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MASSIVE RESPONSE TO GRANTS DEMO

OVER 10,000 ON MARCH

Over 10,000 students, mainly from London but some from further afield, turned up for the grants demonstration organised by the London Students Organisation last Wednesday.

A rally was held at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Square and speakers included representatives of Trade Unions, teachers and old age pensioners.

The march started at Malet Street at 3 p.m. and moved off chanting slogans down across the Waterloo Bridge to the Department of Education and Science headquarters on the South bank.

Ringed on all sides by peacefully plodding policemen, the march was uneventful and well-ordered.

Particularly vociferous was the contingent from the National Union of School Students (NUSS) who were well-equipped with loud-hailers and led the chanting of slogans in many parts of the demo.

At times the lilting sopranos of Phillipa Fawcett College when not shouting raucous demands, broke out in song protesting at the level of the grants.

The IC contingent was small and consisted mainly of "the regulars". Most of the numbers for the march came not from the Colleges of the University of London, but from the Polytechnics, Teacher

Training Colleges and Colleges of Further Education, in and around London.

A somewhat bemused, if sympathetic response was received from members of the public who thronged the pavements to watch and were promptly handed explanatory bump by enthusiastic girl students.

A policeman had to be specially detailed to guard a Rolls-Royce (parked on a yellow line, mid-afternoon!) which was inundated with leaflets from the demonstration.

King's College in the Strand was greeted with a chorus of boos and hisses due to the large number of scab students who were watching out of the windows but who refused to participate in the march.

Two delegates from each College attended a meeting on the grants campaign held during the afternoon. It is not known whether representatives from IC were there.

The next step in the fight for the four basic NUS demands will be a "work-in", organised on a collegiate basis, to take place on November 14th.

NUS Secretary acquitted

Steve Parry, Secretary of the NUS, was arrested, along with several others including Tariq Ali, on a demonstration in July against Caetano the Portuguese Premier.

He was charged with assault but acquitted due to inconsistencies

in the police evidence on Thursday 1st November.

Tariq Ali however was fined £50 despite photographic evidence "disproving" the police case that Ali managed to assault two constables while holding a briefcase in his hand.

New Chair for Biochem

A second chair has been instituted in the Department of Biochemistry here at IC to be known as the Rank Chair of Physiological Biochemistry. The Chair will be financed by the J. Arthur Rank Group Charity.

It is not known at present who will take up the Chair.

UC Give in

The boards inscribed with the names of past Presidents, Deputy Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of Imperial College Union have been returned.

They were wrenched off the walls of the SCR in the Union building a few weeks ago by persons not unlike certain of the rabble that claim to inhabit University College Engineering Department.

Enquiries led by Deputy President Dave Sinclair soon revealed that the above assumption was not a million miles from the truth.

A telephone call was duly made by Dave Sinclair, in which the possibility of legal action to retrieve the boards was not left unsaid, to the above-mentioned hoard of butter-fingered meanderthals who know not the meaning of inviolate.

The boards were instantly returned last Wednesday and after sterilisation will be soon on show again in all their gilded splendour.

PURPLE PATCH

This week I have decided to write a totally unpolitical Patch, as I think that there is a great deal within the Union which we must begin to sort out. The main item at the moment is the behaviour of a great number of our students at parties and the like. I have always given students the benefit of the doubt when it comes to their behaviour and attitude to their neighbours, and also those who are working for the benefit of the students, but unfortunately, once one has seen the aftermath of "Student fun" then one begins to wonder how thoughtful students really are.

After a while one expects to see broken glasses, broken bottles, some litter and occasionally a little damage, but this term we have been getting into the state of walking up the staircases amid the stench of pints of vomit, urine, and when one enters the toilets finding that some considerate student has deposited human excreta upon both the floor and also the walls. I can, if I try very hard see that once a person is pissed and is desperately trying to impress his friends, that this type of display could be very funny (Ha. Ha.) but I think that if this same person were to find himself with the unenviable task the following morning of having to clear up the mess which he has made, then the situation would be somewhat different. We have got to the state at the moment where the cleaners are about to refuse to clean any of the "Student areas" at all unless something is done about the obnoxious conditions in which the rooms are left. I am not exaggerating when I say that some of the cleaners have been known to make themselves ill by trying to clean the shit and vomit off the floors after student parties the previous night. You may say that the way of preventing this kind of trouble re-occurring is to get hold of the childish prat who is causing the mess and make him clear it up once he is sober, but unfortunately, unless one could do a vast amount of analysis throughout the college, then it would be very difficult to trace the owner of the aforesaid excreta.

I am afraid that if this is becoming the 'normal' way for a student to behave, then I would like to recommend to our Academic Affairs Officer that he approach the Board of studies with a view to inserting in every student's syllabus a course in 'Common decency, and how to act like an adult'.

The problem is not merely one of

filth and squalor. There is also the problem of noise at parties, and especially excessive noise after 11.00 at night. I would not doubt that a party without music would, for many, be very boring, as they are not great conversationalists at the best of times, but does this noise really have to begin at around 100 decibels and increase in direct proportion to the amount of alcohol consumed?

Why should it be that I am getting on average the threat of one indictment each week either from the area around the college or from the area around the Hamlet gardens flats?? I fail to see why I should be called from my bed at 12.00 midnight to quieten a "Party" in Hamlet gardens, and when I phone the flat there is no one on the other end of the phone who is capable of answering the question "Can I speak to someone in charge of the party". In fact one evening last week I spent almost 20 minutes trying to get through to the organisers of a party in Hamlet gardens, and I got no other reply than from two drunken buffoons on the other end of the line trying to chat each other up. This was, I might add after 12.00 midnight.

It might seem obvious to most sensible students that my accusations are only aimed at that absolute minority who seem incapable of conducting their lives in an adult manner.

As a final note to all, by all means have a good time and get the best from your time in University, but for goodness sake, PLEASE consider those around you, both your fellow students, your neighbours, and also those who are working for the good of the students within the college (ie. Cleaners etc.).

Unless some drastic re-thinking on behalf of the organisers of parties etc. is done, the only solution will be for the Union to take disciplinary action against those people who are spoiling the lot of the rest of the student body. It is unjust for a minority to influence decisions against the majority.

As a plea to all the students of the college, it is in your own interest to prevent other students from causing a disturbance in any way. The only real way of maintaining discipline is for every student to act as a discipline officer, and keep things under control. PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU.

NORM.

NUS to fold?

The net result of the stalinist dominated NUS exec's wheelings and dealings is now coming out: Bath University and Newcastle Polytechnic have already discussed motions to disaffiliate from NUS and murmurings about disaffiliation are growing louder in many colleges throughout the country.

So far none of these have been passed, although they have necessitated the despatch of NUS president John Randall to colleges where the murmurings have grown into an ominous rumble from the right wing to do so.

Randall turned up at King's on Thursday where the first stages of disaffiliation moves are occurring to try and quash them. He did not appear unduly worried by the sudden emergence of these right wing tactics as those motions which had been tabled had been kicked out.

What does the NUS exec think about this? The story begins back in the last stages of Digby Jack's reign at the NUS National Conference in

Exeter, Easter this year. . . . A motion was tabled by NUS exec to split off NUS services (travel, insurance, etc.) from NUS so that they were financially independent. The reasons for doing so were stated as "the existing provision of NUS services and the arrangements for their control are inadequate".

However it seemed strange at the time that the exec had allocated one of its two priorities for the conference order paper to that apparently uncontentious motion.

It is clear to all now that in view of recent events the NUS exec was preparing even at that stage to consciously liquidate NUS.

Although it was argued by the exec that to split the services off from NUS would have saved NUS from any financial maladies that the services might have collected, in fact quite the reverse was true: the splitting ensured that whatever happens to NUS as a political body, lucrative profitable NUS services can continue making their money off students.

The demonstration that occurred on Wednesday was spontaneously organised by the London Students Organisation (LSO), the London area organisation of NUS.

Earlier this year the exec had thrown out a motion calling for a national march, opting for local demonstrations and expressions of support for the grants campaign to be organised on an uncentralised local basis.

To cap it all the NUS even presented to the emergency conference, held at Imperial last term, a motion calling for a "work-in" to be held this term.

When questioned on the nature of the "work-in" they replied that it was up to each individual college to organise a "do-your-own-thing" alternative syllabus to everyday college life.

Despite this vacuity of leadership, students are prepared to fight, even though the demo on Wednesday was not organised nationally by the NUS, over 10,000 students (LBC estimated 15,000) turned up, near-

ly all from London, to voice their anger at the rapidly vanishing value of the grant.

The NUS are trying the disgusting sell-out tactics of engineers' leader Hugh Scanlon who, despite a pile of telegrams a mile high on his plush desk demanding a national strike of the AUEW until the £75,000 fine is withdrawn, offers no leadership and left it up to each individual area organisation to arrange strikes / stoppages / go slows/overtime bans or whatever they like.

This comes as no surprise of course as the Communist Party who control NUS exec have been continually exalting Scanlon (an ex-CP member) in the columns of their paper and covering up for each betrayal he has done.

Never before has the question of leadership been of such paramount importance in the Trade Unions and the NUS. There is not a squeak of objection to the plummeting value of our grants visible in the actions of the NUS exec. They are preparing quite

consciously to hold back any struggle of students that turns into a political fight against the Tory government. This situation of politically bankrupt leadership is a stamping ground for the right wing who will use it to disaffiliate from the NUS.

As NUS collapses round the ears of the stalinist NUS exec they will place the blame on the students just as in Chile the rise to power of the Junta was the fault of the working and middle classes there.

Are we to let them get away with this for one moment longer? Only the policy of immediate cash supplementary grants tied to the student cost of living index can maintain our depreciating standard of living and yet they refuse to put forward such a demand to the Triennial Review or to rally support for it among the students.

The YSSS will campaign most ruthlessly to expose and replace these treacherous leaders and appeals to all students who are no longer prepared to sit back and watch the NUS, destroyed by these enemies of the student movement to join them in a fight to defend our grants and our democratic rights.

Seven attacks in less than a month

Life at Leeds University and Polytechnic is an extremely dangerous affair. Already this term there have been a number of assaults which prompted University Union President Andy Jarosz to warn all female students not to venture out alone after dark. He said: "I find the whole situation extremely dangerous".

A month-long city bus curfew has been imposed due to the frequency of attacks on conductors. All buses in the city stop running at 9 p.m.

Det.-Supt. Hobson for Leeds City Police, said that Mr. Jarosz' advice was good but "It is not something we need to get alarmed about".

Oh, no? Well this is the inventory of attacks that have occurred within the first month of this term to Leeds students:

- Murders: 2.
- Assaults: 3.
- Attempted murder: 1.
- Rape: 1.

If that's nothing to get alarmed about then perhaps the bland complacency of Supt. Hobson is.

P.A.W.N.O.

Parking Stickers

I am still in possession of over 20 parking permits. It seems rather strange that, considering the lack of official parking space, there are still people wanting to come to college by car and yet not use the college parking that they've been allocated. For the sake of others who were unsuccessful in their applications, I think it only fair that, if these stickers are not collected, they will be re-allocated.

Electricity Supply

You may be aware from the national press and radio that interruptions to supply may take place due to the power engineers' wages dispute. The London Electricity Board has informed the college that, although power cuts are not expected, voltage reduction may be introduced at any time.

The normal operating variation of $\pm 5\%$ on the normal voltage of 415 volts would, under such circumstances, not be maintained. Reductions of up to -10% (41.5 volts) can be expected without warning. Conservation of electricity during any voltage reductions will be essential. The LEB have also

warned us that if the situation deteriorates a system of planned disconnections will be introduced.

If you have ever found yourself in the middle of one of our large laboratories late at night and a power failure occurs you may well find yourself in a very ticklish situation.

This happened to some unfortunate people who found themselves in their department, in different parts of the building, at about 8.30 p.m. one night when the power cable running alongside the building site failed. Without

torch or matches they groped their way past experimental rigs and other sources of danger and eventually found themselves in a pitch dark corridor. Trying to remember where the staircase was (there being nothing to give them the faintest clue) provided quite a task and it was 10 minutes or so until they found it and eventually got out.

It is, of course, always better if there are two of you and the security guards know exactly where you are. Even if you have not taken the precaution of having your own torch available, security will eventually come round to get people out. You

would think, of course, that the battery operating emergency lighting would be provided, but no such luck, merciless treasury has seen to that and the provision of such matters now is a very costly business. No, the solution is simple, never work alone after normal hours. Always make sure that you sign in and out at the security post and if possible carry a torch or have one at a known place in your desk or hanging up behind the door or wherever it is most convenient.

Of course, if you happen to be in the lift at the time, bad luck. The college maintenance engineers have a routine emergency drill which requires them to check every lift eventually.

Lady Flowers' Do

The first of Lady Flowers' get togethers is being held at 170 Queens Gate on Thursday, 22nd November. Beer, soft drinks, snacks and music will be provided. Unlike previous ones, however, males are being invited. If you would like to go please contact Jen, the Union Clerk and your name will be added to the list. If you are female, please contact Mary Short.

P.A.W.

AGAPE

Digby James, RCS Broadsheet editor, Jesus freak and Bible mainliner, is growing ever more **agape** at the unparalleled political turmoil of today's society.

Perhaps if he shut his mouth for a moment and thought about the consequences of his ramblings he would realise the horrible implications behind "Spark", the National Front Students Association termly newspaper appearing on campuses.

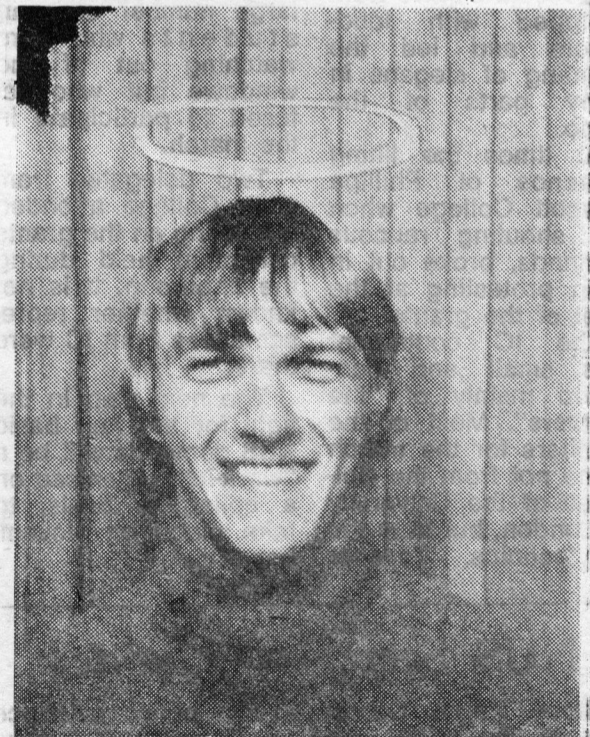
A glance at any history of the Hitler Youth Movement would warn of the dangers of a frivolous approach to "fascism".

Such Nationalist societies have already been established at Goldsmiths College here in London and in Exeter University.

I see that your "christian" mouthings are only skin deep for you are prepared to offer distribution to a newspaper whose attitude towards the quarter or so foreign students in this college is anything but the courtesy and friendliness to which they are at present accustomed at I.C.



Prince of Wales.



Norm Sayles, ICU President

(The unusual cumulo-nimbus formation above his head is of unknown origin, but always appears when we print his photos).

10,000 COME OUT BUT ONLY 500 STAY TO LISTEN

"What do we want?" Young Liberals.

"Higher grants." They portrayed a large range of political consciousness: for example the cynical radicals from LSE were shouting "Logical positivism in, in, in!", a placard from Phillipa Fawcett college read "Students eat books" and those few students from King's (more than from IC I might add) that managed to wrest themselves away from their heavy tomes on theology were shouting "General Strike, Tories Out!"

About 10,000 students from all over the country turned up for the march from Malet Street to the Department of Education and Science building near Waterloo Station.

Prominent on the march was a large banner from the London Federation of Trades Councils among the many thousands of placards, college banners and a miserable faded green banner from the

3-deep layers of men in blue outside the D.E.S. headquarters.

At the rally Max Morris (of the National Union of Teachers) made the somewhat cryptic statement that Margaret Thatcher is "marching resolutely backwards into the future" after expressing his "sincere admiration" for her only a few weeks ago.

Speakers also came from tenants' movements, trade unionists and old age pensioners, but were only listened to by about 500 students who engaged at times in furious heckling against the Stalinists and Labour lefts.

Many students did not bother about the rally realising the futility of the rehash of hackneyed drivel that has been flung at them every time so far, and yet which has won them a munificent 5% grant cut.

However on the basic question of higher grants, despite the efforts of NUS to ensure that not many people turn up by late publicity and bad organisation (there was only veteran Stalinist and TV starlet Judy Cotter to organise the Malet St. demo), 10,000 students turned up mainly from teacher training and the smaller colleges to show their determination to fight for higher grants.

N.B. according to the "Evening News" the number on the demo was 7,500, the source of this discrepancy might have something to do with the following . . .

Frances the NUS Press Officer asked a policeman how many people he estimated were on the demo, his reply was "about 10,000." However when he saw her go into a telephone box to make a call he dived in after her and presuming her to be a journalist said that if she was calling her newspaper then she'd better say 7,000!

The Guardian's reporter was not waylaid in this way and said that about 10,000 students were there.

IC was singularly well represented there with a massive turn-out of 15, well done, that's one in the eye for St. John Stevas!

After all the exhortations from Pres. Norm Sayles in last week's Purple Patch, to make sure the demo is well supported, NONE of the Union Exec. joined the demo.

Students must realize that the NUS leadership in the coming period will fight tooth and nail to head off any struggle which must of necessity become a fight against this Government. This will be further borne out by their motions and amendments in the NUS Margate Conference.

HIGHER GRANTS FOR POSTGRADUATES

Sign the Petition!

We, as members of Imperial College, feel that we must add our voice to those who have spoken up about the present anomaly of the Post Graduate grant.

For Post Graduates in London, the problem is particularly acute. Ever since the London weighting was abolished in 1962 by the upgrading of the award for all other PG students in the country, the real value of the award has been allowed to fall to the point where London PG students are unable to live within their means.

The Ashby report of 1962 stated that the PG grant should be sufficient to allow a PG student to enjoy a standard of liv-

ing higher than that of a typical undergraduate. All we ask is that the PG grant be tied to the UG grant by the ratios proposed by NUS, so that account is taken for the fact that PG students have to pay for food, clothing and accommodation for all 52 weeks of the year. This should allow a PG to enjoy the same standard of living as a UG as well as automatically providing a London weighting, a benefit enjoyed by all other members of the University.

Those who state that the present low level of grants is fair because the PG grant is not means tested should remember that parents have already financed their children for 3 years as UG's. Surely this support should not be increased to 6 years?

PG students carry out

a major proportion of the research carried out in British Universities. This contribution should be acknowledged by a major revision of the level of the grant for the next triennium.

PETITION WORDING

The undersigned call upon the DES to make it part of their policy to include a London allowance in the awards to all persons studying for higher degrees who are registered as students of the colleges and schools of London University and all colleges in the Greater London area.

This is a copy of a petition for higher post-graduate grants. It is to be signed by all ICPGS and hopefully by Sir Brian as well.

Editor's reply to the open letter to CEFE

CEFE's ideas of a person's basic rights are somewhat confused as they have no concept of "democratic rights", i.e. those rights which have been won by the working class in the course of struggle like the right to strike, the right to a free nationalised health service, the right to a decent standard of living, etc. There are no such things as rights as things in themselves, only rights that are won in continual struggle against the exploiting class, and that are only defended in further struggle, which in certain periods, must assume a revolutionary character and result in the overthrow of the exploiting class and the setting up of the dictatorship of the exploited class.

Freedom—? What is freedom? Is freedom the ability to jump out of a tenth storey window? No, "freedom is the appreciation of necessity" as Engels put it, and by that he meant that subject as we are to laws of nature, e.g. gravity, disease, etc., freedom is the recognition of the necessity of those laws, i.e. of their objective character. It is by recognising the necessity of the law of gravity, i.e. its action independent of our will, that enables us to "overcome" it by the use of aeroplanes, etc., i.e. by the recognition of further necessities (laws) of nature.

Engels writing the introduction to the "Civil War in France" by Karl Marx points out that the Communards (of the Paris Commune of 1871)

correctly abolished all links between the church and the state: they realised "that in relation to the state, religion is a purely private matter". That is of course completely necessary — the idealist philosophies spring historically out of scarcity and play an extremely reactionary role in any political situation and cannot therefore be supported by a workers' state. As socialism alone can release and co-ordinate the presently available productive power and abolish scarcity—idealism will disappear in a similar way to the early Chartist movement which sprang out of poverty and ended through prosperity.

In the schools, of course, a dialectical materialist approach will be used towards every subject and the only religion that will be taught will be comparative religion taught in a dialectical materialist approach as part of man's social pre-history.

The communist regime's action against religion as "exposed" in the current issue of "Voice" arises out of the need to combat any return to idealism in times of hardship during the period of the dictatorship of the proletariat — for that will not solve the problems.

The present "communist" regimes are not even socialist in the marxist sense of the word, and have to be described scientifically as degenerated workers' states, where the stalinist bureaucracies are in a similar position between the West and the Eastern working class as the Trade Union bureauc-

racy in this country is between the Tories and the British working class.

Arising out of that economic position (the stalinist bureaucracy) only certain economic gains are possible and these are only limited ones. This produces a lessening of the gains of the working class (than are actually possible) and also because this naturally involves not fighting for an understanding of dialectical materialism within the working class — idealism gains a hold and has to be viciously suppressed.

Although the answer is in a limited sense "yes" your conception of socialism is (of course) incorrect. Socialism is not an ideal in the sense of a utopia. It is a stage of social organisation of mankind which is necessary to run the present productive forces and develop them further. It is no more permanent than was feudalism or slave societies or the capitalist mode of commodity production.

The urgency of the fight for socialism today arises out of the economic crisis, caused by the contradictions inherent within capitalism, which must resolve itself in fascism or socialism.

Having grasped that and decided upon fighting for socialism, then the means, tactics, strategy, etc., for that fight can only be arrived at out of a dialectical materialist approach to the class struggle and its history.

All other means result in fascism.

Open Letter to CEFE

For the attention of Messrs. Corbyn, East and Veall:—

What does CEFE consider are a person's basic rights? Does the "freedom" of socialism allow a man freedom to hold his own idealism,

e.g. have a religion (which a socialist should consider reactionary and illusory.)

If the answer is "yes" then explain the action of all known communist regimes against idealism.

If the answer is "no"

then please explain whether (a) socialism is an ideal around which men must be moulded, i.e. claiming to be absolute truth therefore idealism); (b) socialism is an ideal to be moulded by man, the material world etc.

MAURICE MOLONEY

REVIEWS

MUSIC

Neil Young Stagnant

It was a very disappointed audience that left the Rainbow last Monday evening after a disjointed and boring performance by Neil Young. Too much talk and not enough music, was, I think, the general opinion and what was played, included none of his best material.

At least three quarters of his performance was backed by Crazy Horse (now renamed the Santa Monica Fliers) and he only played acoustic guitar

and harp after leaving the stage and returning for an encore. This strange act of petulance or sarcasm came after only 40 minutes in which he had commented on the silence of the audience (what did he expect?) and had given up one of his lengthy, involved introductions due to shout of 'Rock and Roll', 'Southern Man' and 'Ohio' from the audience. The only really positively memorable number was 'Please take my advice' which was backed by accor-

dion and harmonies from Nils Lofgren. Some other numbers played were 'Tonight's the night' which opened the set and was inexplicably played again later on, 'Albuquerque' and 'Cowgirl in the Sand'—(the final number)—which contained a long and chaotic double lead guitar jam from Young and Lofgren.

At times he was arrogant and cynical and it was difficult to tell when he was being serious. He established no rap-

port with the audience who remained hopeful and frustrated, indeed several people even walked out in disgust and protest. I realise that he must be bored with playing material from 'After the Gold-rush' and 'Harvest' which are in his past, but I think that there is a lack of new songs in his present. Do the two albums of live material, old tapes plus a few new songs indicate stagnation?

Very sad. Palantirion.

BOOKS

IN A FREE STATE V. S. Naipaul

Penguin 35p

In a Free State it is axiomatic that men should be able to change their roles, but rarely is it openly recognised that the exploiter will probably be-

come the exploited, so, for V. S. Naipaul's Exploitation and the part of the underdog serve to connect the five tightly-drawn pieces in this welcome addition to the Penguin library. The story was awarded the Booker Prize in 1971, and deservedly

writing is, as always, economical, and his characterisation faultless. Without effort, we consider a proud tramp on a steamer trip, feel the problems of an Indian immigrant in West-

through Africa with two English expatriots. Though projected through these characters, our picture is not affected or distorted; people act as we would expect them to, and although their behaviour (continued page 5)

X-COUNTRY

Following our extremely narrow defeat at the hands of the Met. Police (6 to count, the police having the first 7 finishers) the Cross Country Club set off to the middle of Kent for a change of air and a race against Wye College. Not only was there a change of air but also a dramatic change of result, for both our teams beat Wye's single team though only because they were less fit than we. For the first time ever we put on a team finish with our first four runners Rob, Ian, Paul and Alf, so far ahead that they waited for each other and finished together, and behind the next Wye runner were Steve and Keith with no chance of being caught or catching up so they too ran in together. Another new departure was Paul's short cut through a thorn bush and he finished with an impres-

sive amount of blood flowing from his wounds. Speaking of departures, our journey to Wye was not without incident. Having to change trains at Ashford we had been informed that there would be three minutes between trains. Ian Ellis (not Iris) optimistic at the punctuality of BR thought to answer a call of nature and emerged to see the train gathering speed. Fortunately, the train stopped, though whether this was in response to Ian's cry of "come back" or because a door of the train had been flung open by Keith anticipating his leaping aboard (though Ian was running in the opposite direction to the train) is not yet established. (It is rumoured that Ian has been reading a book: "101 ways to Star", and this may...) The course was up and down several of the

steeper hills near Wye College and for such a terrain it was surprising there were no bodies strewn about the route after the race, but even Dave Jones and Pete Johnson finished, beating the last two of the five Wye runners. For some reason the results were worked out including 6 of our runners in a team and only 5 of theirs: this was swiftly corrected. After the race and some hotly (if not well) contested games of bar billiards we took part in a torch—(real flame)—light procession up another long and steep hill to a large bonfire party where there were fireworks, some of which went 'wheeu' all by themselves. Then there was a hurried return to the bar, only to find it open, where festivities continued well into the night, or at least until 10.30 p.m. when we had to stagger back to the

station to catch the last train home. Wednesday we went to Thames Poly and continued our unbelievable success. Teams A and B beating Thames Poly who were hotly pursued by I.C. W-nkers (choose from the following letters a, e, i, o, u) with Pad Donnelly as anchor man (no, not W-nchor man) in a cool 40 minutes. There were no "hopeless inefficiencies" that day but Dave Houlbrooke did manage a 'James Bond' leap on to a moving train at Eltham Well Hall into the wrong carriage. Something similar to a game of football took place before the race which has now been adopted as our substitute for a warm up. Dave Payne would like to be mentioned. (Does it hurt?) Yours hopelessly, G. Imp.

Additional ACC Colours for 1972/73

A.F.C. (Football)

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| Full | Half |
| M. McConvey | S. Bates |
| D. Green | G. Edwards |
| | M. Manning |
| Social | R. Kill |
| A. Peterson | I. Postlethwaite |
| I. Hyslop | I. Bell |
| A. Ranger | |
| R. Carby | |
| J. Carruthers | |
| R. Barley | |

Croquet Club

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| Full |
| D. Rossell (eo) |
| J. Fjontaft |

Fencing

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| Full | Half |
| J. F. Tysun (eo ra) | L. Boyd |
| S. Thompson | G. Kolbe |
| | R. Gomez |

Lacrosse

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| Full | Half |
| P. Spooner (eo) | S. Norris |
| L. Clark | A. J. Hallett (ra) |
| R. J. Strangeway | |
| A. Treasure | |
| J. Katzberg (ra) | |

Ties may be purchased from the Bookshop.

Jazz Club

Concert:

Sat., 17th Nov., 8.00 p.m.
MICHAEL GARRICK SEXTET with Norma Winstone in the Biology Common Room
Admission 30/40p

Sunday Sessions:

Free! in the Union Lower Lounge, with bar open.
18th Nov. EMBRYO
25th Nov. SAY NO MORE
2nd Dec. LEF
9th Dec. SAY NO MORE
Start about 8.30.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF EMPIRICAL COLLEGE BY RON APPEBY



"I DO NOT MINCE" SHOCK REVELATION FROM GAYSOC

Dearest Darling Editor,

What a gorgeous bulletin you have — and it's only been out *twice!* — love it to death!

Well then, I've had the loveliest thought, and rather than fret keeping secrets I said to myself, "Juicy, darling, you simply *must* write and tell someone". Well, dears, it all started the other daysie-waysie, just like this:

After innocently mincing round the lab (looking a few of the boys up . . . and down) I slid

into a . . . stool, slowly (at first) to rest my poor footsies, when I thought, "Oooh! If only I could get it out in the open!" So I ripped off my figure-hugging white jacket (it really brings out my posture!) and simply flew back to my room for a cold shower! After drying myself, slowly, (at first), I wrote down this teeny-weeny note, sealed it with a big kiss and sent it to that ever so BUTCH-looking Editor of Felix.

Here it is again, dears: "If any of you boys

would like to join a *special* club, just pop round to my place, after six and we'll fix you up. There will be all the old favourites like "Swapping telephone numbers" and we've even arranged *tights* parties! . . . Isn't it just *wicked!* We'll all have a super time, and don't fret, I used to be nervous too (at first)".

Well, that's all for now dears. Don't forget, *do* try and make it. (All the others will).

Love and kisses,
Juicy xxx

A REPLY TO "JUICY"

Dear Editor,

My first reaction upon reading the above letter was to dismiss it as the rather childish pile of drivel it evidently is. It is hard to see exactly what its purpose is. It can hardly be designed to bolster the author's ego since he somehow neglected to sign his real name at the bottom, and viewed as humour it is over worked, pretentious and downright tired. Which ever way you look at it, it doesn't say much for the mentality lurking around somewhere at its point of origin.

However, on reflection I realised that it effectively illustrates a rather distressing trend in society as a whole. This is the widespread attitude that the homosexual is automatically funny. Now I'm sure we all know and love (if you'll pardon the expression) Kenneth Williams and his particular brand of humour, (I'll do my best to ignore Dick Emery and his particular brand of humour), but he does perpetuate the idea of the camp "stereotype" that exists only as a small minority of the gay scene, and he is,

when all is said and done, harmful, in that it's difficult to see what progress Gay Rights can make whilst this attitude persists (note to Mr. Withers: It was this that I was, at the Chemistry Freshers' Dinner, rather ineptly trying to discuss with Dr. Phillips when he was whisked off before I could make my point properly. Also I found it necessary to relieve my bladder ONCE before the loyal toast, but I do apologise for any failings there may be in my sense of humour, and sense of good manners).

Well, enough of this frivolity. I'd like to take this opportunity to cover a serious matter. To the character who's been wandering round the College taking down our (Gaysoc) notices:

I'm sure that you derive a real sense of pride and well-being from the knowledge that you're really doing your bit towards ruining three million of your compatriots' lives, but I'm afraid that I cannot share your point of view, and feel compelled to do all in my power to frustrate your efforts. It may cost me a mint in time and dyeline paper, but every notice will be replaced as many times as it proves nec-

essary, and I'd hazard a guess that I've far more patience and perseverance than you can muster. If you do feel compelled to make a stand against our "moral decadence" (excuse me a moment while I just rinse the nasty taste out of my mouth), then I'd ask you to submit an article to "Felix" stating the case for bigotry, but do please sign it. I've no wish to soil my hands replying to anonymous letters. Otherwise keep your filthy fingers off other people's property and your interfering nose out of other people's private affairs. (Incidentally, you missed the one in the Haldane Library). I do seem to have departed from the tone that a letter to the Editor should take, but I'm certainly not going to stop writing it now!

One last point (if you haven't already heard): Anyone (male or female, straight or gay) who's interested in joining the I.C. Gaysoc should get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Love and peace,
DAVE DUCE
(note the spelling)
Chemistry 1
P.S. — I DO NOT
MINCE !!!

ICCAG

Soup run 10 p.m. Selkirk kitchen Friday
11 p.m. Union Arch

On Wednesdays the time is an hour earlier at the same places.

Playgroup 2.0 p.m. Union Arch Saturday and Sunday.
3.30 p.m. Union Arch Wednesdays

(Help is particularly needed on Wednesdays)

Committee Meeting (open to all)
Thursday 15th Nov. 1 p.m. ICCAG office.

LETTER

Sir,
Reference—Review of Yehudi Menuhin's Well-soc Lecture "The Art and Science of playing

the Violin" in your Nov. 6 issue.

Is H.T. Koanantakool trying to be funny when he refers to Ravi Shan-

kar as "Gravish Anka"? Yours,

J. P. Singh,
Mech. Eng.
Nov. 8, 1973.

BOOKS

(cont. from page 4)
is often inexplicable, we can see that in the circumstances it is inevitable.

As a portrayal of re-

volt and difference as seen now by the ordinary man, the book is a valuable piece of documentation, yet it offers little in the way of a solution or hope for the future. By its very ambi-

guousness the problem of different racial outlooks defies definition . . . and hopefully so, for once it has been accurately defined there will be no room left for understanding. CANDI

MICE PIE

The College is facing a minor invasion of mice, beetles and other pests. To deal with them effectively a contract has been placed with a firm of pest control experts and over the past few weeks you may have seen evidence of their work.

Although these pests can be eliminated they

will always return if food is available for them. To assist the College it is essential that no food is left exposed — it should always be kept in a metal or plastic sealed container. Papers which once contained food should be disposed of in lidded dustbins and *not* in

waste paper baskets (dustbins can be found in your nearest kitchen).

It is only by individual co-operation that pests can be controlled. If you see any pests, please report them by ringing INT. 3954 — but make absolutely sure that you are not actually feeding them!

QUOTE OF THE MINUTE

"Amnesty International: the guys trying to do me out of a job"
— Mid Pete Thomas R.N.

Well, he thought it was funny.

NUS TRAVEL—SAVE ££'s

Students can now save up to 68 per cent on ordinary fares to 32 countries. The savings are on the student flights, trains and shipping services listed in the NUS Travel Winter programme *Student Traveler* which is available from student travel offices and student unions.

Student flight bargains include London - Milan for £12.50, London-Zurich for £13.00 and Edinburgh-Paris for £11.00. These are not normal scheduled services but aircraft specially char-

tered from leading airlines. Student trains run to most European cities and there are North Sea, Irish Channel, and Mediterranean shipping reductions. Also included in the 40 page brochure are accommodation arrangements, travel insurance and student concessions on British Rail connections.

The full range of cheap fares is only open to full-time school and college students aged 16-30, but other groups also benefit. Teachers, lecturers, student nurses

and young people under 21 can use student trains and most shipping services, while under a new Government ruling student nurses can travel on student flights to Israel.

NUS Travel is a subsidiary of the National Union of Students, and was used by over 300,000 students and young people last year. Founded in 1922, it is now the largest student travel bureau in the world.

Further information: Jim Talbot 01-404 5041.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SIBELIUS: Symphony No. 2 in D

ELGAR: Cello Concerto

BRAHMS: Academic Festival Overture

MOZART: Masonic Funeral Music

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1973

at 8.00 p.m.

in

THE GREAT HALL, IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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Founding Conference of the Workers Revolutionary Party

Present at the Odeon, Hammersmith, last Sunday were 3,000 trade unionists, youth, housewives and students for the Founding Conference of the Revolutionary Party in Britain.

There delegates and members from all over Britain pledged themselves to fight uncompromisingly to build the Revolutionary Party and take the working class to power.

One of the first steps that the Workers Revolutionary Party, as it was named, took was to affiliate to that International Committee of the Fourth International as the British section thereof.

In his political report National Secretary Gerry Healy stressed "never before in history have we had a period such as today when the working class internationally is coming forward to defend its rights and living standards and entering into conflict with its Governments . . . due to the rapidly deepening economic crisis".

He pointed out that in such a situation the question of leadership is paramount and that building of a revolutionary leadership to fight to take the working class to

power is the most urgent task facing everyone in Britain today.

A discussion on the report took place with many delegates emphasising the need to remove the Tory government which was attacking their living standards urged on by the worsening economic crisis, and the betrayals of the present TU and Labour leadership in every situation confronting the working class today.

In the evening a play "Moscow Trials" was performed by Socialist Labour League actors, musicians and sympathisers to set the record straight for events after the successful Russian Revolution of 1917.

The trials which were the most gigantic frame up in all history executed most of the Bolshevik leaders as agents of a "Trotskyite - Zinovievite Terrorist Conspiracy".

Organised by Stalin they enabled him to destroy all opposition to the formation of the Stalinist bureaucracy which usurped the political power of the working class and established themselves as a ruling caste in Russian society.

The betrayals of the worldwide Communist Parties which necessar-

ily occurred from the politics of its Kremlin based leadership were also stressed.

A party building fund of £100,000 was announced as complete after an excellent collection at the conference.

As well as the daily "Workers Press" the weekly youth newspaper "Keep Left" two new monthly papers have been added to reach out into specific sections of the working class to fight for the building of a revolutionary leadership: "The Entertainer" and "Miners News" for the entertainments industry and the miners.

The establishment of this Revolutionary Party is a complete vindication of the correctness of Trotskyism and is only the first of many — they will be built in all countries in the world to fight for the international dictatorship of the proletariat.

As Trotsky said: "I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International — go forward!"

Students and workers everywhere in all professions are urged to take up the challenge to fight to build this revolutionary leadership and join the Workers Revolutionary Party.

THE GREEN-RED "REVOLUTION" (II)

Once upon a time man had no other means of transportation than his own feet. He had to choose the easiest way through his environment when he wanted to move around. Occasionally he would have to remove stones, plants or trees to facilitate his transportation or that of his goods. This was decided by him alone (or in small social groups) so that the same people that would work would benefit of the results.

Nowadays road builders, car makers, etc. (i.e. scientists and engineers) are not controlled by human decision, in fact, they are not controlled at all, but they are encouraged to grow indefinitely by the artificial profit system. What makes things even worse is that travellers or commuters are also encouraged to move more and faster by the artificial profit system, either directly (travel agents, British Rail adverts, etc.) or indirectly (faster moving means more business). In other words the situation is completely out of control and there is no recognised way of telling whether we have very little, enough or too much or too fast movement; worse than that, by definition, we have too little, and this is supposed to apply forever! and even worse, we don't object to it! But how are we at I.C. involved in this systematic blind pursuit?

Let's look at one of the products of the kind of science and technology we are normally pursuing at I.C.

If "Concorde" ever

comes into service, it will bring to a few a faster rhythm of life, and because of the nature of our present social system, it will bring them privilege. This also means a disadvantage for those who don't use it, who will eventually come to demand its use, knowing that this way of reducing the privilege gap is more feasible than the other alternative, i.e. trying to stop Concorde once it's brought into use. In other words, social ad-

diction to the new creature. This means that the "advantages" (if there are any) of this plane would really come to the people when its use was widely spread (which would be a long way ahead) time by which another similar invention would appear, discriminating the majority and repeating the cycle. That is, in the meantime (i.e. always) the majority of people would suffer from discrimination and an unsatisfied need. This happens because the plane is designed to create a necessity for all, and its creation was motivated by profits and by the same uncontrolled - growth - maniac - mad - race - dead - circle.

This plane is no revolutionary thing, but the logical by-product of continuing our old trends of building whatever can be built as long as we can create a demand for it, and in the absence of a humane system controlling both the "supply and demand of transportation" which by the way is now regarded as purely economic commodity (fam-

iliar?). This fits very well into the definition of the Green-Red "Revolution" that I gave in the last issue of "Felix", namely the systematic substitution of man's abilities, senses and mechanisms by institutions, organisations, machines or apparatus, that lead to the gradual atrophy of the formers and addiction to or dependence on the latter, with the consequent control or manipulation of human masses and finally leading to some kind of enslavement.

The worst part of the story is that we at I.C. (supposed to be going to build the world of tomorrow, etc. . . .) are compelled to co-operate. This is done by pre-packaged curricula, predefined professions, monopoly of degrees and qualifications, monopoly of information and learning tools in universities and colleges, monopoly of privileges for those who consume more institutionalized "education", fragmenting and specialising (i.e. lengthening) fields of study, thus restricting our view of the world, labelling taboo the mixing of science or technology with politics, ecology, sociology, etc., etc.

But even worse is that nobody can be held responsible for all this, moreover I can't imagine anybody (or a group) so clever and destructive to have implemented such a system, and yet pass unnoticed. Thus, it seems, that the only "guilty" persons that we can find are ourselves for not stopping such situation; but are we too impotent already? J. AGUIRRE Civ.Eng.

NOVEMBER 14th 1973

A day which will pluck at the heartstrings of that small minority of relics from feudalism — the monarchists.

It is of course the day that Princess Anne will pledge her troth to Captain Mark Phillips. As has already been publicised widely in the gutter press and Felix has no qualms at repeating it; Princess Anne will have "to promise to obey etc." Mark Phillips during the ceremony, but he is only a Captain in his regiment whereas she is a Colonel in hers. What a precedent for insubordination!

Back to reality, however . . . November 14 is also the day of the little publicised, still less understood, still less liked NUS work-in. NUS have decided not to change the date and the Windsors certainly won't

so there will be a clash but as John Randall explains:

"If it makes any difference at all, we are pleased rather than displeased that the much-publicised Phillips - Windsor wedding is taking place on the same day as students are demonstrating about grants. It enables us dra-

matically to draw attention to certain injustices in our society which it would be appropriate to bring to the notice of as many people as possible on November 14th".

He was referring to the discrepancy between the financial situation of a female student before and after marriage and that of an average British Princess.

	Married female student	Married female princess
Income before marriage	Absolute maximum of £520 p.a., generally less	£15,000 p.a.
Income after marriage	Income almost halved, maximum £320 p.a.	Income more than doubled, £35,000 p.a.
Rent	£8.50 p.w. (average quoted by Lodgings Bureau)	£8 p.w.
Type of accommodation	Bedsit; room in Hall of Residence; shared flat	House: 9 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 1/2 acre grounds

DISAFFILIATION MOVES by BATH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

In a non-policy making debate at Bath University last week a motion to disaffiliate from NUS was proposed by President John Kiddey. Kiddey said that NUS conferences were too pre-occupied with Chile and Northern Ireland, "issues not relevant to students". He said that not enough discussion was spent on education

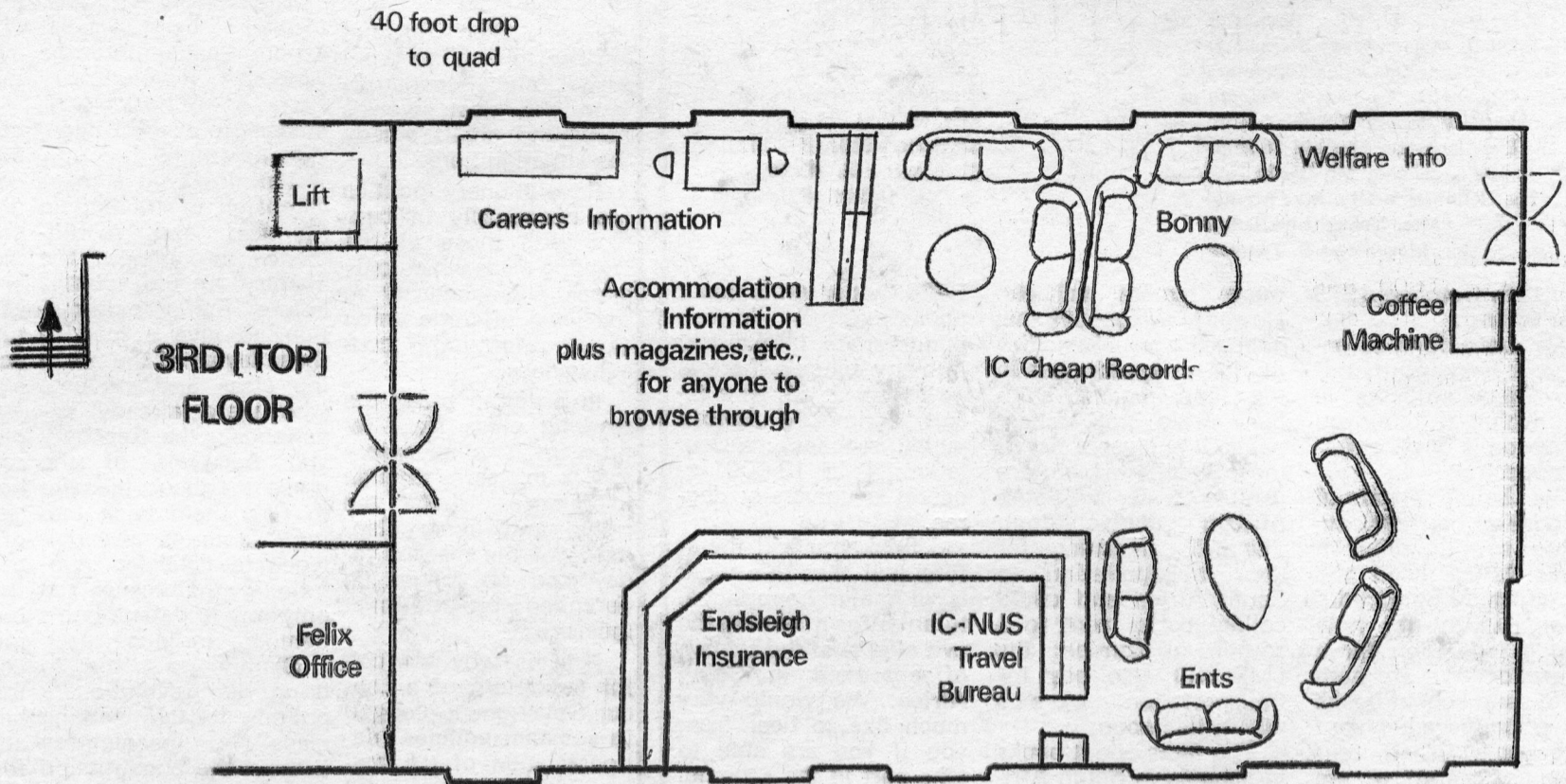
and student welfare. NUS President John Randall spoke against the motion saying that the correct thing for Bath to do was to stay within NUS and fight to get motions of interest to it prioritised at NUS conferences.

He failed to point out the necessity for discussion on issues other than

education and student welfare for the political lessons that can be learnt from these events. He also failed to mention that, isolated from the strength of the NUS students and their unions would be open to the most enormous dangers. Disaffiliation would effectively sabotage the student union at Bath or anywhere else.

RE-INTRODUCING...

THE ROOM AT THE TOP (RATT)



Not many people travel via the top floor of the Union to Lower Mooney when coming from the "college" side of Prince Consort Road. Accordingly, the R.A.T.T. has not been designed to be a medium for publicity or instant communication. That is a job for Felix and S.T.O.I.C.

It is, however, largely a "self-help" system for most of the things that most students want to find out about.

What Is There?

I.C. Travel Bureau to share the counter space with N.U.S. Endsleigh Insurance.

Mr. E. Meacock, who organises the Careers Library in College Block has sent across to the Union a good deal of literature about future careers. This is not intended in any way to replace the fuller selection over in the Careers Library in the College Block, but is aimed at those students who do not have any specific career aims, but want to browse around in an informal atmosphere, and only go to the Careers Library when they have a specific request. The Careers Section will be supplemented by more display racks to be supplied by Mr. Meacock.

Brian Childs, the Accommodation Officer, will be putting up the addresses of flats for those of you wanting to change flat/digs. Hopefully, he will be displaying literature to guard you against the legal hassles you may come across.

For those of you who don't particularly want to look for any information, but just browse, there is

quite a lot of reading matter up there. The Union subscribes to many other societies, and often receives magazines, etc. from them. This is where you can find them.

Comfy chairs and sofas (Never mind the age, just look at the quality) and a coffee machine are provided (Follow the instructions on the coffee machine explicitly!).

What else can the room be used for?

I'm not sure the room should be used for "wild" boozy parties, but more sober events are ideally suited to the room.

Meetings, mini-lectures or talks, would be welcome to use the room, which will be bookable via Jen. Really, it's up to you, you've got the room there, use it!

Prospects?

I think we are all in favour of fully using the Union Building, and it may seem that at this stage in the year, you could well say that no-one really knows where the room is, what it's for, or how people can be persuaded to use it. To be quite honest, I don't really expect it to get off the ground this year, not even next year, but eventually it will happen. Students aren't patient as a rule but for this to work, you'll just have to be! The problem of students not knowing where the room is will be solved in October next session. The Registry is always overcrowded in the first 3 days of an academic year, with the two-fold problem of registration plus associated enquiries and the issue of grant cheques.

I have arranged for the Registry to give out grant cheques via the counter facilities in the R.A.T.T. In case you forget this room after this desperate visit for your cash, you may require an N.U.S. card. Those will be also available from the R.A.T.T. for two and a half weeks after the cheques have been issued. Then, most people will know where the room is and what it's for.

Below are a few words from a few of the R.A.T.T. participants. If any of the services I mentioned are inadequate, please let me know, and I shall endeavour to remedy the situation.

Yours,
Paul Jowitt

**YSSS
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Wednesday
14th
Mech Eng
214
LESSONS
OF THE
GRANTS
CAMPAIGN**

INSURANCE

Congratulations to the Union and students at Imperial College on the opening of "Room at the Top".

Endsleigh are pleased to announce that the Insurance Counter will be fully operational as soon as the phone is in.

When it comes to buying insurances, not all students and graduates are aware that their National Union has its own professionally run insurance department. There are enormous advantages to be gained by using this service. Endsleigh Insurance (Brokers) Ltd. offer special terms on all classes of personal insurances to members of N.U.S.

Schemes such as "Student-plan" motor insurance and "Study-plan" property insurance have been negotiated with leading insurance companies, Life, Motor, Travel, Property and other policies are all available at exclusive terms.

The Insurance Assistant for this College is Monica Small and will be available daily during term-time from 11.30-2.30 to answer all your insurance queries.

If you would like to come along and have a chat about Life Assurance or Mortgages I shall be happy to see you any Monday after 12.00. TED YORK
N.U.S.
Insurance Adviser.

Travel

I.C. Travel Bureau is now in its 4th year of operation and we hope to operate a more comprehensive programme during 1973 than in previous years.

Due to extensive rehousing during the first term the bureau was unable to operate and for any inconvenience caused to students we apologise. However, with the opening of the "room at the top" we will now be open every Tuesday and Thursday lunch-time 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

This year not only will the bureau be concerned with flights, boats

and trains to most major destinations in the northern hemisphere but we have information on Safari holidays, ski-weekends and numerous other holiday pursuits. It is hoped as enquiries increase towards the end of term that the bureau will be open daily.

That briefly is the aim of I.C. Travel Bureau. It is a student run concern and we hope will be used by all I.C. students wishing to travel abroad.

GEOFF TATE

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request of
Paul Wadsworth

**GAYSOC
Cheese & Wine
Party
Union Upper
Lounge
8p.m. Thursday
15th November
(please bring your
own bottle)
Membership en-
quiries to D. Duce
via the Chem. letter
rack**

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12th October, 1973
Dear Friend,

We are writing to en-
list your help and that of
your fellow-students in
work which we think you
will agree is of great im-
portance.

The Lutuli Memorial
Foundation is endeav-
ouring to put right in
South Africa itself the
evil effects of Bantu edu-
cation, which has now
been in operation for a
generation. We are aim-
ing to send school books
and scientific equipment
to schools in all four
Provinces, and if we
could we would like to
purchase mobile libraries
for them, to reach the

more remote schools.
However, we believe that
colleges and universities
in Britain could help in
the first instance with
our drive to collect
books. I enclose a list of
those books which are
useful to Black South
African schoolchildren.
The LMF can arrange for
their transportation to
South Africa and could
collect books sent to a
station in London; the
LMF will also pay for
transportation costs
within this country.

The facts about books
in schools in South Afri-
ca are as follows: in
1968—R 14.48 per Afri-
can pupil was allocated,

R228.00 per white pupil;
sometimes 4 African
pupils share 1 textbook;
in many schools there is
no library at all; as a re-
sult, 1 in 240 African
pupils reaches matricu-
lation; 1 in 12,000 re-
ceives a university deg-
ree.

I think you will there-
fore feel that this work
is of major importance,
to arrest or minimise the
evil effects of the system
of apartheid in South
Africa. We would very
much like to hear from
you if you are able to
take part in the scheme.

Yours sincerely,
PICTON V. MBATHA,
Acting Director.

BOOKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Science

Physics Topics Series (Longmans, 1969)
Chemistry Background series, ed. H. P. H. Oliver (Nuffield, Penguin, 1966)
Clue Books Series (Oxford University Press)
Biology Readers (Oxford University Press)
Thinking Ahead in Science Series (American Book Co.)
The Science Library, Vols. 1-10 (Grosset & Dunlop, New York)
General Science Books, Ladybird Series (Macdougall and Macdonald)
Teach Yourself Science series, e.g., Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathe-
matics
Junior Reference Library Series (Macdonald)
Stories from Science, Sutcliffe (Cambridge)
The Story Behind series, Charles King (Cassell)
Animal Biology, 6th edition, A. J. Grove & G. E. Newell (University Tutorial
Press Ltd., London)
Botany, L. C. Wilson & W. E. Loomis (Holt, Rinehart & Winston Inc., New
York)
New General Science, Forms 2 & 3, C. J. Muller (Educum Publishers,
Johannesburg 1971)
Basic Physical Science for Standards 7 & 8, Getliffe (National Commercial
Printers, Cape Town, 1968)

Geography

Let's Visit series (Burke)
Certificate Topics in Geography series (Collins)
Finding Out About Geography, Africa Series (Hart Davies)
World Problems by Long and Roebottom
Wall Maps and Atlases

Language and Literature

New Longmans Secondary School readers
Heinemann Africa Series Writers
S.R.A. Reading Books, International
Sets of Encyclopaedia Britannica
Dictionaries (Longmans and Chambers, suitable for teaching English as a
2nd language)
Sets of single plays by Shakespeare, with explanatory notes and references
Modern One Act plays
Plays by G. B. Shaw
Classics, e.g., by Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, H. G. Wells, Graham
Greene, etc.

History

The Making of the Modern World series, ed. Roebottom
Dawn of African History, ed. R. Oliver (Oxford University Press)
Middle Ages of African History, ed. R. Oliver (Oxford University Press)
Africa from Prehistory to Modern Times, N. Latham (Hulton)
Old Africa Rediscovered, B. Davidson (Longmans)
Africa in 19th Century (Nelson)
Africa in 20th Century (Nelson)
Challenge and Response, History of Modern World, Vol. 2, Allsop & Cruse
(Nelson)

General

Atlas of Man and Religion (Pergamon)
Pictorial Education
Biological models and charts
Anatomical charts

This article was printed by request of I.C. council.

**LUTULI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION,
Annandale, North End Rd., London NW11 7QX**

EDITORIAL

Dear Kathleen,

I apologise for not
having replied to con-
fused and slanderous
letter in last week's
Felix and shall remedy
the situation here.

Revolutionary politics
are necessarily in con-
flict with those of the
working class which only
arises spontaneously to
the level of trade union
(i.e. reformist) con-
sciousness.

In order to break the
working class from re-
formism it is necessary
for it to learn through
experience that the
rights and living stan-
dards of the masses to-
day can no longer be
defended by reformist
measures.

That is why we call
for the return of a Lab-
our Government pledged
to socialist policies (na-
tionalisation of the ma-
jor industries under
workers' control and
without compensation,
nationalisation of the
banks, major finance
houses and land, with-
drawal of British troops
from Northern Ireland,
etc.).

We as well as you un-
derstand fully that the
Labour Government will
be incapable of introduc-
ing such measures,
which are the only ones
that can resolve the pre-
sent economic crisis with-
out mass unemployment,
closure of industry, to-
tal erasure of the rights
of the working class; a
third World War etc., i.e.
all the historical ways
that capitalism drags it-
self out of economic
crises and in doing so
paves the way for the
next.

But to simply "ex-
pose" the Labour Party
without the building of
an alternative Revolu-
tionary Party would be
the grossest betrayal of
the working class and is
of course an antithesis
to the concept of leader-
ship.

That is why we trans-
formed the socialist
Labour League into the
Workers' Revolutionary
Party on Sunday, Nov-
ember 4th at the Odeon,
Hammersmith.

This involved a mass
campaign of training in
Marxism and recruit-
ment throughout the
country in the months
before the transforma-
tion, to give a lead to
those layers of the work-
ing class and students
who were already ex-
periencing the treachery
and betrayals of the
present Labour leaders,
to turn them back into
their factories and col-
leges to fight for rev-
olutionary politics as the
only way to defend one's
democratic rights.

Simply to "try to
bring real revolutionary
politics to the working
class" is meaningless
without the construction
of a Revolutionary Party,
steeped in Marxism as
the theory of knowledge
of the class struggle,
fighting against bureau-
cratic distortions and
revisionism, with the
aim of taking the work-
ing class to power.

I in no way "reject
learning through prac-
tice" as you state and I
do not say that the stu-
dent body has already
learnt that reformism
leads to defeat, I simply
pointed out that this
was the lesson of the
grants campaign so far
and should be con-
nected by vote and actualized
in the building of a new,
revolutionary leadership
in NUS to ally with the
working class in a politi-
cal fight to bring down
the Tories.

To call the 5% grant
cut that we received
due to the £20 increase
insult we received from
the Tories "not a defeat"
is to completely distort
the meaning of the word,
and leads one to adopt
the political position
that the Stalinist NUS
leadership did not betray

the willingness to fight
of the 500,000 who
mobilized in support of
the grants campaign.

The 5% grant cut
constitutes a further
attack on our living stan-
dards by the Tory Gov-
ernment and one which
cannot be tolerated in
view of the current in-
creasing rate of inflation
which will "necessitate"
further attacks as the
economic crisis deep-
ens.

Owing to the com-
plete lack of any politi-
cal position that you
hold being stated in your
letters, your criticisms
of the YSSS and SLL are
of an eclectic unproduc-
tive nature which is
borne out by your com-
ments on democratic
centralism in the SLL. I
trust you will forward
names, documents or
any other form of proof
for your allegations or
else they will be re-
assigned to the growing
heap of slander and libel
that is fast being pro-
duced by enemies of the
working class.

I refer you to Lenin's
"Left-Wing Communism
—an Infantile Disorder"
if you are still unclear
about our position of re-
turning a Labour Govern-
ment pledged to social-
ist policies.

If you were to state
your political position
(for your references to
Gerry Healy show that
you are not unknown to
revolutionary politics)
then this correspon-
dence could continue in
an enlightening produc-
tive manner, and would
also elucidate any ideas
I might harbour about
your signature being a
pseudonym.

Quote Red Weekly:
"... a reader in the USA
who tells us that we are
the best English lan-
guage left-wing paper
around. We wouldn't go
quite that far..." Not
with the Workers Press
and the Trades Descrip-
tion Act you wouldn't!

FUN, FUN, FUN

As a naive and im-
pressionable fresher
overawed by the big city
and big city people my
idea of a party organ-
ised by a hall of resi-
dence was of an all night
booze-up. Actually I
knew that the chances of
one of these happenings
happening would be very
small due to what I
thought would be an un-
surmountable problem,
the lack of females. The
import of foreign stock
to satiate the appetites
of, or to frustrate the
doubled up, male chau-
vinist, super virile, New-
castle Brown swilling,
pinball playing majority
of this much revered in-
stitution for Scientific
learning was brought
about by heavy advertis-
ing (the extravagant

claims of which could
lead to prosecution un-
der the Trades Descrip-
tions Act) around local
colleges, e.g. Maria As-
sumpta and free (+
V.A.T.) entry.

Lights consisted of
very dim coloured
affairs, so dim in fact
that several prostrate
couples received crushed
digits or crushed crania.
The inference of the
lighting arrangements
being, I think, that, to
ascertain the sex of a po-
tential partner in the
cozy twilight you either
had to be a member of
the order chiroptera
(bat) (notorious for the
detection of members of
the opposite sex at vast
distances in darkness by
sound alone) or bi-
sexual.

Budding barmen sold
beer at Southside
prices(!) and equally en-
thusiastic Borgias pre-
pared tasty morsels
(e.g. Dismembered wea-
sels) for sale at a vast
profit (where does the
money go?)

In the discos Messrs.
Glitter and Jagger pre-
dominate in a rather
narrow musical selec-
tion and the narrowness
of the gallery levels lim-
it the dancing area and
number of people that
Southside halls can take.

On the whole the hall
parties are not too bad
though rather unoriginal
and predictable (I be-
lieve Staircase 3, land-
ing 2 in Tizard hall are
having a knitting Bee
with Disco and Strippers
soon so make it a date
folks).