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**Don't forget
UNION MEETING
Thursday
13.00 hours
Great Hall**

COUNCIL REFORM At a stroke!

Imperial College Union Council is in existence to manage the affairs of the Union but this fact is obscured quite successfully by the extensive discussion of trivia. This makes the meetings boring by definition and the 169th which occurred last Monday was no exception.

Before the reasons for the failure of Council are discussed, some examples of what happens are taken from the most recent disaster. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. It would have been difficult to find anything wrong with them anyway since they had only been available a few hours before the meeting! They run to eight pages, and include such items as "Somewhere around here MCB said 'I don't want to be nasty and bureaucratic about this!'"

Although these extracts might give the impression that nothing of importance was discussed, this would be a wrong conclusion. Quite relevant items are introduced into the agenda such as NUS Elections, plans for the new hall, external affairs in the form of the Murray Report, a new traffic flow scheme for Exhibition Road, etc. However, these are invariably pre-packed and require a large amount of expert knowledge to comment on them. In all matters of importance, decisions have been made before the meeting which makes it difficult for Council to affect the course of events. Perhaps the most important issues, that is those connected with Union finance, are the most difficult to control. It is inevitable that ACC, RCC & SCC expenditure will have been determined before the meeting with Council becoming no more than a rubber stamp.

Why should this be so? After all, everyone at the meeting comes with good intentions. The Executive of the Union, i.e. the Top Six in the organisation, prepare the agenda for the meetings and determine how they will be discussed. This is possible mainly because there is no discussion on the important items!

At this stage it is useful to invoke Parkinson's Law which goes into some detail as to the effectiveness of governing bodies and councils. Parkinson draws attention to the

strict relation between the number of Cabinet Ministers and the power the title "Cabinet" implies. The magic number is 20; below this, the cabinet has an effective say in the running of the Government with a consequent limitation of Executive power. Above this, and a smaller group (approximately 5 or 6) forms which decides policy and presents it to the castrated remnants of the Cabinet. The worst case he cites is that of the USSR which has a cabinet of 38.

Applying this to ICU we find it no exception to the theory outlined. Council has a membership in excess of 40, even worse than the USSR! The Executive group has taken over all major business, and the idea of a Council which manages the Union has faded into the past.

A cursory glance at the list of Council members shows how it could be reduced below the 20 mark. The concept of a Floor Rep is misconceived at the best of times. Theoretically they represent the "ordinary Union member," but more often represent themselves. This

A Felix correspondent argues the need to change Council

is inevitable and it should be accepted that no-one should be on council without a specific responsibility.

The Department reps could quite easily be taken off Council since the Academic Affairs Officer can be responsible for them.

The CCU Academic Affairs officers can be disregarded as an office altogether since they have been made redundant by the Union officer.

The Old Students' reps have no right to comment on the affairs of the Union and should not be on Council.

If these people are excluded from Council, the

number drops to about 20. This is highly desirable since it will curtail the powers of the Executive considerably.

Each CO is permitted to submit a certain number of motions to conference (IC are entitled to 6), and when the list of motions, called the 'Agenda' is published, C.O.'s are entitled to submit amendments to these motions. There are usually of the order of 100 motions... obviously far too many to discuss in the limited time available. (Motions, by the way, can be about just about anything—Education, Welfare International Affairs, etc., etc.) In order to cut down the

number of motions to a discussable level (usually 4!) a system of "Prioritisation" is used. Each CO has fifteen priority points, which it can put in any combination on the motions of its choice. For example, it could give 1 point of each of 15 motions, or 3 points to 3 motions and 6 to another, or put all 15 points on one motion—it doesn't matter as long as all the priority points are used up. When all the C.O.'s have submitted their priorities, all the points for each motion are added up, and the top four are put on the order paper for discussion. This time they are Grants, Housing, Representation and Autonomy. The rest

VOTE!

Presidential Elections again this week

The Presidential elections have come upon us yet again! This time, however, there are five possible candidates of all political leanings. The Manifestos which are printed on page 7 go into the candidates' opinions and Felix will not comment on their merits (or demerits). However, a slight clarification of the situation is necessary.

There are 3 Soc.Soc. candidates but the "official" one is John Lane. Adrian Smith is standing again and must be congratulated for persistence. The other two are of no fixed political bias and might succeed in identifying with a large percentage of students.

Remember the Hustings are on Thursday at 13.00 in the Great Hall and are well worth attending.

Elections are on the Friday and Monday in the JCR-Union Building and South-Side.

Now turn to page 7...

FRIDAY NEXT FOR 4 DAYS ONLY...

NUS take over Margate

Conference is the supreme governing body of the National Union of Students. It meets twice a year, once in November at Margate and again in April some where else (last year Birmingham, this year Exeter). Conference consists of delegates and observers from all the 'Constituent Organisations' (C.O.'s) of the NUS, the number of delegates being dependent on the number of students in the college or institution in question. These are (theoretically) elected by and from the students of the college at a UGM—this is the case at IC, but is not everywhere.

Next weekend sees the NUS Annual Conference at Margate... 32 hours of debating between the representatives of most colleges and educational institutions in the Country crammed into one weekend! The subjects talked about range from the sublime to the ridiculous, the standard of debating from highly responsible to utterly puerile.

What will the conference achieve? What does the NUS do for you, the students of Imperial College? Why have a national union at all? Does the NUS ameliorate or detract from the image of students generally? How representative is the NUS... and how representative of the NUS is conference?

These are some of the questions that are always asked about the NUS, and that we will be discussing over the next couple of weeks in "Felix." The conference will be covered in detail by Oliver Dowson and Ross McBeath for "Felix" in the December 5th issue... but a preliminary report will be rushed to the printers in time for next week's issue.

are put on a reserve list.

By the time all the amendments are added to the original motion, these motions get to be pretty big and unwieldy things. It's not unusual to start with a small motion with thirty or forty amendments to it, and it's not unreasonable to suppose that some of these amendments are pretty much the same as each other, and that some of them are non-contentious... i.e. the CO that put up the original motion agrees with them.

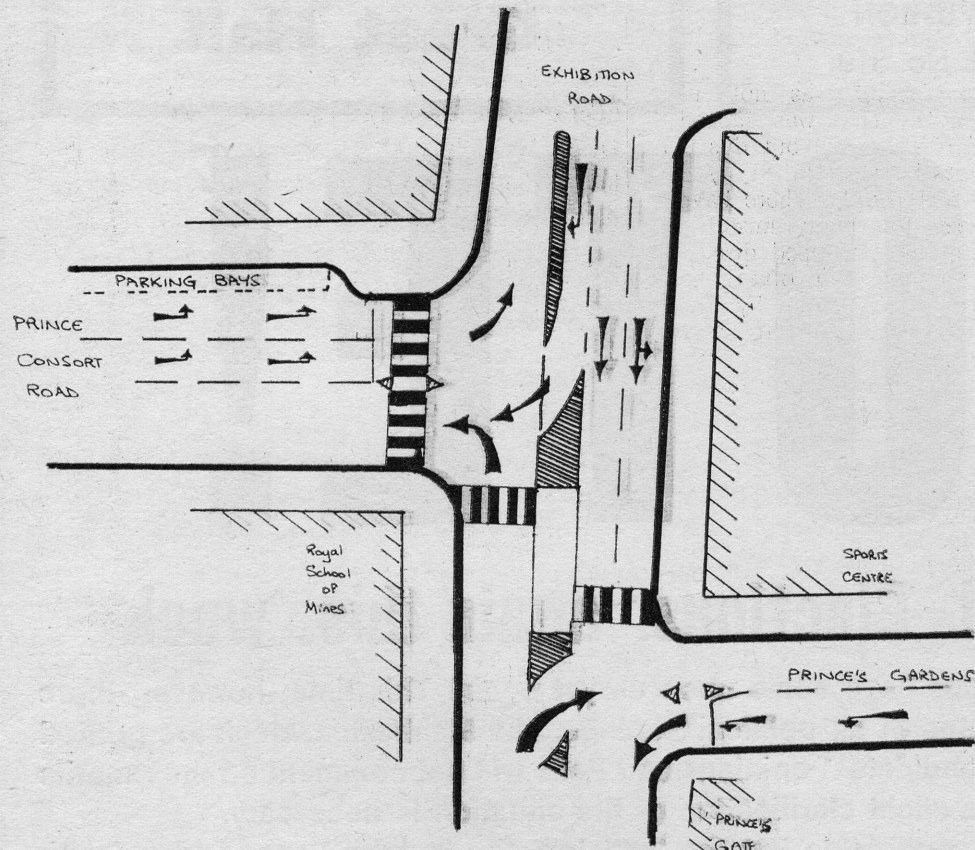
So, at conference, wonderful things called 'Compositing Sessions' are held with the intention and eventual result of boiling down motions so that you end up with a main motion with between 2 and 20 amendments tab-

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**Ents now
£1000 +
in black**

Ents made another profit on Saturday night — £170 — bringing their term's profit to over £1,000. Genesis, the group playing, topped their percentage base by nearly £200, taking £495 for their night's work.

Zebra in Exhibition Road



Zebra crossings across Exhibition Road and Prince Consort Road are to be introduced shortly. They will be light-controlled.

These are part of a new traffic plan for the junction of these roads which is shown in the plan below. As can be seen, the right turn facility from Prince Consort Road into Exhibition Road is curtailed also under this scheme.

Martin Black, Hon.

Secretary of the Union, told Council on Monday that the Domestic Bursar of the College, Carl Seaford, considers it necessary to additionally have a central refuge for pedestrians in Prince Consort Road directly opposite the college gates there. In a letter to the GLC Plan-

ning and Transportation Department Mr. Seaford said "In a peak ten-minute period an average of 480 people an hour crossed the road (i.e. one every seven-and-a-half seconds) during which time 824 vehicles an hour passed in both directions (one every four and a half seconds).

"The North and South pavements are about 50

NUS Conference Background

(continued from page 1.) led by groups of unions instead of individual ones. The wrangling over these takes many hours, and is organised by a lovable bunch of people called: "Steering Committee." It's quite normal for what was originally tabled as an amendment to come out as the main motion with the original motion as an amendment... and if you think that's confusing, well you have to see it in action to believe it! It comes as quite a surprise, having been to one of these compositing sessions to believe that anything can come of it all, let

alone agreement on common interests and beliefs... but something does.

Having got your composited motion, and the secretarial staff having run off 1,000 copies of it (that's how many people there are at conference) you can sit down, or rather stand up, and discuss it. The "discussions" are rather like Union General Meetings where everybody is a (generally either Communist or other extreme left-wing faction) 1st-class bureaucrat and super-constitutionalist (they know their constitution and standing orders upside down, in other words). There are speeches for speeches against, speeches on, summings-up, Chairman's rulings, Steering Committee's rulings, votes by show of cards, card votes, total and utter confusion... and out of the end drops a beautiful gift-wrapped piece of "Policy" to be added to the already n-inch thick Policy Document, which the NUS can rightly (?) claim to be the represen-

tative view of the British Student Body.

Since the NUS will be claiming and exclaiming throughout the press and media generally that what comes out of conference is what YOU are thinking and doing, you'd better be made wiser as to what DOES go on. So next week I'll be completing the background picture to how conference works, and the week after, conference being over, we'll be telling you what was decided, and how IC delegation voted on behalf of of you.

By the way, if you don't like the motions that have been sent in on your behalf (none of them will probably be discussed, by the way), you've only yourselves to blame. The Union Meeting to discuss them was inquorate. Come on Thursday and hear what the IC delegation plans to do at Margate... if you don't tell them how you think they should vote, they will use their initiative and it's up to you whether you trust them.

feet apart and it would, therefore, take a pedestrian about 8 seconds to cross at an unhurried pace.

"At peak periods there would always be one person either in the process of crossing the road or wishing to cross. As the vehicles in this road have a tendency to appear at fairly regular intervals rather than sporadically a pedestrian cannot normally complete a crossing without halting in the middle of the road—this does, of course, assume that the east and west flows are of the same order (as they appear to be) and this seems to suggest that we should have a central refuge to protect pedestrians at this otherwise very dangerous position on the road."

ED. SAYS:

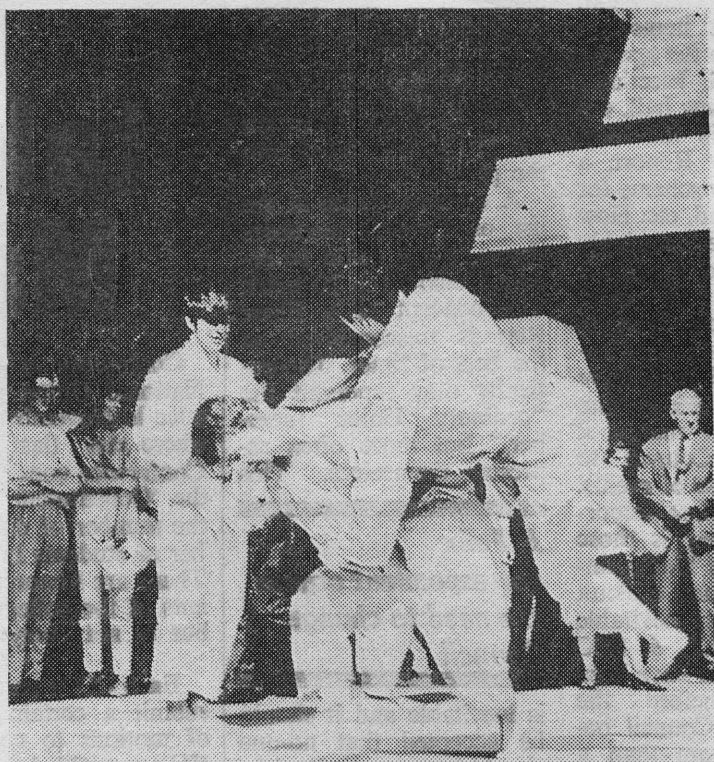
I've been wondering for quite some time why people curse me for never being in my office when, to the best of my knowledge, I'm in there quite a lot of the time. It has, however, suddenly come to light that these people have been trying to ring my office on internal 2881. Reason why you never get an answer—it's not connected. I am making moves to get the internal phone reconnected... until then, you can ring the office on PO extension 2229 (or, until they move the plethora of phones in the office, also on extension 2133 or direct line 581 1243).

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Felicity returns...

Ron, regular day-time messenger on the Beit Archway, is understandably pretty sore about the Union now. Last week he was ushered into the sanctum of Carl Seaford, Domestic Bursar, to hear that a letter had been sent "on behalf of the Union" complaining about him. According to Ron, the letter alleges just about everything against him except for murder and rape. Carl wouldn't tell him who wrote the letter, though, nor would he tell NUPE (Nat. Union of Public Employees—Ron's union) officials who went to see Seaford later in the week. The letter not only accused Ron of laziness, slovenliness and insolence, but even of "dirtiness"... and Ron considers it not only insulting but libellous. No-one in the Union office will admit to being the author of this epistle, but there are strong rumours... Meanwhile, Ron is going to be moved — and he's even sorer about that.

While hordes of fans invaded the Union office on Thursday, that mirror of hospitality and goodwill, Martin C. Black (B.Sc., ARCS, Esq., Hon. Secretary ICU) was away busying himself with entertaining 25 Russian students. Foisted upon him by the NUS as an early Christmas present, the "students" turned out to be the East European version of American tourists, resplendent with their cameras, tape recorders and balalaikas slung round their necks. "Spontaneously" exchanging gifts (a 100-rouble note for a Mines tie-pin), Mr. Alexei Zagreb Popovich, 73, an average "student" of the group, told a "Felicity" scout that he loved all of our filthy capitalist metropolisoliski" especially the Crown Jewels and the Cromwell Road branch of the Natzional Vestminster Bank. The "students" also thrilled to a Linstead Hall supper, especially the green beans which most of them left, thinking them to be cabbage. The student party has invited MCB to a return visit to their "college" in Siberia for a few years.

A prominent notice on one of the doors of the JCR onto the walkway reads "This door must be kept open at all times that people are in the room". It is not unusual to find the door still locked at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Are you a table football addict? City of London Polytechnic are organising an inter-collegiate table football competition, which ICU are entering. If you don't frequent the Union Bar, odds are you've never heard of the aforesaid competition — and unless you go there soon, you probably never will. ICU organiser is Brendan Clements, and all preliminary rounds must be held in the Union Bar... which sounds suspiciously like the idea of the member of the ICU exec. who has organised it (well, where else would you look for him of an evening?).

It's about time that Weeks Hall got their digits extracted. It's now the only hall not to have elected its Hall Committee for the year, which the Residence Regulations laid down by the College require it to do at the start of each session.

The Editor of Felix has been getting famous lately in the pages of our negligible rival, the RCS "Broadsheet". Perhaps the impressive thing about last week's issue was that none of the references to the aforesaid gentleman were derogatory. If you too were wondering where Mr. Dowson was for the first half of last week, informed sources (the man himself) tell us that he was recovering from illness contracted from a SRC meeting and Murray press conference in close succession. And if you were wondering why there are only 2,000 copies of Felix every week for 4,000 students, well, it's 'cos they cost money. Come to think of it, the extra £300 a year to print 4,000 copies per issue might be repaid by higher advertising rates (and make Felix the 3rd instead of 6th or 7th biggest student paper in the country). At the moment the 2,000 copies that are put on the news stands at 9 a.m. every Tuesday morning are completely gone by 2 that afternoon. Bears thinking about...

cefe

CEFE, the news-sheet produced by various members of Soc Soc, has been in existence for a number of years now. The gap in communications that was the original reason for the starting of CEFE still exists today and so it still performs an important role. This is best summarised in a brief explanation of the main aims of CEFE. The issues written about are both local and very general. The local issues such as student problems and actions in I.C., the problems faced by the workers in I.C. and the housing situation in Notting Hill are too small to merit publication outside the college but nevertheless are very important within it. In the wider aspect, issues that affect us all in one way or another are dealt with in the news-sheet. Since a number of individuals write the articles in CEFE different views are sometimes put forward on specific issues but this in no way detracts from the importance of CEFE. The crucial point is that the importance of the issues is clearly shown. CEFE also aims to present views which often do not get wide publicity in the mass media and to promote discussion on these points. When such views are presented then discussion can be made by people balancing two sides of an argument. The generally published line does not always have to be accepted.

In the "Opinion" column of Felix these aims can still actively be pursued. Important topics can be raised and general discussion on them promoted. Because of the wider circulation of 'Felix' it may be that this will be accomplished more effectively. If it is then Felix will begin to fulfil the only purpose with which it can justify its existence — that is as a means of communication for the students of I.C. Communication does not only involve letting students know what is going on (Watson) but also involves presenting views on important issues in order to promote discussion on these.

Up till now, we have been treated to the same lack of priorities, which has very effectively stifled all real communication, from both the editor of Felix and the secretary of I.C.U. The editor of Felix has even at times overstepped the limits of "wrong priorities" to attempt directly to stop discussion. Do you remember the call to "Abstain" at the last elections? It is possible that this was a mistake and the impression of a call

OPINION

THE EDITOR REGRETS that, because of his illness in the early part of last week, this issue of "Felix" is not exactly as scheduled. The UNION DIRECTORY, although now ready to print, has had to be held over because it could not be prepared in time for the printers to print the extra pages required. Felix's promised new look, too, is incomplete, although certain parts of it have been included in this issue. Because of various factors, the only broadsheet represented in our new "Opinion" page this week is CEFE: "Something" follows next week and after that, hopefully, the three constituent college broadsheets and "CEFE" and "Something" will alternate, the first three one week, the other two the next.

agenda is agreed at the beginning of the meeting. This would make sure that all the important issues receive full time for discussion.

During the election campaign last spring we heard many fine words about the communications amongst students more efficient. The weekly Felix, with a sabbatical editor, was to play a prominent part in this. So far we have found both MCB and the editor of

Felix doing exactly the opposite. In fact, both these people are actively trying to stifle communication.

The opinion page in Felix may be the beginning of a long haul towards the situation in which a weekly Felix could promote and add to the discussion at union meetings. In such a situation Felix would act as a complement to union meetings and would thus improve communications.



LIBRARIES HAVE CHANGED
SINCE 1941- VISIT THE
HALDANE LIBRARY

COLLEGE BLOCK, LEVEL 2

— books — newspapers — magazines — records —

Letters to the Editor

Vandalism and Rag

Honoured Sir,—I note with interest a statement in your worthy newspaper that an outbreak of vandalism on motor cars is to be anticipated: whitewashing and tyre deflation were mentioned. I further note the appearance of a small notice on some windscreens indicating that insurance against such outrages may be obtained.

As an owner of an old car I would like to make the following points. Whitewashing of my vehicle's coach painted bodywork is likely to cause minute scratches which will destroy the overall protective effect of the paint; the letting down of tyres leads to tube damage if the vehicle is allowed to remain with its weight on deflated tyres. Both of these activities would in any case mean a gross inconvenience.

Making some discreet enquiries I discovered that the rag is not unconnected with the above scheme.

When I help charities with money or services, I do so freely, without persuasion; furthermore I choose to which charities I shall make donations. The scheme proposed is abhorrent to the idea of generous and good willed giving; however much it may be treated as a joke, there will remain, in the back of people's minds, a threat. The agencies to benefit from rag would, I am sure, disapprove of this kind of assistance.

I remain,

your humble servant,

JOSIAH LILLYWALL.

Mines and Rag

Sir,—I am writing to you to draw to your attention the appalling state of affairs that exists in S.U.K. rag this year. It has come to my notice that I.C. is virtually the only college that has so far taken part in fund raising "activities".

Also it is obvious that the Royal School of Mines Union efforts provide the mainstay of I.C. rag (as always!).

Therefore I suggest that S.U.K. rag is disbanded and R.S.M. rag is substituted. In this way running costs will be less, and more money will be available for the charities.

I think that Mr. Paul Hoskin could be persuaded to take a course in "shaft sinking" prior to his marriage, and so become R.S.M. rag chairman!

I apologise for the above "crap" and wish S.U.K. rag the best of luck during rag week (especially Mines!).

I remain your

obedient "leftie",

A. T. W. PATRICK.

Pennies from Heaven

Sir,—It is to be welcomed that there is such a large range of modes of thought and behaviour in a college like this. It reflects the fact that students come from all manner of backgrounds and regions.

This is, however, no excuse for the kind of public behaviour exhibited by the sort of person that I have in mind; on the night of November 14 he was seen to be "spending a penny" — as one observer kindly put it — from the balcony on the south side of the Southside block over the railings to the street below.

Perhaps he and his friend Tony (probably both live somewhere in the bottom set of Halls in Southside) might consider that this action is anti-social and disgusting.

Yours faithfully,

D.A.S.

(Name and address
supplied)

Drumming up Support

Sir, — Could it be that the E nts publicity officer has a prejudice against Japanese drummers? Or perhaps without the incentive of a £400 profit he finds it difficult to arise in the mornings.

If any of your readers are confused by the above paragraph, perhaps we should belatedly advertise the fact that Stomu Yamashita, the Japanese drummer acclaimed by those who have been able to see and hear him to be a Master of his art, played here last week.

If anyone has now been confused by the second paragraph, let me clarify the matter. The aforementioned drummer undoubtedly played here on Tuesday, but as far as my knowledge of the matter goes there was not one single scrap of advertising anywhere in the college.

Agreed he's not a superstar, but some people would have been interested, had they but known. A little more effort would be appreciated.

Peace and love,

A. C. MILLER

(gentleman)

A. T. OSBORNE

Felix Diary

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

- 1300 STOIC Television Service: "Le Jamais Contente". A look at the development of electric vehicles, including work being carried out at I.C. JCR and Southside. PAPER DARTS ENDURANCE COMPETITION for Rag. See page 8.
- 1315 TARIQ ALL speaking on Vietnam and Indo-China. Elec Eng 408.
- 1330 THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRY ON THE ENVIRONMENT. GS (General Studies) lecture by N. A. Iliff (Deputy Chairman, Shell Chemicals (U.K.), Member of the Board of Environmental Resources; Governor of IC). Physics LT 1.
- THE ENGLISH SCENE. GS Lecture by Peter Cook (Member, Society of Industrial Artists and Designers). ME 542.
- THE BRITISH IN WORLD WAR II. Part 3: "War—the British Experience". GS lecture by J. B. Thole. ME 220.
- THE SYMPHONY. Part 7: "20th century Symphony". GS lecture by Michael Hurd. ME 342.
- 1740 RAILWAY SOCIETY "Narrow Gauge Railway Modelling" by D. A. Boreham. ME 664.
- 1745 WINE TASTING SOCIETY: Burgundy Area. Physics level 8.
- 1900 & 2100 RAG FILM NIGHT: "Soldier Blue". Great Hall.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

- 1300 TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION introductory talk. EE 606.
- 1430 RAG CHARIOT RACE starts Speakers' Corner.
- 1800 DRINK-A-PUB-DRY for Rag in QEC Bar.
- 1900 ART CLUB meets in RCA (Rear of Huxley Building). New members welcome (until 2100).
- 1930 FOLK CLUB presents FRASER BRUCE in Union.
- 2000 I.C. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT. Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave Overture", Beethoven's "Violin Concerto" and Cesar Franck's "Symphony in D Minor". Conductor: Andrew Stowell, Soloist: Michael Bochmann. Great Hall.

THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER

- 0930 RUTH GREGORY: Exhibition of Paintings and Watercolours (and daily until 15th December). Consort Gallery (Ante Room).
- 1300 I.C. UNION GENERAL MEETING to discuss Murray Report (starring Joy Clancy), NUS conference motions and not forgetting the HUSTINGS FOR PRESIDENT. Great Hall, admission free.

- 1315 STAMP CLUB. Civ Eng 412.
- 1330 THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT AND POLITICS. Lecture by Ian Mikardo, MP. ME 220.
- DESIGN FROM WILLIAM MORRIS TO THE BAUHAUS. 5: "Architecture or Revolution—Le Corbusier's Choice". GS lecture by Lawrence Burton. ME 542.
- LUNCH HOUR CONCERT: Christopher Herrick (Harpsichord) plays Bach's "Fantasia in C Minor" and "The Italian Concerto", Middletons "Contrasts" and William Byrd's "The Battell". L Library, 53 Prince's Gate.
- 1730 FELIX MEETING in Felix Office . . . everybody welcome.
- 1900 ELECTRONIC MUSIC GROUP. Technical meeting to discuss plans for building a synthesizer. Haldane Library.
- ART CLUB meets in RCA (as Wednesday).
- 2000 RCS SMOKING CONCERT, Union Concert Hall.

FRIDAY, 24th NOVEMBER

- ALL DAY Voting for ICU President. Ballot boxes in Southside entrance, JCR and Union. People to man boxes required—see MCB.
- 1300 STOIC TELEVISION SERVICE: Special Rag week edition of "Topic" (magazine programme). JCR and Southside.
- 1800 PEOPLE'S DISCO. Union Lower Refectory.
- 2030 C & G RAG BALL. Argent, Ellis, Biggles, John and Beverley Martin, Rainmaker and films. Advance tickets from C & G Union office. 110p.
- PATTO & CAPABILITY BROWN appear at ULU, Malet Street.

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

- 1130 RAG PROCESSION starts from QEC.
- 2000 STACKRIDGE + Disco T. Union Concert Hall, 50p door only.

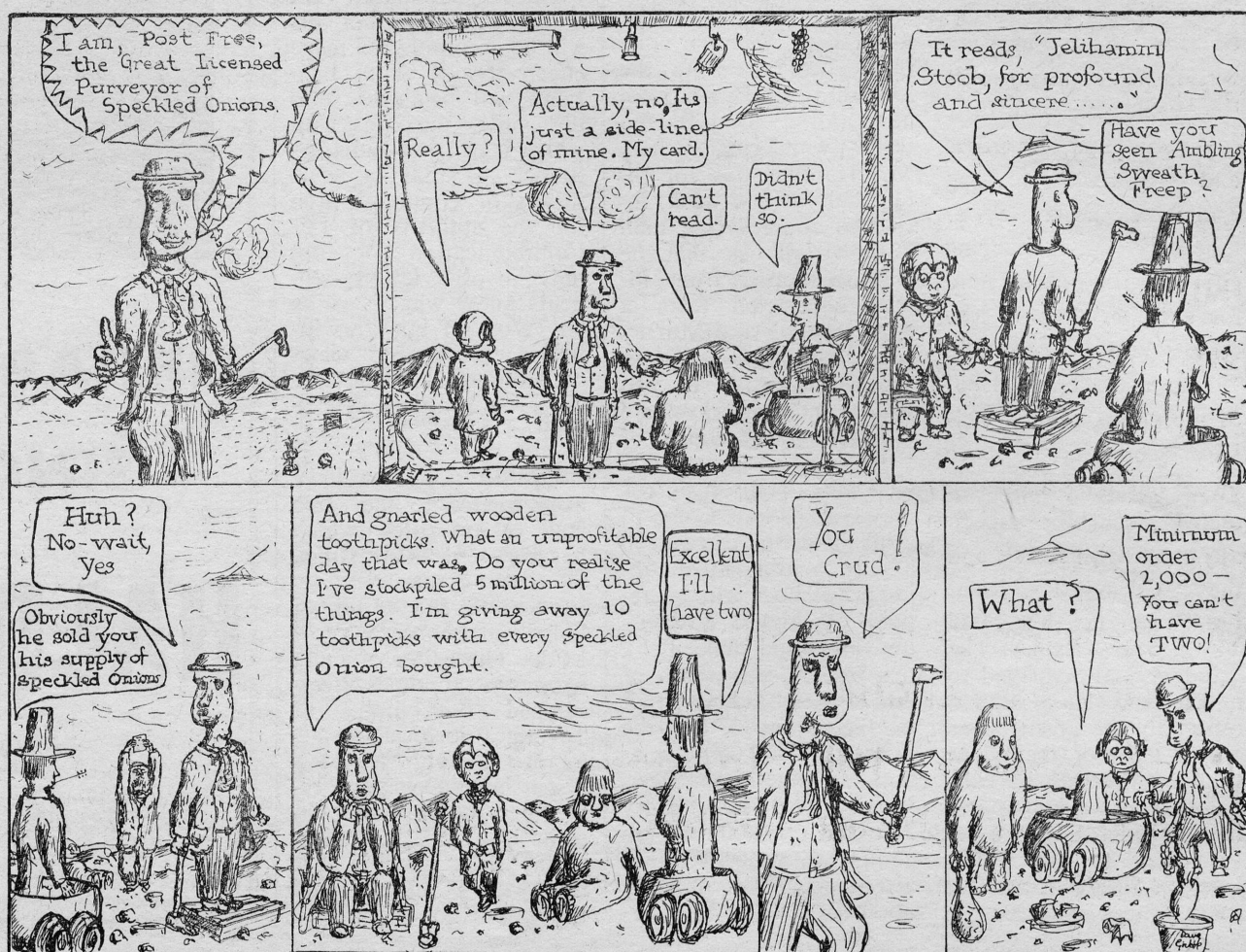
SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER

- 1400 SPONSORED WALK for Rag starts Maria Assumpta.

MONDAY, 27th NOVEMBER

- ALL DAY Voting for ICU President continues.
- 1230 FELIX meeting.
- 1930 WELLSOC: Electronic Music Demonstration by Peter Zinovieff. ME 220.
- 2000 CONCERT IN GREAT HALL "The Phlorescent Leech and Eddie" featuring Mark Volman and Howard Kaylan (ex-Mothers), 60p adv., 70p door.

The Landsnapper Sneeze



THE GREAT LAGER RIP-OFF

During the last few years lager has become a very popular drink with both sexes and even more before you buy your next one, we suggest you read this:

Have you seen the advert with the wild, barren, Scandinavian terrain, the lissom blonde and the rugged Mr. Sweden with his clear, sparkling pint and satiated leer? "From Britain's Norseland" goes the narrative, but do you know where Britain's Norseland is? That enigma of rural splendour is probably Wandsworth or Southwark or Burton-on-Trent . . .

One of the biggest con. tricks pushed through in recent years has been the advent and rapid expansion of the UK draught lager industry. Lagers with Scandinavian names like Carlsberg and Skol are now household names and consumers, believing that they are paying good money for the privilege of drinking strong, Continental brews, are the victims of a gigantic rip-off. What they are drinking is very English and is probably weaker than the keg bitter stood next to it — and that hasn't got much to say for itself, either.

In the UK we have six major brewing groups who, in the past few years have acquired many smaller breweries and now control the vast majority of outlets. These, besides each marketing their own

prestige keg bitter, also retail their own brand of English lager:—

Allied Breweries (Double Diamond) brew SKOL in the UK (Skol International is part of the Allied group).

Bass Charrington ('E') brew Carling Black Label.

Courage (Tavern) and **Scottish Newcastle** (Tartan) each retail Harp lager, which is brewed by Guinness.

Carlsberg is a famous Danish brewery, but the draught lager marketed in the UK is brewed by **Watney Mann** (Red).

The only true Continental draught lager marketed in the UK is Stella Artois. Stella is here on a reciprocal agreement between its Belgian brewers and **Whitbread** (Tankard) who sell Trophy bitter in Stella houses in Belgium. Even so, Stella is un-

common over here compared with Heineken, brewed under licence by Whitbread themselves.

Some smaller breweries also have their own brand-name lagers.

But the story doesn't end there. It's all very well having consumers who think that a weak English beer is a strong Continental lager. That helps to sell it, yes, but the breweries go further than that. **They make a profit which in many cases is approaching 200 per cent on cost price.** Not a bad return!

The college can buy a keg of lager at a price equivalent to about 11p a pint. (Fractionally greater than, say, Tartan at 10.5 pence). This price is obviously above cost, since the brewery must take a profit from it. Cost price could be about 9 pence, say, and with many pubs in Central London charging 25 pence or more for a pint, the profit margin is up into the 200 per cent mark. On top of this, the pubs where the price is highest are not the tenant houses but managed joints where the brewery reaps all the profit.

Even the bitter prices,

now approaching 20 pence a pint are pulling in profits well over 100 per cent of cost. And if Mooney, not renowned for efficient management, can make a profit out of Tartan at 13 pence a pint, then absolutely everyone can. Just think, before decimalisation, if you would have meekly handed over four bob for a pint of bitter and 5/6d for a pint of lager.

All of this points the finger at the big breweries who are all pulling in record profits (and Scottish-Newcastle gave the biggest donation of all industry to the Tory funds for the last election).

So next time you're handing over 26 pence for a pint of lager remember that Boots do a very nice, easy to make, home-brew kit making lager twice the strength for 4 pence a pint.

And bottled lager? You've noticed the light ale bottles are the same shape as the lagers — right! With the exception of Carlsberg Specials and odd others (the bottles give them away), they're from Britain's Norseland, too.

Martin Doughty

CONCERT REVIEW



Last Saturday about 1200 people were packed into the Great Hall when String Driven Things, a 4-piece, drummer-less, Scottish band, took the stage at 9.15. In the opening number, "Let Me Down", it was evident that the only English member, Graeme Smith, was no slouch on the electric violin. This was followed by "Then I Met the Lady", which was quite good despite the rhythm guitarist, Chris Adams, breaking one of his strings. Filling in with a shortened version of Dylan's "Just Like a Woman", they continued and despite the rather off-putting cries of Genesis from the crowd they finished well with "Jack Diamond", Chris and Pauline Adams harmonising nicely, with a lengthy piece on the violin in the middle. Colin Wilson played bass.

Later, Genesis played very well, though unfortunately the quieter pieces of their music was spoilt by a persistent buzz from the P.A. A cheer went up as lead vocalist and flautist, Peter Gabriel, announced "Watcher of the Skies", and a smile of satisfaction crept across his face. Otherwise he looked very sinister with his partly shaved head and dressed all in black.

This was followed by the short story of Uncle Henry, leading into "The Musical Box", then "Get 'Em Out by Friday" and "Supper's Ready", which was, perhaps, a little patchy, but was well received. In it Michael Rutherford played bass-pedals, 6 and 12-string guitars, and a rather powerful bass. Tony Banks played well, as always, on keyboards and 12-string, Steve Hackett was on electric and 12-string guitars, and Phil Collins, wearing only a pair of shorts, worked through an unusual number of cymbals, and other percussion instruments.

Last was "The Return of the Giant Hogweed", containing a well-timed flare and more prancing around by Peter Gabriel. The encore was a mere formality, as they returned to conclude with "Knife".

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Next, think up a show that uses up every nook and cranny of the building, a show created out of the synthesis of all the arts in some sort of attempt to homogenise the abstraction in their separate fields. So what would be the result? Solid state art? A perceptive totality? Why bother to describe what "might be"?

Here is a rapid breakdown of the ingredients and some of the things we might be doing: as well as the straight gallery shows by one group of artists, another might be given enough bread to create work in the building; with lights, with slides, with any material they wish, also with the sense that people are watching their work as it grows, that their brothers are beside them requiring props, effects, fanfares. Poems might be read among paintings, dancers might discover they are musicians — and you? How will you react when you walk into a building where a catalogue is simply a field of words? The leap from the recognisable into the indescribable is bound to frighten some, but say one imposes this limit on the artists; that within the wide arena of the show they may only approach people in the terms of their own art. Dancers shake hands but may not speak, musicians ring bells but may not move, poets make articulate the schemes of language whilst venturing no remarks, then fear of knowing and desire to tell may reach equal pitch.

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FELIX FINANCIALLY

Going Cheap...

Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education: in the elder, part of experience. Francis Bacon it was who penned that piece of wisdom. And even allowing for the fact that the world is a much smaller place these days, his sentiments are as true now as they were when he wrote them at the beginning of the 17th century.

But, call it education or experience, travel is big business these days—and getting bigger. It's been calculated that on any day, about three-quarters of a million people—that's equivalent to the population of, say, Lisbon — are travelling by air from one country to another. And that is big business.

The cheap package tour is a standard item today. The air charter business is growing and the fares to exotic places are getting progressively lower. The whole structure of expensive and rigidly controlled air fares is beginning to tumble, which means that even the most ambitious trips to faraway places are coming within the reach of everyone.

Any time now, the colour supplements, newspapers and television will be smothered in travel advertising. Felix Financially is going to jump the gun a bit and have a look at what is happening in the travel business.

For the expert view of the travel scene and what it holds for those who want to get away from it all, we went to talk to Mr. Brian Powell, managing director of Sundowners Travel, a large organisation specialising in overland transportation and air chartering operations.

Here's our report:

FELIX FINANCIALLY : We've all heard a lot in recent months about the coming of really cheap air travel, and that's of enormous interest to students. But is it all talk—or is it really going to happen?

POWELL: Yes, it's really

going to happen. At last — at long last — the stranglehold with which the major airlines have held air fares at an artificially high level has been broken, and cheap air travel is here. For example, one of our small airlines took deli-

FF: Good news indeed. How has it happened?

POWELL: In the past, the International Air Transport Association—IATA —has fixed all scheduled air fares, as well as laying down minimum and maximum standards of passenger comfort. It meant all airlines were exactly the same. Competition was eliminated and fares remained artificially high only because most scheduled flights fly little more than

half full. At the same time, the airlines did their best to ignore the real growth area in air travel—the air charter and package tour business.

But in the end, they got the message. Faced with falling payloads and the need to buy bigger and better aircraft just because everyone else was doing so, the airlines realised that the only way to operate economically was to make certain they flew with every seat sold. And that means the charter and package tour end of the business. They couldn't beat the little

sense, they've come full circle because it was they themselves who created the air charter business. When they bought new aircraft, they sold the old ones cheaply to the smaller fellows. Where the small fry once flew Dakotas, they now fly 707's. They offer luxury flying at cheap prices — and the public will always go for cheap fares.

FF: So cheap flying has become respectable. But aren't there still restrictions about how and when you can take cheap charter flights?

POWELL: Yes, there are.

Africa. But as yet, we're only on the brink of a travel revolution.

FF: But won't all this cheap travel attract the sharks — the kind of operator who might fly you somewhere and then leave you stranded? There seems to be a lot of them about.

POWELL: I agree that governments and the travel business have been deplorably slow to eliminate that kind of bucket-shop operator. But from January 1 next year, all these kind of people will have to be licensed and will have to prove they can do what they say they'll do. And that can only be good for everyone.

We've all been waiting a long time for these things to happen. There has been a lot of resistance to the concept of cheap air travel, a lot of argument and an incredible degree of short-sightedness. But it is happening now.

You can go to New York for thirty pounds if you're willing to take the chance of a seat and take your own sandwiches. If you want to book ahead, you can do it for £58 return. Compare that to the scheduled fare of £168. And that's only the beginning. Already a fare of £125 to Australia is being mooted and I think similar cheap flying is soon going to be available to anywhere in the world.

FF: So that's air travel. What about other ways of seeing the world?

POWELL: Going overland is cheaper still, of course. It's possible to get from London to Australia by going overland to Katmandu and flying from there via Bangkok and Singapore to Sydney — all for £289. A 42-day tour from London to Katmandu and back can be done for as little as £105, and that includes camping on the way.

In fact, I think the kind of overland tours we operate have helped pioneer all forms of cheap travel. And can go where the airlines can't go. For example, we can offer a six-week tour of Eastern Europe, including the whole of Russia, for £110, with combined camping and hotel accommodation en route. And now we've opened up the northern parts of Africa, too.

The thing is that seeing the world no longer has to be the prerogative of the wealthy. It's within the reach of everyone — and that means you.

Cash— and carrying it

If you're going to travel, what's the best way to take your spending money? The foreign manager of an international agency offered this advice.

Take traveller's cheques that offer replacement against loss. American Express and Cook's do this. Bank traveller's cheques do not.

If you don't want to pay the commission on cheques and prefer cash, you can take up to fifty pounds in foreign currency with you, so change your money into Swiss francs or German Deutschmarks before you leave. They're about the safest currencies.

And one other thing: It's well worth taking out medical insurance before you go. This is very cheap. To cover a six-week tour against accident, sickness, hospital costs, repatriation and luggage insurance will cost about £4. Considering the kind of trouble you might get into if you fall sick in some remote place, this type of insurance is a bargain.

fellows, so, inevitably, they have joined them. Some major airlines threatened to defy IATA, and from there, the whole edifice began to crumble.

FF: Why did they wait so long?

POWELL: As long as the scheduled operators could keep the cheap-flight charter business restricted, they were happy to keep their monopoly. Chartering cheap flights was hedged about with rules about affinity groups and the need to join some kind of club before you were entitled to fly. But what finally broke the monopoly was a two-fold development. First, the enormous and lucrative holiday package tour: and the coming of the Jumbo jet. Somehow, they had to fill their expanded seat capacity, and there was only one way to do it — sell them cheaply with block bookings, guaranteed weeks before the plane takes off.

Now, they're all into it — BOAC, Lufthansa and all the rest. In a

But that's being changed, too. From April 1, 1973, the whole business of having to join a club — even something as phoney as The Friends of Foster's Beer — will be discarded. You'll be able to go wherever you want providing you can pay the fare. You'll have to book three months in advance, of course, but I think even that will be reduced eventually.

FF: So the world's our oyster now, is it?

POWELL: I think so. Now that we've broken the old cartel, airlines are going to be falling over themselves to cash in on the tremendous urge to see the world. Mind you, they're still moving much too slowly. Personally, I'm appalled at the lack of imagination displayed. Far too many people in the business still think anywhere east of Athens is over the edge of the world. But sooner or later, they'll wake up to the fact that people now want to go further and further abroad, to places like Rangoon, Bangkok, Latin America and



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Candidates for the post of President were invited to submit manifestos not exceeding 600 words to "Felix" by a notice placed by the nominations list in the Union Lower Lounge.

We have received manifestos from four of the candidates, and they are reproduced here: Pete Gillett failed to deliver one to the Felix office by the prescribed time.

MORE SPORT

(from page 8)

water polo

I.C. water polo team had their first outing of the season on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th Nov. in the U.L. inter-college's tournament. They repeated their successes of the past two years in winning the competition by beating Barts Hospital 9-5 in the final despite giving them 4 goals start in the handicap. Two newcomers to the team this year, Paul Hindle and Andy Smith showed up well in this match, and in the semi-final against St. Thomas's getting three goals apiece in the tournament.

The second team were narrowly defeated by Barts in the quarter-finals by 5-3, showing promise for the future since most of our players had very little experience. However we will welcome any new members to the club and anyone wishing to join should come along to our practices on Mondays and Fridays at 7.00 p.m. at the swimming pool.

tiddlywinks

On Tuesday, November 14, U.C. fought their way through swamps, dark forests, foreboding mountains and The Underground to Southside, there to squidge-off against the Nottingham Forest of the Winks World—I.C.!!! They arrived expecting to slaughter us, but little did they realize the previously latent winking ability of I.C. winks. We ended the first round only 1 point behind, but this was soon rectified. As I.C. gathered momentum, we began to regain our form and lose by a greater margin. Last year's disastrous defeat of 1-111 was reduced to 49-63, through baffling the opposition by not knowing what we were doing.

In one game in the last round, we thrashed 7-0 the Yank and the sweetie who wanted to play with red and yellow winks "because they're such pretty colours." This was achieved by brilliant potting out in two goes, a tactic motivated either by the desire to show them what we are made of(!) or the thirst of our Charlady—oops, Chairlady, who was promptly seen to disappear into the bar.

I.C. won the last round convincingly and with dissent in the ranks, U.C. left, poor shadows of their former selves. We challenge them to play us again, if they dare.

Roll up, roll up, get your ego-trip here: Team: Helen Isaac, Bill Collett; Bob Douglas, Chris Cartledge; Mike Ixer, Glyn Jones; John James and Mark S. Omebody.

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MANIFESTOS

IAN
FARNELL

I believe Imperial College Union as it is, cannot last much longer. The days of the extremist are fast dying and with it I.C.U.

Student Unions at present are quite a strong force; but this force is not being directed properly. The power of the Student Unions should be used wholly for the benefit of the students (is not this why they were formed?) and not to harass everyone else.

At present I.C.U. is a political union; although it is not the job of the Union Executive to handle political and external affairs, they repeatedly appear to be doing so. Why then do we have an External Affairs Committee? The answer is: so that it can take the brunt of the load of external affairs from the President and to advise him only on matters relevant directly to I.C.U.

The President of I.C.U. should be non-political himself, yet be able to understand the views of everyone else and from them decide which is the best action in the particular case involved.

Accommodation at the college should be improved. At present a new hall is about to be built at Northside; this is a step in the right direction but with the price of flats and digs ever increasing, more space is needed immediately; the houses on Exhibition Road backing on the Prince's Gardens should be acquired whatever the cost and either pulled down in order to build a new hall on the site or converted to Student Houses. Apart from new buildings, some of the older residences should be renovated; the work on Student Houses is slow and when did Beit Hall last have an interior face lift?

Social life should be the main concern of the Union but it seems sadly neglected by the Executive. True the Deputy President runs the Union Building but who was the last President to take an interest in Rag while he was in office. Perhaps the apathetic view of the Union is reflected by the students; do they have much interest in Rag? ... I don't even think the Rag Committee has.

Isn't it possible that a President with a little verve and a social interest in I.C. could waken the place up, get more student participation in things for their enjoyment and less student action against everyone else. Cut out the minority sport of running the Union, let everyone run it; have a president that wants everyone to run it, a president that actually knows a few people, a president you can communicate with, a person with the good of the student at heart.

I shall strive (if and when elected) to improve the lot of the student at I.C. The only thing that I will fight every government for is a higher grant.

Yours Rightly and Leftily,

IAN FARNELL

(the man with the course down the middle)

JOHN
LANE

Last year thousands of students were involved in militant actions against the proposals of the Tory government to weaken student unions. They won wide support and eventually succeeded in forcing the temporary shelving of the Thatcher proposals.

If I.C. Union were typical, the Tories need not have bothered. Martin Black and the present leading figures in the CCUs are quite capable rendering the union impotent without any help from Ted Heath.

Of course, the reason the Union is so feeble is that it never takes any decision to fight for better conditions. Why? Because it never even discusses them. Anything in the least bit controversial is labelled "political" and swept under the carpet. This saves embarrassing anyone with a soft spot for the Conservative/Right-wing Labour consensus. Further, it leaves bureaucratically minded officers, with plenty of time to compile minutes, compile agendas and concoct plots for keeping Piers Corbyn off NUS delegations all, of course, life and death issues for IC students.

Politically-Demanding Bit

The "anti-political" argument is however fundamentally unsound. Issues like grants, housing and autonomy will bring us into conflict with the government, the business interests who back them and the press. Thus they are immediately and unavoidably political. To suggest otherwise is word-play.

Main Issues

The issues I believe this union should fight on are:—

Grants: (a) at least £100 on the grant now—to keep up with rising prices; (b) Full grant for all students—no dependence on parental income; (c) No introduction of loans instead of grants; (d) Post-grads to get the London allowance which under-grads get.

Housing: (a) launch an all-London campaign through NUS to force the DES to provide land and money for more halls and student houses at the same fees; (b) to attack the general problem of London housing, which affects students especially acutely in the form of extortionate rents for third-rate rooms.

Autonomy: (a) Resist Thatcher's proposals, if they are re-introduced, by massive student actions; (b) Remove any union rules which give College authorities any right to interfere with our decisions; (c) support colleges where attacks on union have been made by reactionary principals or vice-chancellors.

Representation: What gains have been made have been neutralised by the real decision-making powers moving to higher committees with no students or because our representatives haven't been accountable to union meetings. Representation would also be more important if we had something to say! An alternative policy for IC research and teaching should be proposed on the principle that science should serve the needs of the people and not be distorted and misused for profit.

Food: Mooney's catering is a perennial problem with no simple answer. It is also getting worse because the Government has decreed that Mooney must make a profit! Preconditions for improvements are (i) subsidies for refs; (ii) more grants for students; (iii) more and better-paid staff.

How to win? Success on grants and union autonomy campaigns requires a vigorously led, nationwide campaign through NUS. We should work to strengthen NUS especially at London region level. Support from other sections who are being attacked by the government especially the Trade Unions, will be a crucial factor which must be patiently built up.

The first essential is to arouse the students of IC around these demands. As a sabbatical president, I believe I can do this.

ADRIAN
SMITH

The main reason for standing again in these presidential elections is to fight to change the currents of opinion in the union which caused a re-election. Specifically this means the abstentionist view. To do this those issues most directly affecting students at the moment must be analysed, the links between these shown and also the methods of effective action that students can take. The last election campaign showed that these issues are Grants, Housing, and Autonomy. The autonomy that the student union has is of overriding importance since it controls how effective any action we take is on the other issues.

Grants:—two improvements in the grants system are urgently needed now. One is a rise in the total and the other a removal of the dependence upon parental contributions. The pay freeze that exists at the moment will be the first argument brought against these changes. This only highlights the clear perspective that students must have. It is only united workers action that is going to smash the freeze and it is only united student-worker action that is going to change the grant situation. This means that students must support any workers' action directed against the freeze and work towards workers' support of student action. Since we cannot expect big business to stop prices rising nor the token handful of civil servants it is imperative that we take action ourselves along with other workers. In college students can take the initiative by boycotting refectories if there are price rises. We must be clear though that the workers in the refectories do not suffer in order to keep our prices down. Neither workers nor students must accept responsibility for any increases. There are groups working outside of college to try and do this and they must be supported to make this practice general and therefore effective.

Housing: Students are finding the housing situation affecting them in two main ways. Those in hall find themselves paying for the cost of future buildings (when these do come we find them being built "on the cheap"—we need just look at Northside where again it will be the students that suffer). Those not in a hall are paying excessively high rents for poor accommodation. At the moment nine colleges in the country are on "rent strike". This is an essential first step and one should be organised here if there is any increase. These however must have a perspective of broadening such action outside the student field.

To help those students not in hall the union must support groups, such as the Notting Hill housing association and tenants associations that are working to change the situation. These must be supported because they clearly show where the responsibility for the housing situation lies and so are directing their efforts in support of those with housing difficulties and against the system and its laws.

The autonomy of the union is needed for students to organise these activities. At the moment there are no specific government attacks but this is no time for complacency. At the moment college authorities are attacking individual unions up and down the country. To defend our autonomy we must both defend these unions in struggle and use what autonomy we have. It has already been shown on the specific issues of grants and housing how our autonomy can best be used. That is in united action with the economic power of the working class. That means that in order to be of any good to students the union must take up a class line in all struggles.

WILLIAM
F. WOOD

I would like to thank Felix for this chance to present my manifesto to the students of I.C.

My name is Bill Wood. My policies and thoughts—which I will do my best to implement if I am elected—are these:

(1) I shall not lead the union members, they will lead me, and I will do my best to be a representative to you, on your behalf.

(2) The cliquishness of the exec. shall be broken down to an acceptable level. At the moment, the top end of the union is entombed in a rigid case, a situation which is obviously harmful and bad for those thousands outside the clan.

(3) C.C.U.s might try to restrict their roles to being entertainment facilities. At the moment they are taking matters, like that of the event at Stirling University, as their own concern, and taking damaging action on these matters. This should not really be part of their job, and I will try to discourage them thinking it is.

(4) The C.C.U.s also did much harm to I.C.U. by supporting very vigorously the idea that to abstain in the last presidential election would be fun. This was really quite wrong, because it swayed the voters into abstaining rather than just not vote, as they would probably have done.

(5) The functioning of the college and of union entertainments will continue as before—there is no reason to interfere. Various social and academic sub-committees, amenities are doing good, and need not be altered in any way by union action.

(6) Now the usual argument that I.C.U. will not be political in any way—connected with N.U.S., yes—but not political. I don't mind political extremists airing their views, but I object to them using their power, granted to them for one reason or another, to impress these views.

(7) My policies are not rigid—far from it—they will be altered if necessary by general desire or demand. In fact I hope that the union will act for the students in the way in which ALL of the students want it to. That is both postgrads and undergrads, including of course first years.

(8) I hope that this time there will not be a terrific wave of apathy in the voting, and that one of the candidates gets the job. I sincerely hope also that it is the best man for the job, for it is a post of very great responsibility.

(9) This is supposed to be a manifesto, but if I may have licence to say this to the first years—you can win the election, for there are around 800 of you. If you want a union president that will truly represent you, as well as the rest of the college, rather than just the top end, then it is within your power to have one. Thank you.

(10) I have tried to be mercifully short and straightforward in this rendering but if I haven't, I must apologise.

Felix has printed this word for word, mistakes included, so I must ask you to forgive the bad grammar and poor spelling.

My thanks again to Felix.

BILL WOODS

Elec. Eng. I

the sports page

football

KINGS DETHRONED (yet again)

At Harlington on Saturday the 11th November, I.C. opened their campaign to retain the U.L. Cup when they met King's College in the preliminary round (why the holders have to play a preliminary match is quite beyond me). This was the third year running that these teams had met each other in their first cup matches, and for the third time I.C. proved to be the better side. King's had made a good start to the season and must have been, one of the favourites, along with Imperial, to take the cup.

After winning the toss, I.C. played into a very strong wind for the first half. The early stages of the game were at a very slow pace and this seemed to suit King's, who had most of the early play. The I.C. defence was a bit shaky at first, and but for a fine save by Gerwyn Edwards, King's would have taken an early lead. However I.C. weathered this storm successfully and once the defence settled down the game became more even. On the left wing Pete Lonnen was clearly too fast for his full back and I.C. created a few chances this way but their only reward was several corner kicks. Towards the end of the half Billy Milne should have put I.C. one up when put through by Ronkill, however the score was still 0-0 at the end of an even first half. Mention should be made of Ian Pos, who did well to win most of the ball in the air for I.C.'s defence despite the swirling wind.

With the wind behind them in the second half, I.C.'s midfield began to give better service to their forwards who came close to scoring several times. Byron Smith was the first to try his luck, with a drive from 30 yards which the keeper didn't even see until it came back off the bar—just too far away for Johnny Kelly to reach. A free kick on the edge of King's penalty area gave Maurice Hastings a chance to show his shooting power, and produced a fine save from the King's keeper. Fifteen minutes into the half Billy Milne atoned for his earlier miss when he put a low shot into the corner of the net from twelve yards. This goal gave Imperial the confidence to go with their determination and for the first time in the match one side was now in control. From a well flighted corner, Ian Postlethwaite was unlucky not to score when he soared above everyone else only to see his header bounce off the bar into the keeper's hands.

The King's keeper seemed to be getting a little anxious about his defence's inability to keep the ball away from I.C.'s forwards, and this may have been in part the cause of his poor clearance from which Steve Bates beat the King's defender and drove the ball smartly into the far corner of the net from 25 yards—a really great goal. Within a few minutes of this, Maurice Hastings left the field with a thigh injury and was replaced by Steve Wells. Almost immediately King's pulled one back, although this might just have been coincidence. The King's goal was a well taken affair but all the same, some blame must attach to the I.C. defence for hesitation. King's newly found vigour did not last long for their keeper failed to hold a shot from Pete Lonnen and Billy Milne made it 3-1 from close range.

This was by far the best performance seen from Imperial this year and if they can only keep it up there must be a good chance of completing a hat-trick of cup wins at Motspur Park later this season.

Also on Saturday the seconds were surprisingly beaten 4-3 in the reserve cup by U.C. 3rds (at least that's who they claimed to be!). The 5ths, playing a man short against LSE 3rds went down 4-2. The 7ths had another close game with U.C. 7ths and for the second time they won, this time by 1-0.

Wednesday the 15th saw I.C. travelling to Collier's Wood to play Chelsea. This fixture last year had been a little one sided (8-1 to I.C.) but no one expected any easy game this time, and no one got one. Chelsea got off to a great start when, after 15 minutes some very weak tackling allowed their centre-forward to walk through the centre of the Imperial defence. This setback stirred I.C. into action but fate was not yet on their side, and neither was the Chelsea keeper who made good saves from Mick McConvey and Byron Smith (must mention him to get picked for Wednesday). I.C. had most of the play for the rest of the half although the Chelsea keeper's big (wind-assisted) kick did cause trouble from time to time.

In the second half I.C. struck quickly. Pete Lonnen made a good run down the left and his hard hit cross well left by Billy Milne allowing Mick McConvey to hammer home the equaliser. Almost immediately Steve

Bates ran onto a through ball (from whom, I forget) and in the ensuing collision he laid out the right back and the goalkeeper. Oh yes!—he scored as well. Now 2-1 up I.C. relaxed a little and Chelsea began to come back into the game. Just as it seemed that they might gain the upper foot, Ron Kill did his, rarely-seen, impression of Terry Cooper for 50 yards down the left wing before drawing the keeper and slipping the ball inside to Billy Milne who scored with little trouble from 3 yards. Now 3-1 up I.C. relaxed even further and Chelsea pulled one back when slack marking of the right let their No. 10 in to score from close range. Gerwyn Edwards was nowhere near to saving it, but no-one else would have been either so we'll let him off this time.

Also at Collier's Wood, the 2nds found themselves a goal down early on. Obviously Chelsea would have to pay for daring to score so early, and in the ensuing 7-1 thrashing they received, Pete Willey took his total this year to 13 by grabbing a hat-trick.

The 3rds having made a flying start to the season, with 7 points from 4 games and another 2 pts with a good win over a strong King's 2nd team. King's scored first, again this was after some slack marking in defence, but the 3rds fought back strongly and eventually forced the opposition to concede an own goal. The second half saw more pressure on the King's goal and Russ Smith's hard work was rewarded when he scored after coming close twice before. King's tried to come back after this but the 3rd fought them off well to win by 2-1.

The 6th team, playing the side which was picked for the first time this season, showed their true potential after finding themselves a goal down against King's 4ths. Just as Chelsea 2nds paid for their affrontery so did King's. The annihilation which followed gave Mick Whitfield and Brian Causey hat-tricks, and although King's scored a disputed goal, the result was 11-2 to I.C. 6th, which is the biggest score by any I.C. team this year.

R. KILL

hockey

On a very cold afternoon at Harlington the I.C. cup side had a simple passage into the second round of the U.L. Cup by beating Royal Free 5-2.

From the start Royal Free were under almost continual pressure but most of the attacks broke down around the 25-yard line. In fact, it took ten minutes before the first goal came from John Schofield, converting a cross from Dick Whittington. Soon after John Schofield added the second and I.C. became totally disinterested in the game.

Allowed to attack, the spirited running of Royal Free produced a few anxious moments around the home D and they eventually scored from a short corner that flew just inside the post. I.C. were again allowed to attack at will which resulted in Iki Kullar adding number three a few minutes before half-time.

The second half was one big drag lasting for about an hour—or so it seemed. I.C. managed to score two more from Iki Kullar—a penalty flick—and Jaz Missan, whilst Royal Free were presented with the weekly gift-goal.

A very scrappy game easily won by I.C. but concern must be shown for the number of chances missed, lack of cohesion in attack and the complacency in defence.

TEAM:— S. Boulton, G. Popple, D. Browne, D. Richman, J. Missan, C. Gaukroger, D. Whittington, S. Tucker, I. Kullar, J. Schofield, J. Astley.

On Saturday I.C. 2nd XI crawled to a 4-1 win over QMC 2nds. Within three minutes, C. Gaukroger, making a rare guest appearance, put one in the net. Unfortunately, for the rest of the match, he had great difficulty keeping his feet. Towards the end of the first half Colin Dyer finished a fine run down the left wing with a shot which made it 2-0. During the second half Dave Neal scored two excellent individual goals while the defence managed, in an incredible mix-up, to let one in.

On the same day 1st XI went down 2-1 to QMC—Jaz Gahir scoring—whilst the 3rd XI lost to Woking by the same score—a report next week please.

MIXED HOCKEY

On Sunday 12th November, I.C. mixed XI paid their annual visit to Guinness. Before the serious business could begin, the hockey match was played in abysmal conditions and eventually ended in a 1-1 draw.

With Wonder Boy in goal, I.C. wisely contrived to keep the ball in the opposition's half and Sid Boulton

even managed to score after about ten minutes of play. However, the superior player-power of Guinness caused, on a few occasions, some concern inside I.C.'s 25, but with a little luck, the goal was kept intact until half-time.

The second half was much the same as the first with both sides going very close on occasions. Terry O'Sullivan eventually beat the apprentice I.C. goalkeeper with a close-range scoop to even the score.

After the match the celebrations continued well into the night: during which time Guinness—and a few from I.C.—were taught such games as fizz-buzz and clap-clap with signs and numbers. Special mentions here for Brian's lack of counting ability, Hazel's preoccupation with getting the chairman sloshed and, in particular, Janet Peacock's sign.

Without doubts this was one of the social games of the season, so I extend thanks to Guinness, including Hazel, Brian, Terry, Charles, Sue and Bernie, and the I.C. side: Dave, Mick, Pop, Bob, Helen, Janet, Tim, Linda and John, and especially to the Guinness lady who played for I.C., but whose name I have forgotten.

LADIES' HOCKEY

Wednesday, 15th November was indeed a beautiful day for I.C. Ladies Hockey. The sun shone at Harlington (and in a few other places, for that matter), and we had a full team for about the first time this season. Our thanks are due to Christine Brown (of I.C.W.A. fame) who made a welcome return to the game and for a guest appearance by Hilary Yates, the netball captain.

For this was no ordinary match! This was a CUP MATCH! Eleven, eager I.C.W.S.C. Ladies, complete with an umpire (it must have been a special occasion since we don't normally have one) met to do battle with University College Hospital in the first round of the Cup.

An additional boost to the general air of enthusiasm was received when it was learnt that UCH were one player short.

I.C., therefore, were the stronger team from the start and used their eleven players to full advantage. Hilary Rowson, sorry, Adams (Left Inner) soon opened the scoring after a mistake by the UCH defence and Lynne Beynon (Centre Forward), playing in typical good form, then made it 2-0. Towards the end of the first half, Chris Brown (Right Wing) scored from a corner.

UCH started the second half in determined manner but IC defence was never seriously threatened, dealing confidently with any attacks. That most of the play was in the UCH half can be verified by the great number of corners in favour of IC and the fact that Jacqui Buzzard (Goalkeeper), nearly froze through inactivity during the match. Anne Purvis (Centre Half) eventually succeeded in scoring the goal that had eluded her in the first half, thus making the final score: IC 4, UCH 0.

TEAM: Chris Brown, Hilary Yates, Lynne Beynon, Hilary Adams, Geraldine Bowden, Mary Hill, Anne Purvis, Shirley Fairweather, Jane Purvis, Janet Manfield (captain), Jacqui Buzzard.

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