



**£5,000  
INCREASE  
IN  
UNION  
FUNDS**

The Finance and Expenditure Committee of the College have agreed to a £5,000 rise in the Union grant for next year. At present the Union gets a per capita grant of £8, which aggregates to £33,000. Annual union expenditure is at present of the order of £41,000, the difference being made good by income from the bookshop and union investments (all in British Savings Bonds).

The Committee has given a generous rise of £100 on the Union's demand for £4,900. But news this week throws a shadow of doubt on whether or not the £5,000 will be forthcoming.

**GOVERNMENT  
BLOCK**

Queen Mary College and Royal Holloway College Unions both colleges within the University of London, also put in for Union fee increases this term.

However, the colleges referred the increases to the Universities Grants Committee, for guidance on how the freeze would affect their paying an increase to the Union. The UGC controls the flow of all money to universities and university colleges. They in turn referred the matter to the Government, who have indicated that the freeze also applies here.

The UGC have thus blocked the increases, and it is likely that a circular will be sent to all universities in the course of the next few weeks advising them not to pay increased Union fees for next session until the conditions of Phase III are announced.

This news came as a surprise to IC Union offices on Sunday, and no mention has apparently been made by the college authorities of any restrictions on paying the £5,000.

**'WHERE ARE  
OUR  
RAG MAGS?'**  
**FELIX Editor censured—  
but resignation bid fails**

Oliver Dowson, Editor of FELIX, was "severely censured" for "his part in the printing of the rag mags" at last Monday's I.C. Union Council Meeting. The censure motion followed discussion of a paper prepared by Chemistry Department representative and Rag Mag editor Michael Williams.

An amendment, tabled by Paul Jowitt, Deputy President of I.C. Union calling for Mr. Dowson's resignation as FELIX editor over the issue was defeated, but not before Mr. Jowitt had succeeded in dragging numerous parts of Mr. Dowson's private life into the argument. Many at the meeting delighted in these exposes, as Mr. Dowson willingly replied to all the allegations.

Council also mandated Mr. Dowson to print the "discussion document" containing allegations against himself on the front page of this issue of Felix. Many further allegations, including charges of corruption, bribery and dishonesty were levelled against Mr. Dowson at the meeting.

Mr. Dowson told a Felix reporter after the meeting that the majority of the allegations were "complete fabrications". He said that he had been expecting a censure motion all year "as any sabbatical officer—especially in the first year of a new sabbatical post — probably does" but more for his handling of FELIX, "especially political issues" than for this.

"It can only be described as a witchhunt," he said. "Some members of Council, eager to injure me in any way possible, seized upon this opportunity to implicate me as having made nefarious deals that served to injure the Union, and to pry out many details of my private life that are no concern of theirs".

Paul Jowitt, in a letter 'apologising' to Mr. Dowson the next day, describ-

ed the meeting as a "barbaric ordeal". In conversation he asked Mr. Dowson to appreciate the "necessity" of his actions.

Talking to FELIX, Mr. Dowson said that he had expected and knew that certain facts would have to be discussed at some time. "But I fail to see the necessity of discussing certain of the matters touched on, certainly not at an open Council meeting."

Mr. Dowson said that the action of Council, of whom the Publications Board is a sub-committee, in mandating him to publish a self-defamatory document, placed him in "an invidious position".

He was dubious about the second part of the motion, which required him to print "something" in this issue of FELIX "to make the facts as plain as possible". Council subsequently decided that "something" should be done about the document

below which was discussed at the meeting. "A document which in my opinion misrepresents the facts, and only presents them from one angle, can hardly be termed as 'something' which makes the facts as plain as possible", said Mr. Dowson, "especially when its allegations are potentially libellous".

He did however state that, by comparison with the allegations in the document, those made at the meeting were quite ludicrous. He specifically referred to the arguments used by Mr. Jowitt in his call for his resignation.

"The suggestion that I 'rigged' the printing contract for FELIX with the printers in order to gain financial reward for myself is absolutely untrue. It is a shocking allegation to make. Action of this nature on my part would constitute fraud" he went on.

The only commission he received on print he had got for ICU was on some Ents Committee posters, he said, and this had been passed on to the Union.

The discussion document which specifically refers to Mr. Dowson's alleged mishandling of the printing of the rag mags, is reproduced below.

DISCUSSION PROPOSED  
by Mike J. L. Williams

SUBJECT:

Ollie Dowson and his handling of the Rag Mags.

It is with regret that I bring this topic to the attention of Council. Too many times in the past year I've given Dowson the benefit of the doubt but now the ridiculous state of affairs concerning the Rag Mags simply CANNOT go on any longer.

The job of editing the Rag Mag was given to me and Mr. M. Moloney in June last year. By the end of the first two weeks of the next session, the Rag Mag was complete. Dowson had already been approached by my co-editor in June so it was just a matter of seeing him, ironing out minor problems and getting it printed. This was done exactly one week later. It was now three weeks into the session and our job was completed. The jokes and written material now only had to be typed out and sent to the printers, which Dowson cheerfully offered to do. As far as we were concerned, the Rag Mags would arrive in about three weeks time (six weeks into the term). So far so good. But then came a set back.

It appears that Dowson fell ill and couldn't type the material out in time to get it to the printers (he omitted to inform anyone about his illness). The printers received the copy three days late by which time, it appears, they had received an H.M.S.O. contract for six million copies of the highway code.

A long delay was naturally expected and so Dowson was persuaded to change the printers to Roneo Vickers where the man concerned was Mr. Tony Rogers. Mr. Rogers received only a small part of the Rag Mag with no written material, although Dowson led people to believe that he had received all the copy and would print in a few weeks. By now it was the end of term and many people were understandably very upset at the non-arrival of the Rag Mags. But surely, I thought, if Dowson had been telling the truth, the Rag Mags (now ostensibly in the hands of Mr. Rogers) would arrive by the beginning of the 2nd term.

The 2nd term arrived and no Rag Mags did. It was at this point Dowson's blatant unco-operation was becoming very noticeable.

I continually pressed, badgered and pleaded with Dowson about the Rag Mags. I always got the same reply: "Just give it a few weeks and they'll turn up. I'll give Mr. Rogers a ring sometime and see what the hold-up is". This dialogue occurred many, many times throughout the second term.

In a last-ditch effort to get Dowson moving, I threatened him with exposure to the 'Daily Express' Action Line. (It is perhaps fortunate that Dowson doesn't read the 'Express' because the Action Line department hasn't been functioning for some time now). Still, it got Dowson moving. He contacted Tony Rogers and later gave me the explanation that there had been some sort of mix-up and Tony Rogers was apparently still waiting for the rest of the written material which Dowson had omitted to send him. Dowson thus admitted having some (if not all) of the written material still in his possession. Dowson assured me that he would type out the rest of it (thus admitting that there was still some typing to do — even after previous assurances of the imminent arrival of the Rag Mags). It was at the next to last I.C.U. Council of the 2nd term that Dowson told me that he had finally sent in the last lot of typed out material to Tony Rogers.

At last! At last! I thought, it's finally happened. But that assurance turned out to be as worthless as the rest. At the end of the 2nd term, still nothing had happened.

It was now the Easter vacation, which, unsurprisingly, Dowson spent in Ireland where I could not reach him. So using the phone number I had managed to squeeze out of him (he was extremely reluctant to give it) I eventually contacted Mr. Tony Rogers. I say "eventually" because the number only connected me to Roneo Vickers main office. I obtained Mr. Rogers' correct phone number by writing him a letter c/o that main office. In that letter I asked him why no Rag Mags had arrived. He replied by phone that he STILL hadn't received the final material from Dowson. He said that he, also, had had great difficulty in contacting Dowson and expressed a feeling of contempt for the attitude of our Felix editor in his business methods.

So we approach the end of this saga of frustrated attempts to obtain a Rag Mag. I asked Tony Rogers to send me all that he had of the copy in the hope that if there was only a few things missing, I could supplement it, return it, and finally get a Rag Mag. The sole contents of the folder he sent me was:

the cover, the route map, a few pin-ups (obtained from the offices of the Daily Mirror) and a few notes on printing specifications. Missing were:

all the jokes, cartoons, the crossword, photographs, artwork, features, advertisements and credits.

On Monday 8th May I saw Dowson in the I.C. Union office where I asked him where the rest of the copy was. He said that he still had it at home. I asked him to bring it in the following day and he agreed to do this. At the time of writing he still hasn't.

In conclusion I'd like to refer to the last Council meeting (Min. No. 998) where Dowson said that he would do all in his power to get the Rag Mags here knowing all along that they couldn't possibly come while he still had most of the copy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:  
i I.C.U. Council severely censures Mr. O. F. Dowson, for his part in the handling of the printing of the Rag Mags.  
ii I.C.U. Council mandates the Editor of Felix to print something in the next available edition to make the facts as plain as possible (The "something" referred to should be discussed by Council).

MIKE J. L. WILLIAMS  
Chemistry Department Rep.  
SUK/IC Rag Mag Editor

# Letters to the Editor

Sir,

It was with the deepest feeling of regret that I read the tale of the sad demise of Mr. Ron Appleby and his missing 400 copies of Broad-sheet ghosted away during the night. The very thought of such a perversion of literary genius makes my eyes fill with tears and my breast heave with sorrow. And as I stop to wring out my shirt may I offer him my sincere condolences.

Unfortunately being away from college on the night concerned I cannot offer any light as to who were the perpetrators of this dastardly crime but I suggest Mr. Applepie should cheer up. After all he should feel heartened that in at least one fan of Broad-sheet who is not only content with his quota of 1 copy but wants the whole satisfaction of 400! (a potential £4.00 worth—rotten jews). It is remarkable Mr. Applepie has not called in the police to investigate this rotten felony. Is he hiding something? Is he covering up? Could our introverted friend in a sudden fit of puritanical frenzy have flung the whole damn lot down the College incinerator.

We must wait and see if these call-girls mean the downfall of our esteemed editorial colleague after such an admission of incompetence. After all Guildsheet has no distribution problems with its 700 plus fun-filled copies: even complete with full frontal covers.

Which reminds me Mr. Dowson; what about the distribution of your glor-

ious Felix. In days of yore when I arrived for first lecture on a Tuesday there used to be a pile of mint Felixes (or is it Felices) waiting for me. Now not even coming into lectures at all I can scarcely find a copy of Felix anywhere anytime on the appointed Tuesdays. Is this Sabbatical efficiency?

Yours sincerely,

Charles M. Wrigley  
Editor, Guildsheet.

Sir,

Whilst in the union office recently, I happened on a copy of SENNET. This is, of course, the Journal of the University of London Union. I was immediately struck by the finely set out columns, the quality and number of its illustrations, the superb nature of its up to date and extremely relevant news-reports, all with perceptive and witty editorial comment. The sports page, to which I do not usually cast my eyes in the National Dailies, attracted me immediately. The contributors would do justice to the back pages of the Observer. I wondered who could it be that was architecting such a literary pearl.

Investigation as to the identity of this Beaverbrook of Malet Street revealed that the post was being filled on a part time basis by a person who is registered at this college. Surely I thought such Talent could work wonders as editor of our humble Organ, FELIX. Could we not provide him with a sabbatical allowance and, giving him a free hand, sit back and enjoy the benefits of his

efforts. In my estimation, considering the nature of his achievements on SENNET, a mere three hours, per issue, of his time should be sufficient. He would then be free to do whatever he wanted. Perhaps edit the Times, or Punch or perhaps squeeze his black-heads.

Should anyone wish to make the Sennet editor an offer, he can be contacted in the Felix Office. Just ask for Olly Dowson.

Yours,

R. L. Lolley (Tariq)

Sir,

Following the recent trend of Felix (editor) bashing I would like to propose some constructive ideas as to how the union may obtain value for money both from Felix and the 3rd sabbatical officer (Felix editor).

I would like to see the post of Felix editor and publicity officer combined and elevated to executive level. This would I believe mean that the editor has a more detailed knowledge of what is happening in this college and thus help promote events. Felix then might even carry up to date reports, pictures and news. I believe that this would enable the less active members of the union to identify themselves with a union which does, despite its lack of publicity, have one hell of a lot going on.

I have specified that the editor should have executive level responsibility to try to elimin-

ate the alienation which has occurred this year between the editor and union. The exec must work as a team on Felix because it is THEIR newspaper to represent the activities and interests of the union. It could also eliminate problems such as responsibility for distribution so that the wretched rag does not lie around the union office for days, as happened to the last issue.

Finally I would like to emphasise that it is the responsibility of clubs and societies to send reports to Felix, and the editor should devote more time to chasing such news, rather than obtaining the more obscure type of articles we have seen this year.

Malcolm Newman

P.S. — Congratulations Mr. (broadsheet) Appleby on publically admitting that rcs exec are 'exceedingly childish' (Felix No. 336).

\* The Editor will be giving his own views on how the FELIX editorship should be run in the next issue, which will be the last this year.

Dear Sir,

In the name of Christianity, Mr. Veall has shown the Church is bent. He has shown nothing bent about Christianity.

In the name of Marxism, it is obvious that Russia et al is not exactly straight. Nothing has been shown "not straight" about Marxism.

As a follower of neither doctrines, and having little faith in either, may I wish upon both, an adaptation of an old showbiz expression:— "Kindly leave the page".

Yours faithfully,  
P. W. Jowitt.

## JOHN LANE President's Piece

### PRICES

Although Friday's Finance and Executive Committee's of IC's Governing Body heard a recommendation from the Secretary of the College Mr. Davies for a 5 per cent increase in Refectory prices, the final decision will not be taken until the full meeting of Governors at the end of June. The Union observers put the case for no increase arguing that the £20 additional increase in grant cannot be regarded as an excuse for allowing further inflation. Since all colleges and universities are faced with similar deficits if they refuse to put up prices and deliberately breach the U.G.C. (i.e. Government) regulations then the Government will have to give way and either subsidise refectories or better still increase grants to such a level that we can afford the economic price for a meal. Apparently the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals are considering some joint action but whether it is the sort of firm stand that we have asked for is another matter.

On the brighter side the increases would not take place until the beginning of next session when it would be easier to mount some resistance to them whereas at the beginning of August this would be well-nigh impossible.

### VACATION FIELD COURSES

Over the last few months the union has made representations to the College about the financial hardship incurred by students having field courses during their vacations. A typical Geology student might lose £110 because hotel bills are around £3 a night while the subsistence grant is only £1.20 (£200 in potential earnings in vacation over 3 years).

The Rector's reaction was to circularise Heads of Departments with guidance that where possible they should take all financial arrangements for travel, board and lodgings out of students' hands so that no hardship should arise. If this was not possible the previous situation would apply. At first sight a substantial victory but would the finance be available?

The money available would increase from £24,000, the U.G.Cs. amount to £30,000 but, what if this was not enough? The departments could claim that for financial reasons it was not "possible" to make all the arrangements themselves, and the students would be left exactly as before. At Friday's F&E meeting the Rector did give some assurances. Departments can take money from other sources to supplement the money earmarked for field courses. Also the Rector did believe that there would be no hardship this summer and if there was going to be any he wanted to know. We have proposed that the sum allocated should be based on a survey of field course needs rather than an arbitrary figure but in the short term if you are going to be left out of pocket because of a field course get onto your Departmental Rep. or myself, now.

### INSURANCE

Next session if you have an accident in College you will have automatic insurance cover. This has arisen from representations to the College from the P/G Committee about this issue. The final details have not yet been settled but a typical policy covering both post and under graduates might give £1000 for death or loss of limb or eyes, or £10 per week for 2 years for a less permanent injury.

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VICE like Drinking. Despite authoritative reports that that obnoxious liquid — TEA — is a poison of the soul of the first degree, few IC people fail to get "hooked" on it.

VICE like Pedestrianism. Shock outcome of a preliminary report by FEELSICK researchers show that 99.8 per cent of IC

vice-lovers cross the road at least ONCE A DAY.

★ AND YET THERE IS WORSE TO COME ! ★

FEELSICK Inspite Team reporters have caught up with the leaders of a call-girl racket in Improbable College.

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and breathe the codeword—CEFE—down the mouthpiece.

Now beautiful, voluptuous SINIA HOCHAYEINTHENOO, former agent of this sinister organisation, has come out into the open, to reveal her all to FEELSICK readers on page 94. Meanwhile, her reminiscences appear overleaf . . .

*"I gleaned exam questions from sexy profs"*

**SINIA TELLS YOU HOW ——— OVER THE PAGE**

# I.C. Profs leaked exam results in international South Ken call-girl scandal

FEELSICK reporters have uncovered an unbelievable international sex, drugs and exams vice scandal in Improbable College, South Ken-swindle.

I.C. professors have been revealing questions in the forthcoming I.C. examinations to call-girls, writes Sinia Hoch-ayen'thenoo. A sinister group of call-girls calling themselves Crass Prostitutes of Brixton (Mostly Lesbians) — commonly shortened to CPB(ML) — have been offering their services to I.C. professors and senior lecturers.

They have had especial success in enticing Emetical Engineering staff to their "personal tutorials". The E.E. department is well-known for its strong belief in Associated Studies, and the professors have been keenly subscribing to the French lessons that the CPB(ML) offers.

The organisation caters for the staff of every department of Improbable College. A new group who operate in plastic imitation suede and leather garments is having great success with Chimpistry profs.

Once the CPB(ML) Call-Girls have seduced the profs, they use techniques acquired of their special training school in Albania to extract top-secret classified examination questions from the profs.

I traced the heirarchy of the organisation back to "Madame", the ruthless, fearless Godmother of the CPB(ML).

Her name is Madame Shillong. She operates from a stunning, awe-inspiring and quite frightfully ghastly neo-

Betjeman residence in King's Stile, W.S. 007½. Her telephone number is 999 5111, and her codename is "Emergency". You'll find it in every telephone directory — and, should you forget it, on every telephone dial.

There are five code-words. Say four of them — Police, Ambulance, Fire or Coastguard — and you may end up in gaol.

Say 'MADAME' and you will end up in bed — curled up with a voluptuous whore — revealing all your secrets (and, if you are a professor, your examination questions.)

I went through the rigorous training necessary to become one of Madame Shillong's young and nubile maidens, so I could reveal the true facts to FEELSICK readers.

My first assignment was a Professor of Physical Science. He seemed more concerned with the 'physical' than the 'science' — but, using Madame's techniques, I succeeded in gleaning vital information about the Physical Science 1st year examination for FEELSICK readers.

The professor — Mr. 'X' to his friends — revealed that it would be necessary to know the atomic weight of hydrogen, and also revealed his arms, chest, legs, feet and . . . (cont. p. 94)

But the CPB(ML) is not the only organisation of its kind, writes A. PIERS TCO-BELIES.

One of the most sinister is "Young, Saucy and Sexy Sylphs" (YSSS) — a youth group affiliated to a parent organisation called "Senile Love-mak-

ing Limited" (SLL). Another is the "Incumbent Maidens Group" (IMG).

There are, of course, more respectable organisations, and one of the greatest is the CPGB — "Capable Partners for Girls and Boys". This latter one has been especially successful in infiltrating the NUS executive. Another of the groups — the YSSS — has been having some success with student union officers. It has a strong stake in King's College London, and a prominent member of the FELIX staff is also a member.

**BUT FOR WHOSE BENEFIT DO THESE ORGANISATIONS WORK?**

FEELSICK has obtained their services to give you an exclusive preview of this month's examination questions.

**THESE QUESTIONS — IN THEIR ENTIRETY — WILL APPEAR IN OUR 2nd OCTOBER ISSUE.**

**CAN YOU WAIT?**

Further mouthwatering titbits of information will be slipping your way in a fortnight's time, when FEELSICK tells you — in the HOLIDAY FELIX — how Improbable College students really spend their holidays.

\*SHOCK — have your smelling salts handy!

\*SEX — they get it often enough!

\*VICE — grips you as it screws tighter and tighter!

\*DRUGS — aspirin, paracetamol, NaCl — what next?

\*CALL-GIRLS — don't call us . . . !

\*EMULSION PAINT — the whitewash that doesn't wash off.

\*HOT WATER — we plunge 'em in it!

\*TEA — no sugar in our sour story!

\*MILK — that's where we get the cream facts from!

\*BLACKMAIL — we won't keep shut up for any money!

ALL IN NEXT ISSUE OF FEELSICK !

## Two poems

### WATERGATE MUD

Are they proud of their flag  
And the way that it flies  
When the stripes on it sag  
And the stars emit lies?

They are proud of their flag  
And the way that it flies  
If the Press has no gag  
And Democracy tries.

### A SPELL IN THE COUNTRY

Leave London's stress and strain confined  
To tensive pressures left behind,  
Then let the country scenes remind  
The town to trust in Humankind

Let cities seek the rural kind  
Of aura they can seldom find,  
Where Faith and Purpose seem enshrined  
Within the Whispers of the mind.

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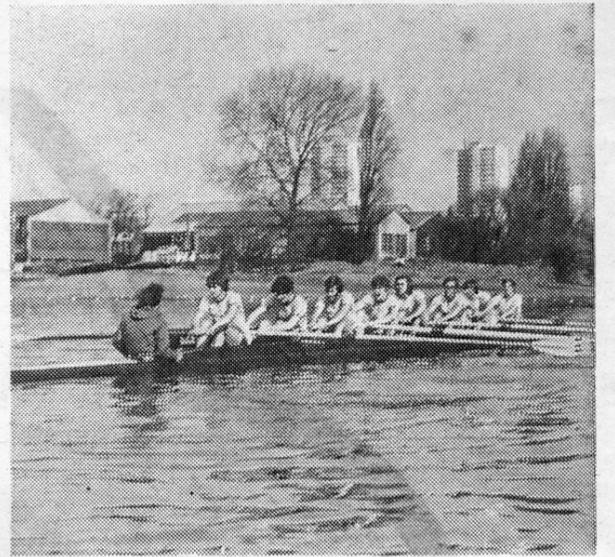
The 12th and 19th of May are two dates which will long be remembered by nine members of Imperial College, for they bracket a week of success for I.C.B.C on a scale which has not been enjoyed for many years. Saturday 12th saw I.C.'s already reported victory in the U.L. Allan Cup. On Thursday, 17th the I.C. 1st and 2nd VIII's were on show at the Metropolitan Regatta at Putney. This regatta, which is held over 3 days, is one of the oldest and most impressive in the country. In the semi-final of the Senior A VIII's, I.C.'s opponents were Emmanuel School. A disastrous unpractised start from the stake boats saw I.C.  $\frac{3}{4}$ L down very quickly. However, the long zoom course gave I.C. plenty of time to gather themselves and row powerfully through the school to win by  $\frac{3}{4}$ L.

Meanwhile the 2nd VIII went straight into the final of the Senior C event against Nat. West Bank and Twickenham. After taking an early lead of  $\frac{3}{4}$ L I.C.

were disqualified for steering into one of the other crews. It was later found that I.C. had lost the fin off their boat.

In the final of the Senior A VIII's, I.C. rowed against Putney Town and their old adversaries London R.C. I.C. went off the start at 40 and soon pulled out  $\frac{3}{4}$ L lead over London. This lead was maintained as they dropped to 38 at the mile post and just touched 36 at Barn Elms. Putney were well out of it by this time but London attacked coming towards the Black Buoy. In the last minute the I.C. lead varied between  $\frac{3}{4}$ L and a canvas. As strokes eyes glazed over he made one last desperate attempt hold off London, and since for once all the rest of the crew were with him he succeeded. With the rate at 42 I.C. crossed the line  $\frac{3}{4}$ L in front of London.

The celebrations were not as prolonged as usual, because two days later three I.C. VIII travelled to Thames



Ditton to take part in the regatta there. The Novice VIII had their first race on the Friday night and after leading for most of the way, were unlucky to lose by 3 feet. The 2nd VIII unfortunately had to scratch as they were a man short.

The 1st VIII were again rowing Senior A and their first round opponents were Barclays Bank. A very poor row over a very short course saw them scramble to an unconvincing  $\frac{3}{4}$ L win. In the semi-final they met the powerful Kingston R.C. The 1st VIII, who are not slow off the start, were left standing by Kingston, who by halfway, were just clear. What happened next is uncertain as everybody at this stage thought that Kingston would win. In the next minute the I.C. boat probably moved faster than it has done before and Kingston, who were nowhere near as fit as I.C., despite their length lead, never stood a chance. I.C. went right through them to win by  $\frac{3}{4}$ L. The time recorded in this race was the fastest of the day by some 8 seconds.

The outcome of the final against Vesta R.C. was never in much doubt as I.C. had dealt savagely with them in training. Rowing well within themselves. I.C. won by 2L.

In the next few weeks I.C. will be appearing at the following Regattas. June 2nd—Chiswick, June 9th Walton, June 16th (Internal regatta) Putney, June 24, Marlow and June 26th to July 7 (Racing 4th to 7th) at Henley. Any support would be welcome.



## GLIDER SMASH

Ace IC glider pilot Mike Alexander brought ICU Gliding Club's first accident to pass when he crash-landed the other week.

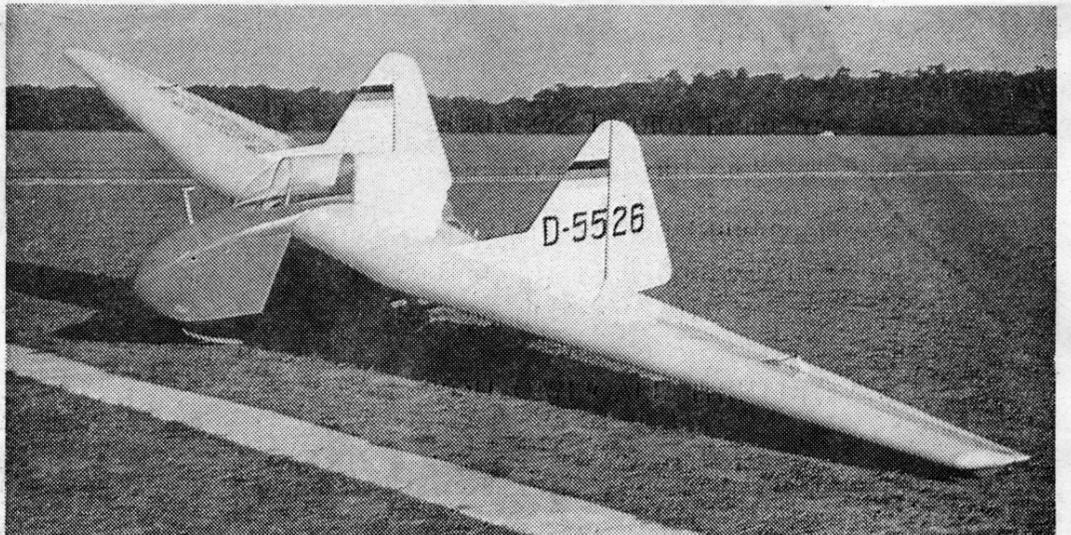
The glider is now to be rebuilt, since this will save a considerable sum over the purchase price of a replacement. Council agreed at its meeting on Monday to grant £200 to cover the difference between the insured value and cost of rebuilding. The insurance company have agreed to pay the full sum insured less £25 excess and

allow ICU Gliding Club to salvage the wreckage.

As Council pointed out, the gliders are obviously under-insured, and steps are now being taken to correct this.

### MISFIRE

The purchase of a .22 automatic pistol was again deferred by Council, pending further investigations by the Athletics Clubs Committee. Many uses were found by Council for this weapon, and Martin Black has volunteered for target practice.



**Felix wishes everyone**

**GOOD LUCK!**

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# CHICKEN FEED

—and what the NUS (and ICU) proposes to do about it

On Saturday representatives of 600,000 students, members of 600 student unions, will descend on Imperial College for the NUS Extraordinary Conference on Grants.

The Conference, called by the Easter National Conference at Exeter, has to decide what action the NUS should now take in view of the recent government award of a flat £20 increase in the mandatory grant level, and reductions in parental contributions for parents with "residual income" of less than £1,900.

The Government offer represents only 20 per cent of the increase demanded by the National Union of Students, and other demands have been completely ignored.

1. No action has been taken on discretionary awards. These are the grants paid to students at, for example, technical colleges and colleges of further education and, unlike those paid to university and polytechnic students, have no fixed level. The amount of grant paid is left to the "discretion" of the local education authority, and is thus almost always very much less than the mandatory level. The usual parental contribution sale applies.

Since students on discretionary awards have been among the most active in the grants campaign that has been running since December, the lack of government reaction to this demand has come as a severe blow to NUS hopes. The conference will certainly be as angry as students on discretionary awards, and this claim will almost certainly now come top of the list of next year's demands.

Easter conference did mandate the NUS Executive not to accept any increase in the mandatory level of grants until discretionary awards are abolished. However, the NUS will have its work cut out if it is to try and persuade students to send back their £20 increase.

2. Abolition of the means test. All the Government has actually done is abolish contributions for parents with residual incomes less than £1,500, and reduce them for incomes less than £1,900. No signs at all have been forthcoming of the abolition of parental contributions and with it the means test.

3. Married women's grants. Although Norman St. John Stevas said earlier this year that he was "sympathetic" to the case of married women students—they get only £275 — all he has done for them is award them the flat £20 increase that other, single, students are getting.

The mood of the conference is bound to be angry. It opens on the morning of Saturday, 9th June, in our very own Great Hall, which Council agreed to pay for as ICU's contribution towards the cost of the conference. It will be fully covered in FELIX on Tuesday, June 12th, with informed comment from

leading NUS policy analysts.

IC Union has submitted its own motion for the conference. This — it is reproduced below — will be "composited" with motions from other colleges all over Britain, at a meeting in London on June 7th, and a giant catholic motion presented to conference on the 9th.

So, herewith, the text of ICU's motion:—

*Motion on Grants of Imperial College Union for the NUS Emergency Conference of June 1973*

## A. CONFERENCE NOTES

1. The Government's decision of 15th May to increase grants by £20 next year in addition to the £20 decided in 1971, and the raising of the floor of the means test to £1500 a year parental income.
2. The lack of any attempt to remove the basic injustices of the grants system, i.e., discretionary awards, discrimination against married women, no London allowance for post-graduates, and the means test.
3. The complete lack of any move to introduce full cash grants in colleges of education.
4. The continuation of the full mandatory rate at an amount far below that adequate for a decent standard of living.
5. That the Government announcement in no way meets our demands from the Exeter Conference.
6. That given the rate of inflation since the last triennial review, the "new" rates, far from representing a step towards our claim, reinforces the present situation and perpetuates it.
7. The recent victimisation and threatened court action against rent strikers, e.g., in Reading University.
8. That post-graduates are the only section of students and University staff not to receive a London Weighting to cover the undisputed higher cost of living in London. Also for post-graduates in general, the increase of £20, amounting to only 38p a week, post-graduates having to live for 52 on their grants.

## B. POLICY AND CAMPAIGN

1. Conference therefore entirely rejects the Government "offer". It sees no basis whatsoever to discontinue or dilute our campaign for £105 increase and full grants for all in full time higher education.
2. Conference, however, sees no point in instructing members not to take any extra money due to them. This is impractical.
3. Conference, however, believes that whereas well argued memos from NUS were ignored, militant action by the mass of students has forced an interim review and won some concessions.
4. May 21st should not be regarded as the last possible day by which the Government can decide to meet the NUS claim since money can always come from the central government funds instead of LEA's. In particular, since PG grants come direct from central government funds the excuse of LEA and parliamentary bureaucracy is even less valid.
5. NUS should maintain and defend the campaign, e.g., rent strikes this term and rapidly extend it, right from the start of Autumn term.
6. NUS and CO's should use the summer vacation for organisation and preparation of explanatory campaign material aimed at first year students utilising freshers fairs, new students mailings, NUS introductory material.
7. In particular, much more emphasis should be put on explaining the evils of discretionary awards to all students.
8. National Demonstrations and a Day of Action should be organised in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales on the same Thursday in October. These should aim to unite the different sections of the campaign in a massive lift-off at the beginning of term.
9. The campaign should employ all the tactics successfully employed to date — namely, catering boycotts, pickets, lobbies, publicity campaigns, strikes; to be backed up by and extended from the national demonstration in a co-ordinated way.
10. NUS Executive should not participate in the Triennial Review next year unless the Government indicates that all the Campaign's demands will be considered.

11. The particularly acute problems faced by post grads should be given more emphasis, but this requires organisation of PG's at both college and national level. NUS Exec. should convene a conference of PG affairs officers and activists to elect a National PG Committee, initiate action on grants including demonstrating boycotts, lobbies and other activities. Although PG's should be organised by student unions we should work for good relations with ASTMS groups where these exist.
12. Students must give greater priority to seeking support from the labour movement, who face the same enemy in their fight against wage freeze and anti-union legislation. We must seek more than verbal support but joint actions, leafleting, pickets, demonstrations in support of higher grants. To this end NUS Executive should prepare "An Appeal to the Labour Movement" which would present the students' case, highlight discrimination against the working class and further education and ask for support for some concrete campaigning activity with local student union. Unions could then approach in a co-ordinated way, Trade Councils, Trade Union branches, shop stewards, committees to organise joint actions. To launch this aspect of the campaign there should be a "National Week of Explanation" of the issue of grants to the working class. Also NUS should organise, on a national scale a conference to organise students' support in the event of a large workers' struggle against the Pay Laws and the government (e.g. over the engineers' claim).
13. Conference believes that more emphasis should be put on explaining that the problems of inflation faced by students are shared by workers, Old Age Pensioners, etc., and that the Government must bear responsibility for this inflation, e.g. land speculation, cut-backs in social services, VAT, agricultural policy, floating the pound. The effects of low grants, the means test, and the discretionary awards system in excluding working class children from higher education should be stressed more with a view to winning work-

ing class support. Workers are finding that due to inflation their nominal increase in income has led to an increase in parental contribution despite apparent changes in rate.

14. Conference recognises that we are very limited in our influence on the Press and that a campaign geared to winning over the mass media has serious inadequacies.
15. Conference believes that active and automatic support by the NUS Exec, to all rent strikes, teaching or catering boycotts, occupancies, democratically decided on by CO's in the context of this campaign, is essential for this campaign.
16. Conference calls on all CO's to immediately report to Exec. any such actions and calls for a weekly list of all such activities to be distributed to all CO's.
17. Since this Conference has been called in accordance with Exeter Conference policy, which called for decisions on the basis of Union mandates, this conference must not retreat from any previous policies unless such mandates have been given.
18. Conference affirms the Exeter decision that the Grants campaign would be maintained until discretionary awards had been abolished.

## C. RENT STRIKES

1. Conference recognises the key role being played in the Campaign by those colleges on rent strikes. Conference calls for the continuation of rent strike activity until our claim is met.
2. Conference deplors the threats of victimisation (legal and academic) used by VC's and Principals in their attacks on rent strikes.
3. Conference believes that the best way to counter such threats of is to fight them on our own ground, in the colleges. Conference unequivocally supports all actions such as partial or total, short or medium-term occupations, as a means to counter such threats. In this respect Conference wholeheartedly congratulates those colleges which have already embarked on such action; the successful defence of rent strikes is a tremendous achievement for the whole campaign. Any successful action, such as that at Bristol University, gives invaluable encouragement to others and must be publicised as widely as possible.

4. Conference recognises that the law does not automatically attack students active in the campaign but has to be used by College authorities, etc. Further Conference believes that the decisions of the courts will be influenced primarily outside the courts rather than by legal arguments; therefore i. In the face of legal threats NUS and CO's should firstly take widespread action aimed at discouraging the College Authorities from using the law. ii. If cases do get to the court then hearings should be accompanied by massive nationally organised action.

## D. INSTRUCTIONS

1. To Exec., GCCC, CO's, Areash To continue the campaign for our demands as expressed at Exeter.
2. To Exec.: To organise national demonstrations and a Day of Action as outlined in Policy 8.
3. To CO's: To continue all the local action taken to date such as canteen boycotts, occupancies, etc.
4. To Exec.: Not to participate in the Triennial review next year unless the government indicates that all the campaign's demands will be considered.
5. To Exec. and CO's: To take action on the problems faced by Post-Grads as outlined in Policy II.
6. To CO's and Exec.: To organise joint action with the Labour movement.
7. To Exec.: To automatically support all action undertaken by CO's as outlined in Policy 15.
8. To CO's: To report all activities immediately to Exec. and GCCC
9. To Exec.: To send out a weekly list of all activities to CO's.
10. To Exec., GCCC, CO's: To continue rent strikes for the rest of this term and to organise solidarity support, mass pickets, etc., in defence of every rent strike or other actions under attack.
11. To Exec., GCCC, CO's: To organise a national strike commencing next term.
12. To CO's: To organise activities to involve minorities and highlight their problems, e.g., for overseas students, married women, PG's, discretionary award students.

Motion approved by IC External Affairs Committee 22nd May, 1973.

# WHY I'M NOT TO BLAME

by PAUL JOWITT

It would be easy to take up a Mary Whitehouse stand and say that the permissiveness of modern society is leading to decay of society, morals, scruples and a multitude of other non-sins. Having said that, where are the arguments to refute it? It's no use trying to argue on the basis of the mass-media, etc. All change in society results from grass root level, so as an IC community member, I would like to examine some aspects of our community, that of Imperial College.

I remember one of the sabbatical post candidates at the Hustings (the last ones!) saying that there were no towels or soap dispensers in the Union Building and trying to make slight political (small 'p') meat out of it. I'll add fuel to his fire; at the moment there are no society name-blocks for the Union notice boards, one broken window in the Bot. Zoo. common room, one broken window in the Union Arch Messengers office, 2 broken glasses on the pinball machines in a week, about a 10 per cent loss of the pewter tankards in the Union Bar, and someone has stolen the T.V. aerial in the Union Building. Great. Hilarious. Of course Southside isn't exactly much better, resembling a glorified doss-house. No longer is it the "nice" bar in college, but a place of diminishing character, style and whatever. I can see someone saying soon that it's because the facilities aren't maintained. All that means, is some silly ass (supposedly the Deputy President) running round after everyone else cleaning up the shit they make. Sorry brothers, but that's not on. Apart from anything else, it's getting slightly expensive.

To be fair, I have been one of the main protagonists of the theory that the number of "outsiders" attracted by Ent's events doesn't help. I still hold to that. However, I do not feel the student body as a whole isn't innocent of the whole affair. Of course the student body in general and N.U.S. in particular has been championing the right of the individual. It's a pity that we as a body didn't think of the rights of the body itself. We open our doors to more or less anyone and wonder why the place is getting fouled up. It's all in the cause of freedom of the individual or socialism or something. What price now the idea that the Union should be outward-looking? Defeatism in the face of internal problems?

The "opening" of the bar to women is not in itself a bad thing. It's just the men they bring along!

You see, there's a difference between I.C. women and their boy-friends and any old women and the boys they bring along. The former come, the latter don't. (Tell me, tell me. P.W.J., how many boppers did you see today?). But, it's not just outsiders, we basically don't care, because we know (I hope) somebody else will pay. Rarely do the mass of students get together and sling out, or keep out troublemakers. It's almost as if we condone the damage and vandalism, or even participate in it. Well if that's the "mandate" the Deputy President has, he can hardly be accused of allowing the Union and Southside to attain "equilibrium". By the way, the society name-blocks, T.V. aerial, towels, soap, etc. will all be replaced **after** term has finished, ready for next year's freshers. I just hope they appreciate it, because looking back on this year, quite

honestly, we didn't. For God's sake, I.C., respect and take care of what we've got, it's no use saying if we had better facilities, we would look after it, because that is patently not the case. Gone are the days of a good piss-up, good sing song, in the Union Bar and no damage, with Southside a place for people wanting a good, not rowdy bar. Here are the days of a lousy piss-up, lousy sing-song, leaving the Union in a mess, with Southside a human jungle, occasional lousy sing-song and doss-house.

Cheers, but where?

Paul Jowitt.

Dep. Pres.

Maintenance-man in chief.

but not General Dogsboddy or Chief Cook and Bottlewasher.

P.S. I've heard talk of turning the D.P. role into a more political one. I'm in two minds whether to be in favour (Defeatism) or to contract an

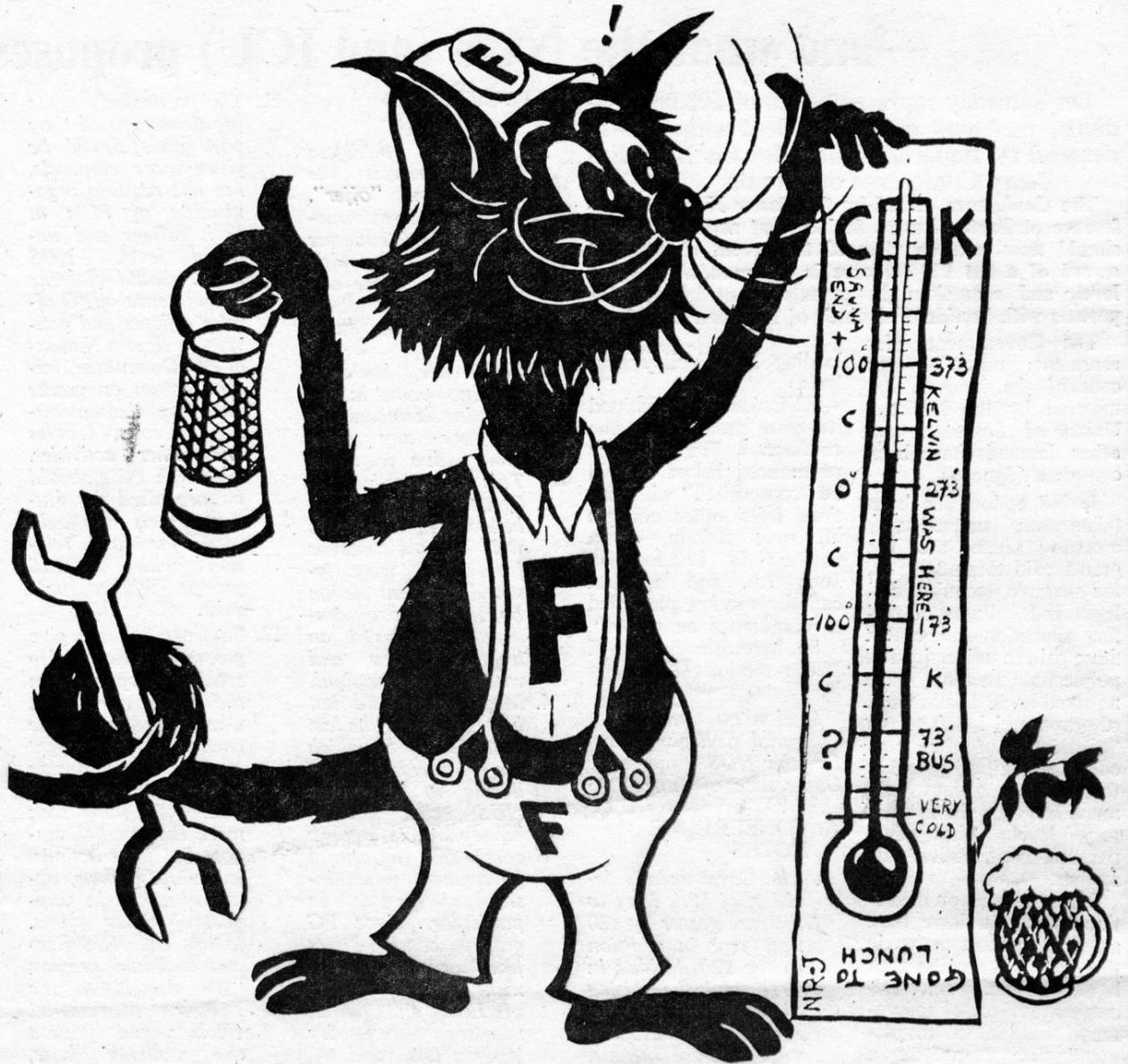
ulcer (Extremely justified pessimism). With all this talk of the environment I'm just waiting for someone to cotton on. This is your environment, OURS; we want control of it, and that means control it ourselves, and that means (Do I have to spell it out?) S.E.L.F. C.O.N.T.R.O.L.

## COLOUR BLIND

Nominations for social colours have to be in by tomorrow. Social colours are awarded to union members who have been notably active in the union during the year, and include the right to wear the social colours tie.

The awards will be made at the Union Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 7th. Nominations should be given to Union Secretary Martin C. Black in the Union Office.

# NEW FELIX CAT



Here's our new Felix cat motif. For five years now the "crusading cat" has been our logo. He was a strange character, lacking both a tail and whiskers —so, knowing feline anatomy, you'll appreciate he never stood much chance of finding any direction.

The new device, drawn especially for FELIX by Nigel Racine-Jaques, depicts a fully-bewhiskered and tailed cat, displaying the mascots of IC's 3 constituent colleges: a Celsius/Kelvin thermometer for RCS, a singularly useless equal-ended spanner for Guilds', and an equally useless (since it has no screw or lighting device) Davy Lamp for Mines.

With the new device comes the promised new page one banner. The one introduced in October last year met with a mixed reception, and the contents of the "box", originally intended for an advertisement has been used for various debatable messages. This box has now gone.

We hope you approve of the changes. Write and tell us what you think.