason for pints all round.

In Snapping Jaws I've tried to implore you to come to the last couple of Union Meetings, so I thought I'd write something on those projects that are underway at the moment and will be happening before next October.

Besides the developments with respect to the 2 new bars and the new lower Refectory in the Union, there is going to be a general facelift given to the Union Building this summer. Nearly every room in the Union will be repainted and the floors sanded, there will be a re-vamping of the Concert Hall Stage, general re-wiring within the building and a new Gymnasium (or at least the old one should look like that). Plans are in hand to turn the Room at the Top (formerly the Upper Refectory) into an Information Centre with Travel and Insurance there next year, an Office for the Ents Committee and Dyelining and Duplicating facilities. Details are not complete yet, but if you have any other ideas

of ways to make use of this unique opportunity or suggestions for paint schemes etc., then contact me in the Union Office.

While we're still pressing to get a Weekly Felix with a sabbatical Editor next year, we are also investigating to what extent we should finance the expansion of STOIC. To that end I've prepared a survey on the student TV services at the moment running in British Universities — replies are still coming in, but in talking to a number of Presidents I've found that expansion is expensive. However a number of Colleges, e.g. Brunel have very effective Campus Radio operations—they run for example for 1½ hours per morning and 3 hours per evening, 5 days a week. I hope, during this term, to look into the possibility of ICU starting a campus Radio, next year. During this term, I think it has been realised this year how vital good communications are to the well being of the Union and hopefully these appraisals of the various

Absolutely the last President's Piece (this year!)

communications media possible within ICU will bear fruit in the years to come.

Another campaign I hope to wage this Summer Term is to list the Accommodation Bureaux within the area, and with the aid of Nick Gregory, The Union Solicitor, to seek out those bureaux acting in contravention of the Accommodation Agencies act and to black them in co-ordination with the local Trades Council and at the same time put pressure on the Local Council to put pressure on these agencies.

So we're by no means slacking now your backs are turned and you're facing examination papers—keep watching Snapping Jaws (there should be four more issues left).

Thanks for bearing with me for so long. Best of luck with the exams and have a good Summer!

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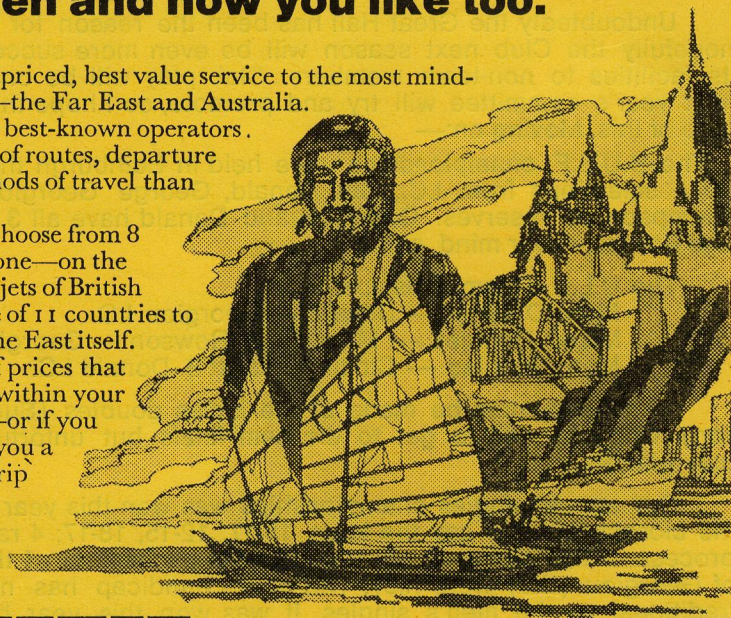
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FELICITATIONS for the last time in duplicated form. And, for the first and last time, FELICITY this week is incorporating the rival publication SNAPPING JAWS.

Lots of news on our four pages this week, so let's get on with it!!

Wednesday, 10th May, 1972.

WEEKLY FELIX - RECTOR SAYS YES

Today the Rector agreed finally to a sabbatical editor of FELIX for next year, and the concept has now only to be ratified by a Union meeting. This means that there will be 26 weekly issues of FELIX during the next academic year, and will be completely revamped to make it more of a newspaper. This will also mean that "Snapping Jaws" will disappear, less union bumpsheets in general will appear, and that all you really need read is FELIX.

UNION FEE UP £1.50

At the same time as recommending a weekly FELIX, the Finance committee recommended several other fields of expansion - notably Silwood, Stoic and Post-Graduate affairs. The college has agreed to pay the £4000 necessary to cover inflation in the present union activities, and also £2000 of the £4000 necessary for all this expansion to take place. This is equivalent of an increase of £1.50 per head in the Union fee. The areas where the most expansion will take place because of the increase will be Felix and Stoic, and Silwood will also get something.

UGM THURSDAY 13.00

Don't forget the Union Meeting tomorrow, Thursday 11th, at 1300 hrs in the Great Hall. McLooge promises "plenty of the usual excitement", and items include the elections of ULU rep, 6 floor reps for Council, Ents Chairman, 2 reps onto the ICU Accomodation Committee and 3 reps onto the Welfare Committee. Dave Hobman is also putting a motion to the meeting that the recommendation of the working party on Union Hall Places, which is that Union places should be reduced from the current 35 or so to about 20, be implemented for the coming session 1972-3.

COLOUR ME ICU

Know anyone who's done a lot for the Union this year? Then why don't you nominate him or her for Union Social Colours or a Union General Award - just put the name down on a piece of paper, along with the reasons for nominating him/her and rush it to John McCullough or Dave Hobman by this Friday, 12th May.

Talking of Union Meetings (as we were just over the page), there's the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING next Tuesday, at 1300 hrs in the Great Hall. FELICITY isn't quite sure what the agenda is, but it's sure to be a real rave-up, so why not come along? After all, you won't get another chance to come to one until October. One of the things to be discussed is the following late motion accepted by the president, which comes hot off the presses...

"ICU notes with approval the growth and expansion of the ICU Travel Service over the past 3 years. ICU hopes that this expansion will continue and will eventually provide a fully comprehensive programme of travel bookings for individual Union members. To this end ICU calls upon all all commission fees henceforth to be pooled and used solely on expansion of the Travel Service"

The lowdown on this motion is that the Travel service now needs a part-time assistant during the summer term, and if the commission fees are pooled, these should just about pay for him.

It appears that keen devotee of the game of football, John "What's Cricket?" McCullough, has turned his attentions to a new sport, that very upper-class pursuit,

CROQUET. The great man is forming a croquet club, which is going to meet on the Queen's Tower Lawn (at last they've a use for it) on suitable days to putt small balls through nearly-as-small hoops. The inaugural meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, at 5p.m. in Lecture Theatre A, when Professor Neal (chairman-elect of the Croquet Association) will give a lecture-cum-demo on the game.

Do you remember that day last term when you opened a letter which told you that you were one of the "chosen few" to receive an invitation to buy TIME magazine at a privilege price, and then you discovered that the rest of the "few" was everyone else in the college? Well, if you've still got yours, please, please, PLEASE, bring it to the Union office, say the powers that be. So, if you want to help prevent future such indiscriminate use of college class lists, why don't you do just that.

As if the 2,000 words yours truly wrote on the NUS conference in Birmingham this Easter wasn't enough, there's now an official version available (on erotic yellow paper) from the Union Office. It's got all the gen on how IC voted on the various motions and amendments, and all the facts and figures. You can also question the IC delegation and tell them what YOU think at the UGM tomorrow, Thursday 11th.

The bump keeps on coming and coming.... You can now collect your very own ICU Policy Statement, to keep, touch, hold and fondly in the privacy of your own pigeonhole, and also, preferably to read.....COS IT'S IMPORTANT. More than 20 pages of all the policy ever passed by ICU are in this fine specimen of the duplicator's art - please do read it, check for mistakes, and make sure you think it's right....for the whole lot of it will be moved for acceptance as the official statement of ICU policy at the AGM next Tuesday.

VACATION STUDY GRANTS. Do you know of any proposed field courses that have been dropped by departments, or only partly subsidised by departments, through lack of finance????

Have any of your vacation study grants been means-tested????

Do you know of any students who have been unable to obtain vacation payments or additional payments which they might legitimately expect to receive (owing to the limited funds available)???

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If the answer to any of these questions is YES, dash along to the Union Office and see McLooge with the details.....the Union can only try and act for better finance in the future on the basis of information received. So please go and tell them...go on, it's not that far to the Union Office, is it?

RAVENSCOURT PARK FLATS. Apply N O W if you want to stay in one of these flats over the vac or for next year. Application forms can be got from the Union Office (let's face it, EVERYTHING happens at the Union Office) now, green 'uns if you want to stay the vac, yellow for next year. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS MAY 24TH.....so hurry!!

Or if the idea of being a

STUDENT HOUSE WARDEN/SUBWARDEN turns you on, you can get an application form for one of these posts from the Union Office...closing date, again May 24th.

And now introducing the FELICITY

VAC JOBS BUREAU. Sunway Blinds have vacancies for students over 18 to work in their roller blind factory in Exhall, Coventry. The job involves a certain amount of lifting, and some of the work may be a little heavy, but the work is clean and the atmosphere's pleasant. 40 hour week (5 days) during July and August, rate of pay 55p per hour for men, 42p for women. If you're interested, ring Mr. Tyson, Personnel officer, at Slough 26611, or Mr Evans, Works Manager, at Coventry 311500. By the way, the name of the company's "Venetian Vogue" Ltd., not Sunway.

UFO OVER IC An unidentified flying object was spotted by Phil Brading, high-flying sky-spotting Aero Rep, on Sunday, and was duly reported to the Ministry of Defence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

The Editor,
Felicity.

Linstead 333

Sir,

I gather that my letter to the editor of your esteemed parent journal, FELIX, has been so edited as to change its original context and meaning entirely.

I would be very grateful if you could print this letter so as I can disclaim the incomplete arguments to which my name is credited.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. STARES.

Mr. Stares

INSERT IN FELIX Most issues of FELIX this week include a paper on Northern Ireland - a full tabloid Newspaper. If you haven't got one (there weren't enough to go round), try and get one to read off a friend.

THE LAST WORD. Well, that's all from FELICITY and FELIX for this year. We hope that you've enjoyed reading us this year, and that you'll carry on supporting FELIX next year, when there'll be no duplicated FELICITY like this. But the name won't disappear....we have plans for FELICITY (but wait and see...) Finally, good luck to everyone in the exams that are coming up, best wishes to everyone who's leaving us this summer, and

A U R E V O I R !!!!

STOP PRESS...EMERGENCY MOTION ON VIETNAM AT AGM TUESDAY STOP + LUV FELICITY ACTION