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**LOOK OUT FOR
CHANGE TABLES IN
THE REFECTORIES
STARTING THIS
WEEK!
SEE BELOW.**

REFECTORY

PRICE INCREASES

ACTION

PROPOSED BY

ICUGM

AT LAST TUESDAY'S UGM, ICU pledged itself to a campaign round the current 5 per cent increase in refectory prices that were imposed at the beginning of this term.

A motion proposed by Paul Watkins suggesting a petition to be prepared condemning the price increases and handed in to the Rector at a large demonstration. It also proposed that ICU hold back a sum of money equal to the difference between the old and new prices from payments made to the college. If this failed to stop the price rises an E.G.M. would be called to discuss different tactics.

Jock Veall argued against Watkins' motion calling it a "recipe for defeat" and proposed an amendment asking for students to be issued with old price lists so that they would only pay the old prices. He called for a campaign of explanation to publicise the increases and decisions taken to the staff and students.

Pete Lambert argued against the amendment saying that it tied people to Mooneys, whereas inflation was everywhere, therefore one should call for supplementary grants.

The amendment was passed 88-76 and the amendment motion was passed overwhelmingly.

Norm Sayles, President ICU, argued against the amended motion saying that his main points were those printed in

his column in Felix 9th October edition. Recapped, these were that according to the law, the College had no alternative and that at least the recommended increase wasn't higher.

The full motion passed by the quorate (!) Union Meeting is:-

IC Union notes:

1. The continued erosion of the student living standards caused by the low grant and the high cost of food and accommodation.

2 That the college has increased refectory prices by 5 per cent despite Union representation on the Refectories Committee and the Governing Body.

IC Union believes:

That the Governing Body should defy the Government (UGC) self balancing regulations, and subsidise prices with a view to forcing the Government to introduce refectory subsidies until the NUS demands on grants are fully satisfied.

IC Union recommends:

That in order to implement the decision taken last term by a UGM to freeze prices (i.e. to rescind the 5 per cent increase) and to stop further increases, the Grants Action Committee and volunteers from this Union meeting who should be co-opted on to the GAC shall organise:-

1. Tables to be set up in ALL refectories to give change, so that stud-

ents are able to pay the correct money for the old prices in the refectories.

2. Old price lists to be distributed in the refectories.

3. A campaign of explanation to the refectory staff and students, to publicise the issues at stake and the decisions taken.

An entertainments motion was passed abolishing the motion passed at the last Council meeting of last year which restricted the number of "large groups" per term to three.

An amendment was proposed by John Lane increasing the number of "large groups" to four per term but was rejected as various Ents. personnel promised no return to the situation of last year, despite the motion not giving an upper limit to the number of "large groups" per term.

The original Council motion was passed to ensure Ents. cater for a wider range of tastes than just the groups scene, which is why this year we have films and folk groups as well as some "large groups."

Volunteers numbering about a dozen from the meeting were co-opted onto the G.A.C. and included Piers Corbyn (IC veteran) who was described by Tariq Lolley as being "the only one with any brains on the GAC."

The quorum was then challenged successfully and the meeting was closed before it could move on to the next item: Chile.

FIRE

FIRE BROKE OUT in the lockers of the Forbes Laboratory in Zoology last Thursday afternoon.

Discovered by a technician who opened the door to the locker room and found it full of thick smoke, the fire destroyed a large number of plastic containers and incinerated the wood of the lockers.

Four fire engines were rapidly outside Beit Hall summoned by the fire alarm including two with extending ladders. Water to extinguish the fire was pumped from a hydrant outside Botany in Prince Consort Road.

The Felix editor writes: 'I was in the Buttery at the time the alarms went off, assuming them to be a routine practice I strolled outside to find smoke billowing out of the third floor windows of Zoology. Upstairs the Forbes lab was full of dense acrid smoke which immediately made your eyes water. People were attempting to put the fire out with hand extinguishers but the fire appeared to have too great a hold.

'The firemen were quickly on the scene with a hose hauled up from Beit quad. A few lucky ones had breathing apparatus—the others would only be able to stand it in the lab for a few minutes before dashing out eyes streaming, gasping and coughing.

'After about five minutes the smoke started to subside, the windows were opened to disperse what remained of the choking fumes and we could see the extent of the damage.

Water and foam covered the floor and walls of the locker room, two windows had been broken to let the smoke out, burn marks and melted plastic were everywhere. Inside the locker room the heat was still intense—so much so that the translucent plastic cover on a fluorescent roof light had melted and distorted out of all recognition. The fire itself was by all appearances centred at a low level in the lockers'.

The cause of the fire has not been discovered and according to Norm Sayles arson is not being discounted as a possibility.

LETTERS

Dear Friends,

As one who is not a student, but a worker in a university bookshop in London, I would be most grateful if you would allow me the use of your columns to make an appeal to your readers.

A group of people in Phoenix, Arizona are attempting to raise funds to buy medical material for those workers in Chile who are in armed conflict with the military regime. The following is part of a letter from this group which was published by the Anarchist paper "Freedom" in the issue dated 29.9.73:

"Money is urgently needed by Chilean workers, students and radicals. As we know Allende is dead, along with 5,000 of his fellow workers. Students, workers are still waging fierce battles against junta troops. Workers have taken over factories and are still producing—while being bombed by junta planes! Workers in Valparaiso surprised junta groups and re-captured half the town. Soldiers and low-level officers in the south of Chile are grouping with armed radical groups of working people and moving towards Santiago. The junta military invaded the University of Santiago and murdered hundreds of students. Leftists and supporters are being rounded up and summarily shot. Political exiles—around 300—in Chile have been rounded up and shot."

(I think there could be some doubt as to the accuracy of classifying Allende as a worker, but I think in the context of this appeal that is neither here nor there.)

Upon reading this I sent the group a letter requesting further information, as events in Chile were moving at a rapid pace, and their reply, in part, is as follows:

"At present (letter dated 6.10.73) information on the junta takeover is vague. One important aspect is the growing boldness of 'respectable' journalistic purveyors within Chile who are stepping a little more heavily on the toes of print censorship by writing more of the reality inside than the junta feels is necessary. American news sources are speaking less timidly. We've learnt more of the slaughter, round-ups, tortures, intimidations, book burnings, etc., from big established newspapers now. At first they were silent, now they're speaking louder. Of course, we don't expect them to encourage armed revolution or to agitate the U.S. Government to condemn and not recognize the usurpers. I think the point at which the U.S. Press kissed a little less ass was when news of growing, sanctioned anti-Semitism came out. 'El Mercurio'—the right-wing paper—printed a letter, very prominently, which cast Allende as a cog in the 'Jew Communist Conspiracy' and concluded by urging a pogrom of Chilean Jews. The author wanted, as succour, 'a Jew hanging from every lamp-post in Santiago'. This, the incidents of book burning by the army and eyewitnesses to torture and summary execution, so reminiscent of Hitler (among others) seemed to make the big shot news publishers uneasy. Consequently, more news is coming from these agencies. My own news sources are from Asia News Service, Presna Latina, Inter News Service and NACLA. We plan to issue a pamphlet or news summary of the events within two weeks. At the moment, information on contacts, financial dispersion, etc. is vague—rather, we are still nurturing our leads. We're trying to co-ordinate (if our immediate contacts fail) relief work with a group in Berkeley, California. We anticipate a long period of waiting for strong, reliable contacts to develop—but we're optimistic. If however, all avenues are unsuccessfully exhausted, we'll inform each contributor and either refund the contribution or use it elsewhere."

There is very little students or workers in this country can do at the present time to directly assist the Chilean workers but supporting this

fund does make some contribution to their struggle. Please send all money and information on further contacts in Chile or Argentina to: DARIO McDARBY, 1422 1/2 E. VIRGINIA, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85006, U.S.A.

Yours sincerely, Leonard Still.

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USK ENTSHEET

Dear Ed,

This year we are hoping to put the old U.S.K. Ents sheet on a more solid basis, bringing it out regularly every Wednesday. Work will start on Tuesday lunch-time in the Union Office area, and we would appreciate any offers of help, especially with stapling in the evening, and with distribution.

Any notices should be in the U.S.K. pigeon hole by Tuesday lunchtimes—if you have any information on Events, please send it in. We also need contacts in the other colleges roundabout, if anyone knows of anyone "outside" who would be interested in helping, would they please drop us a line.

Thanks, and do drop by.
Chris and Paul.

MORPHY DAY

Dear Editor,

I feel (often), as President of the Royal School of Mines, that I should warn all those bumpkins and general scrape-the-barrel slag who intend to oppose us on Morphy Day (See and Pee and arse-ease-rest are the technical descriptions of the enemy): that we shall win. That we shall take no prisoners. Rape, plunder and loot are our battle orders, and the safest thing for them is to keep their life insurance policies intact and slink quietly from the battlefield.

The oar will be ours, and our ladies rowing eight will win, while our ever-victorious Rugby team crushes in turn their opponents on some far-flung field.

Remember you have been warned. We have already won, our firepower is invincible, our crack troops will not waver. Heed not the call to battle of your presidents, you alone will be the one to suffer.

Paul Gee.

NOT FOOLED

Sir,

So we cannot get anything out of the Tory government (not even £20 increase on the grant). Thank you for making it clear this week. Therefore your solution is to replace the Tory government by a "Labour government pledged to socialist policies". Two main questions then arise.

- According to your own argument, the Tories are being forced to attack the living standards of the working class because of the rapidly deepening economic crisis which, as you point out in your editorial of October 16th, is taking place on a world scale not just in Britain. When (if) a Labour government is elected, I doubt very much that the world economic crisis will respond to this by disappearing, so will not the Labour government be forced to carry out the same policies to try and provide some solution to this crisis?

- You want a Labour government pledged to socialist policies. The Labour party is always pledged to socialist policies. But, you may not remember the last Labour government. I do. I can remember "In place of strife", the Labour prices and incomes policy, high unemployment under Labour; I can remember when troops were sent in to break the 1966 dock strike, and the Labour governments' support for the Southern African regime, for U.S. aggression in Vietnam and for Israel's expansionist policies. And it was a Labour government that sent troops to suppress the people of Northern Ireland. With such a record, I doubt if most people are fooled any longer by these these "socialist policies".

Yours sincerely,
Kathleen Corcoran.

Autonomy Warning

Dear Sir,

Last week's UGM expressed a serious contradiction. The argument in favour of the Union with-holding money from the College equal to the re-factory price increases was defeated by someone pointing out that the College has complete control over Union finances. The

College would merely deduct the same amount from the Union's funds, as it could equally do in the case of a rent strike.

Attempting to launch serious campaigns to defend I.C. students' interests let alone the interests of exploited groups outside College, while the Union has no real autonomy, is naive and shows ours to be a Union with-out priorities.

Joe Herbertson
(Met. P.G.)

ARE SCIENTISTS ILITTERATE?

The scientist (that is according to the other lot, is uncultured, narrow minded, and ignorant on any subject outside their own chosen subject, in fact they can hardly read nor write. Can their be any truth in this?

The below questions were tested on a typical group of arts students, there avaradge mark was only 98 per cent. See if your result can do better than them.

*The stared questions what are marked with an asterisk are slightly difficulter, they are optional and you need not try to attempt them unless you want two.

Spell the folowing words corretly:

- (i) *ambiguous
- (ii) *dissipate
- (iii) *independent

Complete the quotations:

- (i) "I wandered, _____ as a cloud" . . .
- (ii) "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a _____"

- (iii) "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not wan—"

Who wrote:

- (i) Henry IV, Part I (Clue: Sh-k-sp--re)
- (ii) Henry IV, Part II
- (iii) *Henry IV, Part III? (Be careful)

Arrange in the correct order:

World War I; World War II

What do the following have in common:

- (i) *Pope Gregory, Pope John, Pope Pius IX
- (ii) Violoncello, kazoo, viola, violin
- (iii) Edward Elgar, Benjamin Britten, Albert Hall

Which is the odd one out:

- (i) Beethoven's 6th, Schubert's Unfinished, Beethoven's 9th, Beethoven's 5th
- (ii) Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama (Clue: how many of them were English?)
- (iii) Queen Victoria, Martin Luther, Alexander the Great (Clue: how many of them are still alive?)

Discuss and describe:

- (i) the old Pretender
- (ii) Eric the Red
- (iii) the Black Hole of Calcutta (confine your answer to less than 2 words)

Where is:

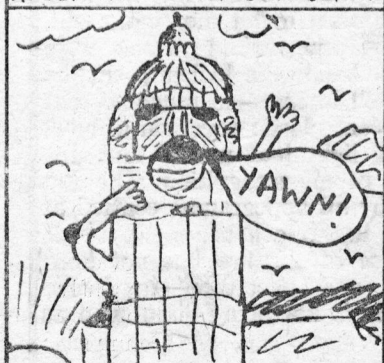
- (i) the Indian Ocean?
- (ii) the Great Wall of China?
- (iii) *the North Pole OR the South Pole? (Give reasons)

Who painted:

- (i) Van Gogh's self-portraits?
- (ii) Whistler's mother?
- (iii) those unspeakable pictures in the toilets? (If this question is not answered in less than one minute, EVERYONE will be punished.)

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF EMPIRICAL COLLEGE BY RON APPELBY

THE DAWNING OCTOBER SUN WAKES UP EMPIRICAL COLLEGE AFTER ITS SUMMER SLUMBER...



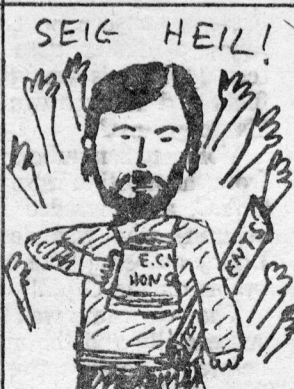
POOF'S TOWER

THE UNION OFFICERS WERE ALREADY HARD AT WORK, THE PRESIDENT



NORMAL SALES

THE HON. SEC.



PAWL WORDSWORTH

THE DEP. PRESIDENT



DIVE SINFULL

FEELSICK EDITOR



ALAS, DE HAIR CABBELL

AND YOU! YES YOU, THE COMMON OR GARDEN (HALL) ORDINARY STUDENT YOU ARE PART OF THIS SCENE AS WELL...



MORE NEXT WEEK

NATIONAL GRANTS BRIEFING CONFERENCE

The following is taken from the National Grants Briefing Conference held at the Collegiate Theatre in UCL on 13th October. Delegates from IC were present to state their case in the discussion.

John Randall opened with a speech bringing delegates up to date with the ongoing negotiations between the NUS, DES and the SED.

They have set up seven costing committees to thrash out the costs of the NUS claims. These are as follows:

1. On Discretionary Awards and their Abolition.

This is a hopeful sign, as it is a crack in the DES's wall of resistance re abolition of discretionary awards. The NUS has suggested that costing be considered in three "tiers" or groups:

- i. mandatory awards for HND or degree-equivalents.
- ii. mandatory awards to all 18+ students.
- iii. mandatory awards to all 16+ students.

As regards iii. this would include the vast majority of Technical College students. The majority of students between 16 and 18 are not in schools but in Techs and FE colleges (many people forget this).

The DES does not appear to be interested in the abolition of the Discretionary Award Scheme. However, it will be an advantage in presenting the NUS case for abolition if we have a real figure for the cost.

Legislation will be needed to amend the 1944 Education Act. There will definitely be an amendment next year, to provide a mandatory grant for the Dip. HE (as proposed in the Govt. White Paper). It is hoped that if any legislative action is taken over discretionary awards, it will be taken at this time.

Another encouraging action on this front is that LEA's will be able to recover 90% of their expenditure on mandatory awards from 1st April, 1973. In theory, they can now be more generous with discretionary awards. (Hitherto, they could only recover 60% of their expenditure).

2. The Cost of abolition of discrimination against married women students has been established as

- (a) £1½m. if they all received the "at-home" grant (about £390).
- (b) £3m. if they all received the "away-from-home" grant (£520).

Linked to this is the question of dependants' allowances. The DES policy (which was laid before the House of Commons two days before the recess) is that £250 per week should be paid for the academic year, and during the vacations, the claimant has to go to the DHSS like anyone else.

This amounts to £4.81 per week in term-time.

A campaign around this issue is to be run, within the Grants Campaign, to involve women in local Colleges.

It is hoped that there will be a meeting between NUS Exec. and Union Welfare Officers shortly.

3. A new award system for students studying abroad.

Students studying in foreign countries often run out of money before the end of their courses because of currency exchange fluctuations and high cost of living in some foreign countries.

The DES wants an administratively simple system; perhaps banding together several countries under a particular rate of grant. The DES has provided some cost-of-living figures for some foreign countries, particularly EEC countries. The NUS position is that no student abroad should receive less than the London grant, and that it should be paid in one of two ways:

- (a) the grant should be paid termly, with adjustment for exchange fluctuations and high cost of

- living in some foreign countries.
- (b) the grant should be paid in the appropriate foreign currency at the start of the academic year.

As for overseas students, there is little chance, it seems, of abolishing the 3-year residence qualification. The only movement here is the possibility of students living in the EEC may receive mandatory awards.

iv. Abolition of the Means Test.

Various approximate figures of the cost have appeared over the past five years; they range from £6m. (NUS) to £20m. (DES). NUS has pointed out that withdrawal of tax allowance for parents with children receiving grants would partly offset the cost of abolition. The DES has been "co-operative" in these negotiations, but the Inland Revenue Service has been distinctly stropy, and refuses to give up the relevant figures to NUS.

v. Giving cash grants to College of Ed. students

The DES instituted a Pilot Scheme in ten Colleges a few years back, but appears to have gone off the idea now. They are now saying that they have commitment to introduce cash grants and want to introduce subsidies to cover the losses incurred in College of Education Halls and catering. The NUS Executive therefore considers it unwise to continue linking this claim to the Pilot Scheme and plan to raise the question in general negotiations.

vi. Raising the main rate.

This is the most difficult costing, including, as it does, the assessment of the notional element for board and lodging. Hitherto this has been taken as the average of hall rents. This is, of course, misleading, because hall rents are largely dependent on subsidies, "hidden" or otherwise. The withdrawal of which may lead to sudden rises. Furthermore, as regards "digs", the retail price index only measures the cost of unfurnished accommodation, the cost of which rises much more slowly than the cost of furnished accommodation. Hence, the cost of all student accommodation is to be taken into account in these present negotiations.

Equipment grants are also being discussed in this context.

vii. Students on long courses.

This includes health students, and postgraduates.

Health students may be studying for 44 to 48 weeks every year, but only receive the notional element for board and lodging for the extra weeks (14-18 weeks). These students have no opportunity to work during the holidays, (only 4 weeks). The NUS case is that they should receive the full grant for all 44-48 weeks. Paramedical students (manual hospital workers, etc.) are included in the section (i), as they receive discretionary awards.

It appears that no-one in the DES knows how the PG grant is assessed; this may be one reason why there has been no action from them on it! The NUS has suggested that it be assessed in one of two ways:

- i. as for other long-course students.
- (ii) part or whole of a recent graduate's salary; 75% has been raised as a figure.

The most significant point, however, is that NUS has little or no policy on the postgraduate grant. Any ideas?

There are a few other areas which have been discussed:

(a) Field Trips

The NUS has taken the line that in term-time, students should receive a certain amount of money to defray extra costs incurred by a field trip. During vacations all the elements in the grant should be included in the sum given, instead of just board, lodgings and travel.

Note: The UGC gives each institution a certain amount to subsidise field trips, from a cen-

tral pool. It is likely that IC is one College that benefits from this scheme.

(b) The Triennial Review

One of NUS's demands to go to the 1973-74 Triennial Review is the abolition of the Triennial Review. This, NUS feels, should be replaced by an annual review of student finance. A questionnaire to be sent out to 10 institutions on a proposed pilot for the NUS scheme is to be prepared by the DES.

(c) Delay in the payment of grants.

This year it was caused by LEA's being forced to recalculate the grant levels because of the changes in the means test. NUS hopes to speed up the Triennial Review this year so that it doesn't drag on into the summer, and delay the payment of the (higher?) grant.

The Campaign

None of the DES-NUS negotiations carry any commitments from either side. At the end of the negotiations, the political decisions will be taken in DES-Treasury infighting. NUS Executive believes that it is at this point that the Campaign must be strongest—we must apply our political weight to produce the right decision; hence the campaign should build up to the Review, and if necessary, carry on beyond it.

Steve Parry spoke on the campaign. He pointed out that the campaign must be carried out to back the negotiations and in conjunction with Trade Unions and other groups on low and fixed incomes, e.g. pensioners and claimants.

After Margate, activity should be built up on an area basis during the second term. Action should be taken around LEA meetings, etc., and culminate in a massive demonstration at a significant juncture in the Triennial Review.

It is hoped that areas will commence action on students rights in conjunction with the Grants campaign.

In IC

We would hope to do several things this term:

- i. Inform students, particularly freshers, about the grants campaign.
- ii. Raise the level of consciousness enough to provide the semblance of a mass mobilisation in the College.
- iii. Pave the way for an effective rent strike next term, a crucial period.
- iv. Partake in the area campaign, and provide some effective assistance to smaller Colleges in the area.

The major argument on Saturday was the posing of national vs. local actions.

My feeling is that any action, local or national depends on the effectiveness of local student union officers. It is up to the Union Executive to organise an effective campaign, and to mobilise students to enter the campaign. It is often very useful to capitalise on feeling over local issues, e.g. refectory prices, and use these to show the nature of the grants situation to Government Economic policy and the affect it has on students and others on low and fixed incomes.

I hope that there will be some campaigning with outside groups:

- i. Trades Union via Hammersmith Council.
- ii. Pensioners; how about some campaigning for them?
- iii. Claimants.
- iv. Tenants' Associations.

Dates to Remember:—

October 24th or 25th: Area action. Proposed: brief rally, then march to and picket of LEA Action on discretionary awards.

November 7th: National Rally.
November 14th: Work-In (and Princess Anne's wedding day).

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Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals show support for higher grants ... but words don't pay bills

At its meeting this morning the Vice-Chancellors' Committee discussed the issue of student grants against the background of the review currently being conducted by the Department of Education and Science to determine the grant levels for the three years commencing next autumn.

It has been the declared policy of successive Governments over many years since the Anderson Committee reported, that subject to a parental means test, grants should be available to cover the reasonable basic maintenance costs of undergraduate students. This is the Anderson principle. But in recent years, Governments have begun to threaten this principle by fixing grants which fall short of basic living costs.

press release

Universities are hit by the decreasing value in student grants in two ways. In the first place, students ought to have the basic means to support themselves so that their studies are not adversely affected. In the second place, if universities are to continue to try to house students and prevent a crisis in accommodation, they must be able to fix rents which meet the cost of providing accommodation which now has to be financed principally through loans raised on the open money market. Equally students living in lodgings must be able to pay rent at the going rate.

The Committee's concern about student grants has become more acute over the last two years. When the DES announced

the levels that were to apply for the three academic years 1971-74, the Committee said that inadequate grants were inconsistent with the Government's policy which required universities to make economic charges for board and lodging.

Over the past year the students' grievances against the Government about the declining purchasing power of their grant took the form of rent strikes and protest action directed against universities. Although the universities sympathised with the students' difficulties, they were bound to tell their students that they could not provide wide-ranging subsidies from funds voted by Parliament

for the primary purposes of teaching and research. Student protest action directed against universities is misconceived. It wastes time and money on conflicts which are not created by universities and which are not in their power to resolve.

The DES review of student grants for the three years from next September is now under way. The Committee believes that the Anderson principle is at stake. It is essential that student grants should be properly assessed, fixed initially at realistic levels and between reviews supplemented annually to take account of changing prices. The Committee has already made its general views known to Ministers and proposes to make further representations as the review proceeds.

ANTI-LOMBARD

Mines have passed a resolution against the Rent Strike proposed by a quorate ICUEM to start next term and it is rumoured similar motions will be put to Guilds and RCS at their next union meetings.

A collection of Minesmen, as you can see in these pages, attended a GAC meeting and proposed a motion that it be postponed until the last day of term.

As everyone knows, IC Union is the only policy maker that represents all UG's and PG's.

It is not assumed that Minesmen, Guildsmen or those of RCS are intrinsically any different when it comes to eating.

So why the re-emergence of CCU chauvinism in opposition to ICU when the former are what constitute the latter.

It comes down to a question of leadership. Within the CCU's the CCU execs have a certain degree of charisma for a certain section of their membership who attend the CCU meetings.

So why the attempt to liquidate the Grants Action Committee. The leadership of the CCU's is traditionally a reactionary one and this year especially so. When students are faced with ever mounting costs and flat refusals from St. John Stevas to increase grants, what would the CCU execs wish? For their membership to be driven out of college or live in pre-Weimar conditions rapidly turning into those resembling the depression of the 30's?

Last week 742 items went up in price according to "The Grocer", establishing a new record for all time in this country — but not a penny on wages, nor a penny went on grants.

Almost each week this record is broken setting unprecedented highs in our cost of living.

The question is who has got policies to meet this crisis.

The YSSS urge everyone to come to our classes on the economic crisis starting this Wednesday in Mech. Eng. 214 at 1.30 p.m.

We say with complete certainty that unless a revolutionary party is built in this and all countries to lead the working class to power, then fascism will be imposed in this country by the ruling class that will make Chile seem like a summer holiday.

In closing I would like to remind everyone of the slogans of the National Front, shouted in their march during the summer: "Hang all students, castrate all blacks".

It's that sort of a future in store for us or else we fight to build this revolutionary party.
Editor

FUNNY ONE ONE

Dear Editor,

Thank God there is one sane compassionate human being here who can understand other's sexual problems. Now that our Gay Brothers are being liberated it is time to turn our attention to that other sadly repressed minority beaten down by the Fascist vanguard of capitalistic narrow minded society (thank God!) I am talking about Sado-Masochists. There is no reason why a man's relationship with his whip cannot be just as loving as that with another human being. A lot of sado-masochists are far more normal than so called human beings. Anyone interested in sado-masochism drop around to my torture chamber sometime and talk it over, over a red hot poker.

Right On.

Adolf Hitler.

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Rent Strikes

Bristol, Liverpool and Central London Poly are on rent strike, PCL since January; they now have £22,000 in their rent strike fund.

Kent and others have passed motions in UGMs. About three have decided not to, mainly because they have already been on strike and felt that they were not backed by other colleges and NUS Exec. strongly enough. This shows the effect of solidarity action. Reading, Exeter and York are not going on strike.

It should be noted that the effect of the campaign was to squeeze an extra £20 from Mrs. Thatcher.

There are, at present, two lines on rent strike, one of which will be chosen at Margate:

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We played our first league game on Saturday, 13th October against Kodak. Play was scrappy at first but I.C. soon began pressurising the Kodak goal and eventually forced a short corner. Mick Downes netted from the short and we went 1-0 up. Kodak's negative play continued but they scored just on half time. In the second half several defensive mistakes gave Kodak their second goal. Imperial again put on the pressure and Mick Downes netted his second goal.

After another frustrating period Dave Harrison and Nigel Woodhouse combined together to produce our third and best goal, Nigel being the scorer. I.C. then clamped down in defence and we ran out winners 3-2. Our thanks to G. Popple who arrived.

The Imperials teams were selected from: R. Bateman, S. Boulton, M. Vieyra, R. Cameron, R. Evans, T. Hanson, A. Brown, M. Hatcher, K. Ross, N. Woodhouse, D. Harrison, G. Popple, M. Downes (capt.), P. Jowitt.

At the Union General meeting on Tuesday the 16th October, two decisions were made, both of which bear a reasonable amount of relevance to the students in this college. The first of these two motions was that this Union demands that the governing body remove the 5 per cent increase which they have put on the refectory prices, and make good the loss on the refectories by subsidising them from non refectory profits. The second decision which was made was that the Entertainments committee should be restricted to having three concerts per term, unless the S.C.A.B. committee sanction another concert for one reason or another. This second decision enables the Entertainments committee to provide reasonable entertainment for the students of this college, and at the same time limits the number of concerts they are allowed to put on.

As far as the refectories motion is concerned, the meeting asked that the Board of Governors remove the increase that they suggested last term and that they subsidise the refectories from non-refectory sources, thus breaking the U.G.C. ruling that they should in no circumstances subsidise the refectories, but that the refectories should be totally self-financing. In order to implement this policy and to force the board of governors to accept our demands, we should set up

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change tables in each of the refectories, and from these should provide people with the accurate change which they require so that they can pay last year's prices for the food which they are about to eat. Thus the people would look down last year's price list, and then offer the old amount of money to the lady behind the cash desk, and refuse to pay her any more.

When this motion was put forward, I spoke against it on similar lines to those which I put forward in FELIX two weeks ago. During the discussions last term with the refectories committee and also the Board of Governors, we were told that it was estimated that the overall loss at the end of the session 1973/74 would be in the region of £35,000 unless the prices in the refectories were increased. Part of this increase could be offset by including the net surplus of around £11,500 from the Bars and the cellars thus leaving an overall deficit of some £23,500. This could be offset by an increase of 7½ per cent, and would need a substantial amount of the refectories surplus to help the finances out thus limiting the amount of much needed decorating

The board of governors decision was that the refectory prices should be increased by 5 per cent (i.e. to everyone including the staff, and also those persons ordering dinners etc.). This would then

leave us to find some extra money from somewhere, and it was decided to find this money from some of the Rector's funds, this money to go towards certain types of redecoration of the refectory areas.

At a Grant's action committee (G.A.C.) last Thursday evening, about 30/40 R.S.M. students turned up to express their disapproval of the decision taken by the U.G.M. A.G.A.C. decision was taken that the meeting should adjourn and that it would not reconvene until the 14th December. It was also decided that at the next Union meeting, a Constitution of the G.A.C. should be drawn up, and approved, so that the G.A.C. would have some framework on which it could work. (N.B. The R.S.M. had a Union meeting on the same day as the I.C. Union meeting at which they decided that the R.S.M. would not support the Rent strike. During the next couple of weeks both R.C.S. and also C. & G. are having Union meetings at which they will both discuss the Rent strike motion and also the Refectories motion. I would hope that as many people turn up to the next I.C. Union meeting as will turn up to the three C.C.U. Union meetings!!!)

There are many other issues which I would like to discuss in this Patch, but unfortunately neither time nor space will permit this. Some of these would

be:—

1 Departmental meetings with the Sabbatical officers plus C.C.U. President.

2 Profiles of certain of the Union and College officials in Felix.

3 Better use of the P.A. System in College Block before U.G.M's.

4 Restructuring of the U.G.M's by:—

Limiting the speeches to three minutes; Guillotine of 75 minutes on the meeting; More motions at U.G.M's referring to our own problems; Decisions on N.U.S. Policies to be taken by the External affairs committee.

It was suggested that all of these ideas would be discussed at the next meeting of Council. They were proposed by a working party on Publications and publicity last week.

Just before I finish, I would like to inform everyone that at a Board of Governor's Finance and Executive committee meeting on Friday of last week, it was decided that the Union should receive an extra £5,000 on top of the subvention which they receive at the moment. If anyone feels that the Governing body are really against us then they could possibly try to explain this one to me. (Maybe even someone will dream up the idea of using this money to subsidise the refectories rather than using the money out of the student's pockets!).

Norm

(a) Continue the present situation where support and encouragement for locally initiated rent strikes is given, and (b) Call for a National Rent Strike.

—TREVOR PHILLIPS

SOCIAL SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

Those present (from QMC, Central Poly, North London Poly, Redbridge, City, London and IC) told the meeting what they had on this term.

The meeting discussed problems which had arisen out of agents, etc. No concrete decision was taken.

An all night event was proposed for 23rd November at City who had already booked two groups. QMC agreed to bring in their group for that night. IC agreed to sell tickets.

We also got the impression that other colleges were rather jealous of our reputation in the field of entertainments.

City University have an idea for a large event at the Agricultural Hall, which has not been used for years and needs extensive renovation, for about 17,000 people. Names suggested were Jefferson Airplane and Pink Floyd.

The meeting closed with a resolution to meet again at Hatfield and put a motion on agencies and the legality of contracts to NUS.

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SABOTAGE? At Grants Action Committee Meeting

Allegation

No-one expects that the College Authorities will respond favourably to our just demands without us putting up a fight. Indeed, it was only the threat of student action last term which made the college find some (small) subsidy, not directly from the UGC, to hold off 1 per cent or so of the refec price increase. Already, two days after the Union decision, vague threats against the Union are being put about in an attempt to blackmail us . . . these threats—if they become 'official'—will only serve to show the college in the light they deserve to be seen.

However we do not normally expect threats of sabotage and the like to come from any group of students—however small and unrepresentative.

The Grants Action Committee meeting called on Thursday evening to discuss the implementation of Union policy was remarkably well attended. About 50 people turned up, 35 or so of whom (who were new and in this case unwelcome because of their unruly behaviour) were from a group in the RSM commonly known as THE Minesmen. This group which bears a close resemblance to those who sometimes come along to Union meetings to heckle,

fool-about, and challenge the quorum if they can, did **not** come to help the implementation of Union policy.

They came instead to try and sabotage Union policy, by proposing that its implementation be postponed to the last day of term! If they had anything to express—by speeches or voting—on refectories and grants in IC Union the place to do it is in a Union meeting. They claim they had their own meeting on at the same time as ICUGM so couldn't come; well Mines meeting was called after ICU—probably as a ploy to try and keep ICU inquorate—a ploy which doubly failed. The fact is they cannot have their Mooney and eat it, IC Students must always welcome discussion but cannot tolerate these silly disrupters. IC Union policy is made by IC Union meetings—no-one else.

After the 35 gentlemen (?) of Mines etc. departed the remaining people—largely those who had been elected to GAC plus a few co-opted volunteers—met and organised publicity, Change (the President is being asked to make it available), and leaflets, etc. 35 students who appear to WANT??? price increases in refectories cannot be permitted to sabotage the struggle which is in the interests of all IC students.

Refutation

It has been suggested that I write to explain why so many people turned up to the Grants Action Committee (GAC) last night, and why they adopted such an "obstructive" attitude.

Firstly the Grants Action Committee is a purely ad hoc committee with no constitution or rules drawn up. This lays any such committee open to control by definitive groups who can manipulate to suit their own ideals.

The GAC had been mandated by the IC Union meeting to organise the motion on refectories dealing with paying only the old prices for food. To leave such vital matters in the hands of a committee run on the lines explained above is lunacy.

The other question raised was whether Refectories have anything to do with a Grants Campaign. If the students at Imperial College feel that the refectories offer poor value for money, or poor quality, or poor service then let us stir up the refectories to establish the needs of the customers.

Let us not establish a Grants Campaign that is so all encompassing of every grievance we have; that it becomes so massive and unworkable as to blatantly fail before it should leave the discussion table.

It is my opinion that any Grants Campaign should be a single forged policy

not a prefabricated jerry built failure. It should be marketed as by anyone else in industry does with their own products. The campaign should be carefully thought, hammered into shape, extensively explained and advertised and then released with considerably more chance of success.

P. Gee

NORTH LONDON POLYTECHNIC OCCUPATION



Admin. block Holloway Road.

At a union general meeting on Tuesday at the Polytechnic of North London it was decided by approximately 350 for to 100 against to occupy the Administration block in the Holloway precinct.

The students have been sleeping in overnight and manning the telephone exchange as well as preventing the Administration staff from having access to all files and documents necessary to the running of the college.

The students are calling for the resignation of the Director of NLP, Terence Miller. He has fought since his appointment against student representation on committees and the autonomy of the student union.

A motion which amounted to a motion of no confidence in Miller was narrowly defeated at a Court of Governors meeting on the Monday before the Union General Meeting by 15 votes to 11.

The President, Terry Povey told me that the occupation would continue until Miller leaves. There was no mention of the other problems that stud-

ents face in the original motion.

The foyer of the Admin block in Holloway Road was plastered with posters exclaiming "Miller must go!" referring to the depiction of Miller as a student-bashing robot invented by the Tories in the current edition of the Poly handbook.

The students manning the telephone exchange and upstairs sitting on cushions in the offices were all wearing badges saying "Miller out" which date from the first occupation to try and remove Miller from his post.

The files in the Admin had been checked over by

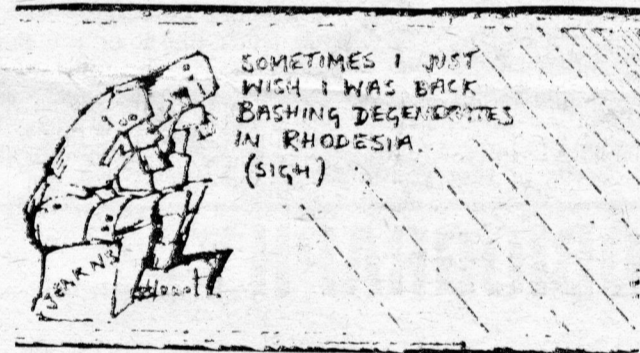
the occupying students and several had copies of a letter from the University of Stirling implying that Miller had applied for the post of Principal and Vice-Chancellor there.

Last Thursday meetings were held in all the precincts (NLP is spread over quite a large area) to discuss the occupation. The general feeling of these meetings was one of confusion at why the executive, having tabled the original motion, appeared at that stage to be trying to run the occupation down.

Terry Povey told me "we are keeping the occupation small so that students don't become demoralised" whereas the students in the precinct meetings appeared to feel that the reverse should be the case.

Perhaps the main reason for demoralisation is summed up by a poster prominent in the entrance reading "Let's inject some politics into this occupation".

He has frozen their funds for the third time, and the students are demanding that they be immediately unfrozen.



Millerman after defeat.

useful.

Result: once one has already studied all that, the only possibility of feeling that one is useful or needed, or of finding a job, is by trying to solve any problem by applying the learned techniques of Nuclear Reactors. Obviously the motivation to study in such a way may be status, money, inertia, etc., but not the wish to solve real problems such as energy supplies, crisis, etc., simply because we didn't even know that such problems existed sometimes.

How about trying the other way around? i.e. based on motivation, e.g.

- 1—Energy requirements of present way of life
- 2—Alternatives

If the student still believes that more energy is required and that it is the only solution (or the best) . . . and feels inclined to try or help to solve the problem:

- 3—Energy production methods, consequences, costs, etc.
- If the student still believes that Nuclear energy is a solution . . .
- 4—Nuclear Reactors, types, economy, social implications, ecological and political effects, possibilities, etc.
- Again, if the student still . . .
- 5—Nuclear Reactor physics and engineering: research design, construction maintenance, management, etc., job conditions, possibilities and scope,

present organisations, etc.

If the student . . .

- 6—The atom, its nature, $E=mc^2$, nuclear reactions, energy liberation, etc.

Result: 1—only those who believe in what they are doing will continue, 2—the motivation will be a continuous drive improving the learning, 3—those who don't feel motivated to the subject simply split and have opportunity to either deal with the same-problem in a different field or to look for more satisfying studies, problems, work, etc. In short: Healthy responsible learning not indoctrination.

This means saving, of educational resources (time, money, lectures, etc.) on the side of the educating organisation, and of precious time, effort, frustration, etc., on the part of the student; plus this also leads to enjoyable and desirable work rather than a compulsory and dull one.

If what we want is people's education rather than boosting our statistics and records, we should stop considering education as commercial goods that can be given to anybody who pays for it independently of whether or not that person is interested or motivated to learn.

J. Aguirre,
Civ. Eng. 310

ARE WE UP-SIDE DOWN ?

Why are we at IC (continued)

What is the motivation that keeps us studying? money? status? lack of job? prestige? college's atmosphere? security? If so, it is obvious that we should feel bored and foolish. We should rather learn how to get money, a job, etc., without having to learn and work with all these difficult scientific and engineering subjects. Motivation precedes all meaningful learning.

But if our "motivation" is either inertia or that we like Maths, Physics, etc., then our motivations are academic and to some extent independent of the "outside world", we are likely to feel therefore irresponsible, ordered about, arbitrarily graded, useless, etc., Motivation should come from the "real" or "outside world" and not from within the college or from prepackaged curricula. This applies unless we expect to solve problems of the college only, regardless of anything else—or unless we intend to declare ourselves irresponsible (i.e. someone else's tools) and want to co-operate blindly to increase the already overgrown world's power for whatever the "future" (i.e. the people holding power or the system's inertia) may reserve for us.

One should be allowed to learn what one is really motivated to learn, and

not simply to acquire scarce "knowledge" to monopolise it and sell it as an expensive item or exchange it for status security, etc.; or not simply to be able to accept whatever kind of "knowledge" is being pumped in our heads after a forced selection from among a number of pre packaged choices being put to us.

Let me consider a subject like many others, say Nuclear Reactor Physics; the typical order of teaching is more or less:

- 1—The atom, its nature, etc.
- 2— $E=mc^2$
- 3—Nuclear reactions, energy liberation, etc.
- 4—The reactor, description, classification, etc.
- 5—Nuclear reactors engineering
- 6—(Sometimes) Nuclear reaction economics.

Separately, if one is lucky enough to find out, one can join such courses as "Environment and Man" or Science 8c Society", where (again with luck) someone may talk of the role of Nuclear reactors in some real situation such as solving the energy crisis. In any case, by the time we find out something about the real problems, it is too late FOR US to decide whether or not the course is

FELIX REVIEWS

BOOKS

Who's who in the Ancient World by Betty Radice Penguin 60p

This book is what it says it is, or to be more exact a 'who was who' in the Greek and Roman classics.

Our heritage of art is full of the influences both historical and mythological from this era, the mythology of the time especially presenting an amazing flux of fascinating characters who led very complex lives by any standards and who are further confused by the various interpretations made over a thousand years of the Greek and Roman cultures.

Betty Radice presents a very clear picture of what could be chaos and what is perhaps more important follows the strong classical influences over a vast range of art, from the Renaissance to the present day, spanning poetry, painting, sculpture, music, playwriting, films, philosophy and even astronomy

and psychoanalysis — enabling one to interpret the significance of the symbols and characters involved in them.

The comprehensive and fully up to date index makes all the information in the dictionary readily accessible, and this book is ideal for reference or for a confirmed browser, being full of interesting snatches of information which you run across upon looking up a particular topic such as Freud's Elektra complex, Picasso's use of the Minotaur or the population of the circles of Hell in Dante's Inferno, to name but a few.

There are 56 rather beautiful black and white plates illustrating introduction, a bibliography, two maps and a chronological table finish of the book. Recommended.

Philip Webber

'BEST OF PRIVATE EYE'

Quartet 50p

"The Best of Private Eye" — that's a bit of a libel. (What happened to the Cloggies, for one thing — and Pseud's Corner and Barry McKenzie?) it's not the best — it's more like a random sample picked out from the last couple of years. You could say it is exceedingly boring. The usual hate figures get their share of paper darts. Some of it is childish and self-indulgent (anything's funny if you hear it often enough, often enough . . . often enough . . . get it?) and some already seems dated; about as useful and interesting as a collection of vintage potato crisps. Some, of course, is very

funny indeed:

Second Carriage

H.M. Ayesha Hushpuppiz Launderama Metrogoldwyn Meir (Akonda of Swat); Field Marshal Hashish Delhitelegraph (Grand Vivier and Master of the Imperial Umbrella); Lady Angela Fitzalan Tightly (Lady-in-Waiting); H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh.

Well, you either like it or you don't. But unless you're an incurable addict (remember, it can damage your health) this is not a book to buy. It's worth the odd look in the shops, though; you might get a laugh or two.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Charles Chaplin

The title is "My Autobiography", and it is. Chaplin's writing is as personal and as dead-pan as his camera-work; What he saw, felt and thought is here, stated so baldly that you sometimes wonder if the book is a translation. The memories near the beginning, and the anecdotes in the rest of the book, are strung along apparently at random and it was not until I had been carried through several scenes that I became conscious of the easy directness of his approach. This is the essence of Chaplin, in p.i.n.t, and with it comes the realisation that in his private life he was an artist and by no means the clown and tramp.

As a child he knew extreme poverty, but does not fall into the trap of glorifying it: "I found poverty neither attractive nor edifying. It taught me nothing more than a distortion of values, an overrating of the virtues and graces of the rich and the so-called better classes". He toured America with the Karno Company, and later returned there full of hopes and dreams to distill the inimitable tramp. The story of that process is one which most of us, as students, will hope to parallel.

Chaplin was 21 when he first saw Broadway and New York and his descriptions of those places and of his feelings for them would fit many freshers coming to London for the first time: the distractions, impersonality, impetu-

osity and occasional beauty of a big city and a legend. More than anything else, this feeling of identity and comprehension draws one into sympathy with him. Also thought provoking are his comments on the attitudes and posturing of the press and the American bureaucratic system.

In its early chapters, the book is full of memories of London before the First World War — habits and a way of life now totally lost. There is material here for the sociologist and historian, as well as interest for the casual browser. Later, the book becomes more anecdotal, is full of well-worn names, some new old gossip and characteristic snatches of homely philosophy, yet remains readable and absorbing. The pictures, and there are 113 of them, tend to be blurry period prints and newspaper snaps, but they fit, and give valuable glimpses of the surroundings and social strata through which Charlie gravitated.

Any Chaplin-fans, film-fanatics and devoted nostalgists will have snapped up the first printing: if you want to know more about the man behind the clown and be given an absorbing view of the world "as it was" into the bargain, try this snip at 65p. "After all — (P.320) — "there are more valid facts and details in works of art than there are in history books".

Candi

THEATRE

Instrument for Love

Almost free theatre

Nowadays lunchtime drama is becoming very popular in London, attracting an audience from office workers and the urban populace that cannot stay in town late just to see a play. The Almost Free Theatre is one theatre running a series of lunchtime plays, and I went to see Instrument for Love by Jennifer Phillips, which is running at 1.15 p.m. (except Sundays) until October 27th. The theatre auditorium is very small so that an intimate relationship is maintained between the actors and the audience which is exploited by the cast very well so that the audience actually feels that they are an integral part of the action and not just passive observers.

The play itself is about four people who snatch a picnic on the lawn outside an open house during the interval. The party consists of Mr. and Mrs. Drew, their fed up daughter, and a guest who later transpires just to be a friend of the original guest who could not make it at the last minute. As the play progresses we find out that Mrs. Drew was the organiser and the only person that really wanted to see the opera. For the other three it is only a social drudgery that must be borne out and it is remarkable how little is ever said about the opera, as the party are too involved with themselves. It also transpires that Mr. Harper

(the guest) is really a "dirty old man", who cannot come to terms with himself unless he regularly indulges in his hobby of making obscene phone calls and is much put off when the voice at the other end is not indignant but inviting. Miss Drew turns out to be a sexually "liberated girl" who prefers action to conversation and the silent Mr. Drew makes his own revolutionary stand against his wife by refusing the cordon bleu picnic with champagne for the preferable corned beef sandwich and pale ale. The overall effect is the humorous creation of a very realistic situation that we have all found ourselves in at one social function or another. The play was directed by Liane Aukin, who has managed to handle the production with great sensitivity and nothing is overdone so the whole effect is realistic rather than absurd. Notable performances were given by Gillian Martell as the trendy mum and David Glover as the sex-craved guest.

The play was produced by Interaction, who are a group experimenting in all forms of art and communications for use at community level, and with this play they have produced a very good drama production that will appeal to lunchtime audiences, especially as there are no fixed prices, but you just pay what you want to.

Tim Jeffes

SCAB IC ENTS

TONIGHT! —

Tues 23 Oct. — **OSIBISA** + Heavy Metal Kids
in Great Hall — 80p on night

Thurs. 25 Oct. — **Soldier Blue** + Bob, Carol, Ted & Alice
6.30 in Mech. Eng. 220 — 10p

Fri. 26 Oct. — **DISCO** in Lower Refectory — 10p

Sat. 27 Oct. — **MANFRED MANN'S EARTHBAND**
in Great Hall. IC Students 50p in advance

Fri. 2 Nov. — **QUEEN** — Union Concert Hall — 30p

Sat. 3 Nov. — **SHAFT** — 7.30 in Mech. Eng. 220 — 10p

FOLK SOC.

Sat. 17 Nov. — **RALPH McTELL** — in Great Hall
IC Students 70p in advance

Tickets will be available later this week

JAZZ SOC.

Sat. 24 Nov. — **BACK DOOR** — in Great Hall
IC Students 50p in advance

Tickets available from Nov. 1

TICKETS FROM UNION OFFICE DURING
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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

One of those interesting stories

After last week's report you probably gained the impression that a large field was expected at the 2nd UL Cross Country Trial. In fact there were only 36 runners: maybe the others were put off by the previous muddle (or perhaps they don't exist). The fact that UL were without any organisation was again the cause of some dashing about by some people and some standing around in the cold by others. First of all, it was generally decided that we'd do the 5 rather than the 6 mile course, and we were about to start when it wasn't a good idea because the course wasn't marked and half the people wouldn't know the way. Now, by coincidence, there were two other races at Parliament Hill that afternoon and we somehow co-opted one of their courses which was well marked. Someone then went round the course so he could describe it. Past gems of course-description here have included "Go round the tree that isn't there", and "It's the same as the 1938 National course"; this year it was "Don't go round the Extension," whatever that was.

So, somewhat colder, we set off and found our way round two laps totalling about 5½ miles. Richard Garnett and Rob Allinson were tenth equal in about 32 minutes, followed by Ian Ellis (12th),

Kaliray (14th) and Dave West (15th). The rest of us were well spread over the remaining finishers with Pad bringing up the rear despite a 6 minute improvement over a similar distance last week. Unfortunately Neil Boag arrived too late to run having been trapped by BR in a locked up station.

After the race we set off for the station via Greasy Joe's Tea and Chess Emporium, and, after waiting for a lift for some time Ian Ellis decided (displaying typical Cross Country Club leadership) to open the gates of one of the lifts already waiting at the top landing, and we and other people got in. Upon all this activity a railman appeared and offered his estimate of how long we'd have to wait for the lift to move, so everybody got out again.

On Wednesday we went to Richmond Park. There's not much to say about this because nothing went wrong. We went round our course (each at his own pace: and many and varied these were), and arrived back in time to play on the swings while waiting for the coach.

Next week Inquests on the UC Relay and the League Race, and Ian Isherwood's explanation of why he's still not running.

D.J.



Mines early birds head for the start

TIDDLEY WINK RACE

The traditional Tiddley Wink Race collected more than either of the other down Oxford Street was once again a constituent Colleges, and a total of £420 great success. was collected.

The winner was Mines Fresher Jamie 'Blur' Bell. He led in great style, leading this event can be judged by the number of students hobbling around over the weekend. STOIC. No arrests were made, a good start.

On a 'per capita' basis Mines once

HOCKEY CLUB

A rather depleted 2nd XI played the first match of the season away against U.C. 2nds on Saturday. After recruiting players from 1st and 3rd XIs (thanks to Andrew, Jerry and Richard) ten individuals invaded 5th Kensington underground complete with sticks and other assorted weapons, so beginning the marathon journey to Shenley.

The game got underway with some intelligent and positive play by all members of the team. U.C. were contained in their own half, and although shots at goal were not in abundance, a well taken goal, from deep in the 'D', struck by Mike Hatcher gave us a deserved 1-0 lead at half time. After the break, however, the team seemed to fall apart with U.C. forwards finding ample

room to score three goals to seal our fate.

After the match U.C. showed a marked lack of hospitality, and—more important—a marked lack of jugs. So it was a generally p—d off team that returned to I.C.

A word of encouragement to freshers to show up on Saturdays (at 1.00 p.m. in the union) if you want your talents to be recognised. It is good to have your subs but better 2nd team results necessitate regular turn out.

IAN

Team: R. Bateman, J. Heffer, J. Dan, I. Read (capt.), J. Simon, P. Craven, A. Brewster, M. Hatcher, J. Wong, G. Robinson.

JUDO CLUB

I.C.'s Judo Club only came back into existence last year—so naturally, it is still a very new club, and continuously undergoing the process of change and development, eventually we hope into a very prominent and successful club.

We have had many of last year's club members return to form a nucleus for this year. We have also had over 20 newcomers with a range of experience from white belt to black. As at the beginning of any year, there is also a lot of interest from prospective beginners who may well join on having had an introduction to judo.

During this first term we hope to organise several demonstration/friendly competition events with other college

clubs in ULU, to which anybody interested—if only to watch—is very welcome. Then after Christmas things will become more serious as we enter 'full-blooded' competitions (not too much blood we hope!), and with a little luck take off some trophies.

We will be very pleased at any time to welcome new members (from beginners to black belts). The club practises every Tuesday and Thursday evening, starting at 6.30 p.m., in the Union Gym, with two black belt instructors.

S. J. RICHARDSON (Secretary)
M.E. 3
J. W. BLOOMER (Captain)
Physics 3.

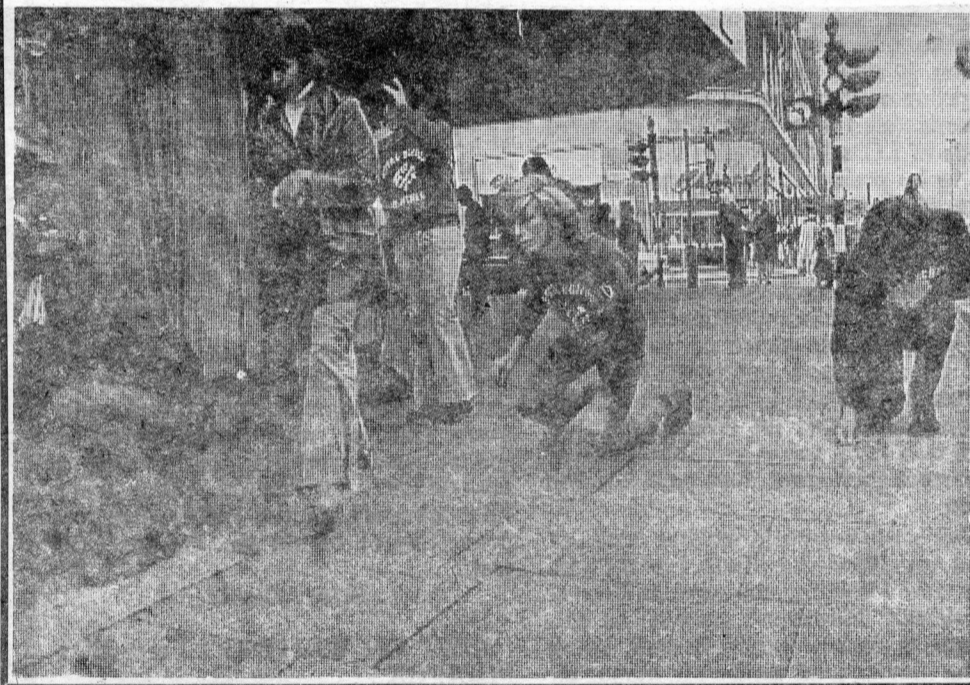
I.C. HOCKEY

Wednesday, 10th October saw the start of a new season. Imperial, under the delusion of playing Brunel 1st XI, played within themselves in the first half and at half time the score was 2-0. Mick Downes then informed us we were playing Brunel 2nd XI and we composed ourselves accordingly and ran out winners 7-0. The scorers were G. Popple

(3 + 1 jug), M. Downes (2) and K. Ross (2).

Wednesday evening was also Pie and Mash night. It was a night enjoyed by everyone especially Nigel Woodhouse, who still has to learn to count, and Tim Hanson who had swimming lessons in a Selkirk Bath. We wish to thank everyone for supporting the occasion.

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Winkers at work

MORPHY DAY OCTOBER 24th

In 1920 Arthur Morphy presented Imperial College with a cup to be rowed for by the Constituent Colleges. The race was started from stakeboats and raced in Eights from Hammersmith Bridge to the University Stone at Putney Bridge.

Competition for the Morphy first eights was so strong that in 1945 Colonel Lowry, then the secretary of the College, introduced the Lowry Cup for second eights. It is a regrettable fact that puny C and G have managed to crawl home first 39 times, Mines 8 times and RCS, being gentlemen, have considerably exerted their authority a mere 6 times.

This year C & G have fielded an eight which is probably the fastest in Britain. They have six international oarsmen and the rest are made up of national champions. The RCS crew have most of the IC first eight, and Mines are also competing.

After the second war the Stakeboat starts were replaced by free starts and then in 1960 the course was shortened to 2,500 metres from Harrods Depository to the University Stone.

Past towpath battles include a mock funeral with coffins carried by C & G and RCS, complete with police escort across Putney Bridge and down the Embankment to IC Boathouse. City and Guilds have now ordered their usual five hundredweight of flour, but it is rumoured that Mines, with an unusual display of intelligence, have phoned up the company and diverted the cargo into their own coffers, at C & G's expense.

Did you know that RCS has won the towpath battle twenty-six times (once with the help of Mines) and the score stands the same with C & G? Come on RCS (I try not to be biased), we need that Morphy Day Mascot, and for the Miners, in case you'd forgotten, it's a sawn-off oar.

P.A.W.N.O.

Safety and First Aid

In view of the recent fire in Zoology, I think that it is the right time to bring to your notice that there will be a first-aid briefing session later this term. It will be held probably on Thursday, 6th December, in the Great Hall, from 12.45 to 13.45. This is a free, open meeting and all students are encouraged to attend.

Policy Statement Appendix

This is now ready and in the Union office. All students are encouraged to have a copy. I would like to know if there are any mistakes so that these can be corrected at the next Union meeting, which will be, incidentally, on November 1st.

Parking

The traffic warden will soon refuse to allow students to park without a permit. All permits are now in my office

and should be collected as soon as possible.

ALL SPACES HAVE NOW BEEN ALLOCATED. I sympathise with those who have not got a place but I am unable to allocate any more places as I have no more to allocate.

Concessions Directory

There are four copies of the above available in the Union office for consultation. If you would like to know how to use your NUS card to the best advantage this is the book to look at.

Barber

A new barber will be starting work this week. The service will be available from 1.30 on Thursdays in the dramatic society changing room, in the Union building. The price will be 25p for short hair.

P. A. Wadworth
Hon. Sec. I.C.U.

PHOENIX ARISEN

Friends, if you perused the first edition of our esteemed college journal, Felix, this term you may have seen mention of a magazine, by name PHOENIX. Even if this is not so, do not despair, for I shall briefly recap and expound here and now.

PHOENIX is a magazine steeped in history. It was founded n years ago by no lesser a person than H. G. WELLS, and has since been through innumerable hands. As of course, is to be expected the magazine has greatly evolved in both form and content; though some might say that the changes have been by revolution not evolution.

Well, friends, now is your chance to acquaint yourselves with and even buy this famed magazine as last year's rather delayed (to be regarded as a proof the adage that 'time and printers wait for no editors, be they Felix or PHOENIX') edition is now on sale. This excellent magazine contains poems and prose and artwork (etc.) hot from the fervoured minds of I.C.'s literary giants (who happen to be posing at this moment as uncultured science and engineering students).

The only catch in this superb and unique offer is that the magazine costs 20p. Now don't stop reading! Come on, put your minces closer to this article and have a good butchers! This unfortunate accident is no fault of the editors but is our lot deemed unto us by those above, and is specially designed to protect your scant dues paid into the Union.

Well a further evolution has occurred and I am editor—an editor, I might add, with new ideas for the next edition of PHOENIX. However I am also an editor who is slightly lacking in staff, owing to the almost total third-year monopoly of last year's magazine. So I am looking

for some fresh energetic minds who are interested enough to drop me their names—you don't have to be Shelleys or Cervantes', just ordinary students who can offer ideas and moral support to your wilting editor as he fights against the apathy of I.C.

And now we are at the heart of the matter, apathy—or as I prefer, ignorance and diffidence. In my conversations with many people across the college I found that it was not that they 'could not be bothered' to contribute articles, but that they had never heard of PHOENIX or had never seen one and so did not know what sort of material was wanted. So I shall tell you now that we want: POEMS, PROSE (fiction and non-fiction), ARTWORK, CARTOONS—in fact almost ANYTHING. Now there are 4000 odd students at I.C., and I want every one of you to put pen/brush/charcoal/etc. to paper and create something for the next PHOENIX. There is excellent potential at I.C. to produce an outstanding magazine; but the editing board cannot do this on their own—PHOENIX is YOUR magazine and stands or falls by YOUR contributions. So don't be shy, send in your piece now! I am going to start early to build up a good magazine, and I need YOUR help.

So if you are interested in helping behind the scenes or wish to be the star and have your name printed under every fruit of your fertile spawn of genius, send word (or composition) to me—STEVE HERMAN either (carefully labelled) via the Felix Office (3rd floor, Union) or via the Physics letter rack.

Many Thanks,

KEEP ON WRITING !! and BUY PHOENIX !!

STEVE HERMAN.

GET MOVING

by Father William

Younger's Tartan—Free

A light fun record distributed free by Youngers to promote 'Tartan' beer — one of those paper thin single sided P.V.C. efforts presumably given free with n barrels of Tartan.

A typical example of this advertising medium, the repetitive theme is original enough "Get Moving (for Youngers 'Tartan') but the backup lyrics (e.g. "It's time for living, it's time for... any time at all") I feel I've heard be-

fore. However, for it's kind the musical content is above average, and the arrangement showed some forethought, the tune's very catchy (of course!) and could only be described as the commercialist of pop.

Definitely a new departure for Youngers — transferring the image of 'Tartan' from the drink of the burly Highlander to that of the 'Top of the Pops' set.

In short, worth a play if you get it free.

D.G.F.

GHOST

The Wellsoc Ghost Study Group will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25th October, at 7.30 p.m. in Southside Upper Lounge. All interested are invited to attend or contact ALAN LITTLEFORD via Maths II letter rack.

STOIC

Tuesday 23rd October

- 12.45 My Choice—music. Anyone wanting to choose the music for 'My Choice' should come to Elec. Eng. 306 at lunch-times or ring INT. 3061.
- 12.55 BBC Television News.
- 13.00 Sarting Point—Live discussion programme.
- 13.40 Closedown.

Friday 26th October

- 12.45 My Choice.
- 12.55 BBC Television News.
- 13.00 TOPIC. A news-magazine programme featuring all in and around I.C.
- 17.45 BBC Television News.
- 18.00 Topic.
- 18.25 London Survival: FOOD. Cathy Gee takes a look at eating in London.

CALLING UNSA-TWI Association

It appears (in the eyes of the Social Clubs Committee) that this Club is now dead. If there are any committee members lurking, then could they please contact the Secretary (Peter Hughes, Chem. Eng. P.G., Linstead Hall). Otherwise, its continued existence will be questioned at the next S.C.C. meeting (due to be held on December 6th, 1973).

REMEMBER MORPHY DAY

ROWING RACES

(including Ladies Eights)

SMASH YOUR RIVAL CCU

This is the only day of the year to let your hair down

(Flour, Soot, Rotten Fruit provided by your CCU)

Timetable: 2.00 p.m. Supporters to their College Union.

3.00 p.m. Lowry Race and commencement of Battle outside Boathouse.

3.30 p.m. Morphy Race.

YSSS National Conference Students and the building of the Revolutionary Party

Saturday, 27th October 2 p.m.
Union Concert Hall,
Imperial College.
Credentials 20p.

The
USK

handbook
is now
available

FREE

from the
Union Office
and is certainly
well worth having

Sailing!

After the first couple of weeks of total and absolute chaos with sailing club trials and freshers days, a bit of sanity reigned as the I.C. Sailing Club team made towards Portsmouth, at least during the chase down there.

However, things were brought back to normality, as our navigators managed to get us lost somewhere on South-sea front.

Half-an-hour late, we arrived, and it is here that I have to report the first appalling efforts of our new captain, Brian (Tweedale) Rogers, V.C. — no first round was bought (many thanks for the coke Nigel!).

Eventually the Portsmouth Poly team led us to some submarine base in the depths of Pompey Dockyard where we proceeded to start the first of three races.

The three newcomers to the team, Richard Woods (crewed by hefty Ian

Hoppalong plus B. Tweedy and Chris Mills plus P. Brain, then proceeded to show the way round and gaining 2nd, 3rd, 4th after some fair team racing.

With a good 2½ pts lead the old lags took the helm with every confidence of boosting this lead still further.

Everything was O.K. until the start gun went and there were Hefty and Tweedy stuck hard up against a jetty and a couple of cruisers—neither were moving.

However, at the first mark a Poly boat retired after a port side incident with yours truly.

With one short beat to go and in a comfortable 1, 2, 4, a certain un-named member of the team managed to neatly convert this at the finish to 1, 3, 5 after trying to get our hon. captain through to third. Sorry folks !!

This gave us the match quite convincingly by 7 pts. A further scratch was put on and our Freshers neatly notched up a 1, 2, 3 to end a pleasant day's sailing.

p.p. P. BRAIN.