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**NUS DELEGATION  
NOMINATION  
PAPERS UP  
THIS THURSDAY**

## SQUAT EVICTED

A 1 year baby girl and her parents, along with 10 or so other homeless people were evicted on Thursday, 10th January from the squat at Jay Mews. Also evicted were students from IC, RCA and UC. The squat, which had survived for two months, began as part of the NUS campaign for a living grant and a place to live. 10 bailiffs and 10 police were involved, and the eviction went ahead despite the fact that a High Court Appeal was being lodged against it. The owners (Royal Commissioners for the 1851 Exhibition) have no plans for the empty building. It has been said that they intend to make a high profit sale from them.

### Occupation

The owners justify this claiming that the

properties were to be sold to provide money for student scholarships. The squatters, as reported in Time Out, Kensington Post, and on the radio, were angry and asked what use are student scholarships when students are homeless, and why they cannot be used temporarily at least? They also occupied the board-rooms at the "1851" headquarters (corner of Prince Consort Road and Exhibition Road) for two hours demanding to see someone in authority. It was eventually agreed that a meeting would be arranged and the squatters were hustled out by police. The squatters intend to continue their fight to make the owners explain themselves and to use all the 1851 empty properties... Look out for news.

R.H.A.

## FAIR GRANTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

### 1974 GRANTS CAMPAIGN

by David Sinclair,  
Deputy President

On Wednesday last, the NUS grants campaign 1974 was activated by a press conference given by John Randall, President, NUS. He stressed again the main points of the campaign which is now summarised under the heading "Fair grants for all students".

Specifically, this means

(i) an end to the discretionary awards system whereby some students are given a grant fixed at the whim of their LEA. This should be stopped by setting grants nationally.

(ii) an end to financial discrimination against women students whereby some students have their grant cut because they marry. This should be stopped by ignoring marital status.

(iii) an end to the parental contribution whereby some students have their grant cut because their parents do not or cannot contribute to their upkeep. This should be stopped by ending means testing.

(iv) an increase in the grant basic rate to £655 (£720 for I.C. students) to allow for inflation.

(v) adequate grants for equipment.

(vi) replacement of the triennial review of

grant levels by an annual review based on a student cost of living index.

The main event of the campaign planned so far is a massive demo in London on February 8th. Over the country, students are striving to inform people of their plight and the necessity to persuade the government to accept the NUS grants review 1974.

USK area chairman Sonia Hochfelder, has given FELIX the following statement (slightly edited, removing references to coal stocks, capitalist greed, etc.).

This term is of spec-

ial importance in the grants campaign since it is during this term that the government is likely to make its decisions on the level of the grant, and on who is entitled to one, possibly for the next three years. The process of reviewing the grants system and the increase in the cost of living, in which NUS and the Department of Education and Science have participated, is now complete and NUS has submitted a claim for a grant of £655 for all undergraduate students, regardless of course, parental income or, in the case of women, marital status. Now we have to show the government that we are absolutely determined to get a system of fair grants for all students and that if this is not forthcoming then the government will be faced with mass militant action by students throughout the country.

**DUPLICATORS  
NEW DUPLICATORS  
HAVE ARRIVED  
DEMONSTRATIONS AT  
12.45 TUE. 22nd  
WED. 23rd**

**IF YOU DON'T ATTEND  
ONE OF THE ABOVE  
DEMONSTRATIONS YOU  
WON'T BE ALLOWED  
USAGE!**

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## BLOOD DONING AT I.C.

The amount of blood used by the hospitals in Britain equals one transfusion for every minute of every day. To supply this need there are approximately one-and-a-half million blood donors. In the area covered by South London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent, there is an urgent need to recruit between four and five thousand new donors a month—one thousand to replace existing donors who have to give up being blood donors for various reasons, and three to four thousand to meet the ever increasing demands of the hospitals.

At the present time the South London Blood Transfusion Centre faces an additional problem in

that the three day working week has caused the cancellation of blood donor sessions in factories and offices. If the College can manage to muster 150 donors for each day that the Transfusion Service's mobile unit will be there, it will go a long way to bridging the gap between the supply and the demands that the hospitals are making upon us.

The dates of the sessions, which will be held in the Union Concert Hall, are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 29th to 31st January (a recruiting team will be present in the College from 22nd to 25th January).

Any queries: Ian Mc-Walter, Int. 3100.

## TENANTS ASSOC. EXEC. CTTE.

The first meeting of the ICTA Executive Committee was held last Wednesday, 16 January.

### Officers

At the meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Salisbury, Falmouth Hall; Secretary, Mr. Gray, Tizard Hall; Treasurer, Mr. Wadsworth, Falmouth Hall; Assistant Treasurers, Messrs. Stefanou, Fitzgerald and Webber, from Keogh, Linstead and Weeks respectively. There were no nominations for the post of publicity officer.

### Hamlet Gardens

There was a discussion on the inclusion of the Union flats at Hamlet Gardens within the constitution. It was decided, on a vote, that they should not. (2 for, 8 against, 2 abstentions). The quorum was dropped from 200 to 150. There was an addition in that the Executive Committee may co-opt additional non-voting members as they may

deem fit. The constitution was then passed as fit for presentation to the bank.

### Situation

Mr. Wadsworth, the treasurer, reported on the situation of the Rent Strike Fund. Forty-nine people had paid to the fund, a total of around £2,100. This was in comparison to over 700 having paid into college. There were still about 400 people who have yet to pay at all.

### Aims

There was a brief discussion on the Tenants Association. There was no disagreement with the fact that the Association has not been set up solely to run the rent fund. It was the general opinion that the committee would and should continue after the rent strike has ended. It was agreed that the question of an entertainments allowance for the House wardens should be discussed at the next meeting.



# Letters

## LETTER TO M.P.

Sir,  
This is a copy of a letter that I have sent to my local MP with respect to the Rent Strike. I believe that this line of approach is more direct than any line through the college authorities, and, if more people follow this action through their own local M.P.s. then the rent strike action will have some significance in the circles where such significance is more important, that is in Westminster.

Dear Mr. Luce,

I am writing to you to inform you that the Union has set up machinery for a rent strike in the college and I am supporting this action. We believe that the present grants system contains considerable anomalies and our action aims to draw attention to these and is in no way aimed to disrupt the running of the college. When our point is made all the money will be returned to the college.

The anomalies are briefly the wholly inade-

quate award given to postgraduate students, considering their contribution to the technological advancement of the country they are pitifully rewarded for the long hours they work. Secondly, married women students face considerable hardship because their husbands are usually also students and yet they receive little over half the normal grant. Another group of students, or should I say potential students, can never hope to receive the degree they may deserve because of the total lack of finance at colleges of further education and polytechnics. Lastly, students relying on parental contributions rarely see the full subsidy. I recommend the abolition of the means test to be financed by a higher surtax.

In spite of the letter heading, my home is in Littlehampton, in your constituency.

Yours sincerely,

**Rupert Harper**  
Mechanical Engineering

## THANK YOU

Sir,  
Please forgive me for the long delay in writing to thank all those who contributed to my wonderful leaving present. The hostess wagon is a great success; Pat and I don't know how we existed without it. Thank

you very much.

The only snag in being retired is loss of touch with so many friends in the College.

With all good wishes for Christmas and for 1974.

Yours sincerely,  
**John George**

## NUPE ATTACKS RECTOR

Sir,  
Many of you will have read the letter signed by the Rector, Sir Brian Flowers, in the last issue of Felix. Although it was written to IC ASTMS, in my opinion it concerns all Trade Unions in Imperial College.

Sir Brian has instructed College officers not to reply to communications couched in intemperate language. How does one interpret this? Surely what is acceptable to some is objectionable to others. To what extent will Sir Brian's instructions be abused by some College officers? Will Trade Union officers also decide to find certain letters from the management objectionable and decline to reply? Could we not be faced with a total breakdown in communications between College officers and Union officials? What will be the reactions of the rank and file Union membership if this kind of situation does occur? All these questions have to be answered. Sir Brian states that the College does not show fav-

our to certain sections of the staff; this statement is incorrect. IC NUPE members have for a long time complained that the College treats them as second class citizens. These complaints are not without foundation. Will Sir Brian explain why we lag behind other members of staff in holiday and sick benefit entitlements? Sir Brian states that he would be reluctant to believe that the ASTMS membership subscribes to the methods used by its officers. In my experience of my own Branch, it is the rank and file membership who make the decisions; the Union officials carry out the instructions of its members. To what extent we owe loyalty to the College depends on the treatment we receive from the college. I believe IC NUPE has reached a stage of reasonable relationship with the Personnel Department. In my opinion Sir Brian's letter could destroy this.

**R. Parker**  
IC NUPE Branch  
Secretary

## DEMONSTRATING RATES

Sir,  
I am pleased to inform you that the Pay Board has approved the College's application for an increase in the rate of pay to part-time Student Demonstrators to £1.15 per hour with effect from 7th November 1973. This is the maximum increase payable under Phase 3 of the Government's Counter-Inflation Policy.

I have today written to all Heads of Departments informing them of

the revised rate and of the effective date of implementation. I should be very grateful if you would let your colleagues know of this change. In the meantime I am sending Mr. Bowling, the Chairman of the Metallurgy and Materials Science Postgraduate Group, a copy of this letter in view of his earlier correspondence with the Rector.

Yours sincerely,  
**M. J. Davies**  
College Secretary

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Sir,  
With effect from 2 January 1974, visitors will, with certain exceptions, be charged for admission to the public galleries.

Visitors to the scientific departments and libraries will be admitted free of charge. Except at the Zoological Museum, Tring, where different arrangements will apply, they will be directed to the enquiry desk, issued with a temporary pass and then directed to the person or departmental enquiry point concerned.

**Students**  
Students presenting

one of the following means of identification will also be admitted to the Museum free of charge:

- a Student Ticket or Library Ticket issued by the Museum;
- a recognised student identity card (whether an international student's card or one issued by their educational institution, or the National Union of Students);
- a letter from an educational institution certifying that the holder is a student.

**G. F. Claringbull,**  
Director

## PUBLICITY OFFICER

Sir,  
With reference to Mr. Sayles' suggestion in the last issue of Felix, that a Publications Officer be elected "whose job would be to deal with the whole realm of publications of the Union":

(1) Would he elucidate on the meaning of "to deal with" in this context,

(2) Should such an officer be appointed

would steps be taken to safeguard the editorial independence of the different Union publications,

(3) Will he confirm that any such decision by I.C. Union would in no way affect the functioning of the publications of the Constituent College Unions?

Yours,

**A. W. Jones**  
(New) Editor R.C.S.  
Broadsheet

## REPLY

Dear Mr. Jones,  
In reply to your questions:

1. The Publications Officer's job will be to co-ordinate the work of the various news organs within IC. He will be expected to be "in the know" about everything which is happening within the Union. People who publish other individual news letters, etc., will be able to draw on the Publications Officer's knowledge to help with producing information for their newsletters.

2. Every Union publication would still have its own committee, and thus would maintain its own independence as far

as production and content. However, I feel that they would be foolish if they did not utilise the Publications Officer's information.

3. Once again, the CCU publications will not be affected in any way by the appointment of the Publications Officer, although I would hope they would draw upon his help and assistance.

If you would like any further clarification of these answers, or have any comments on this appointment, I would be very pleased to discuss the matter.

Yours,  
**Norm**

## WELFARE



Last year Room at the Top (RATT) was opened to provide a number of facilities for students: Insurance, Travel, Careers, Cheap Records, Ents, and Welfare. As a part of the "Welfare", the Student Counsellor accepted an invitation to spend a couple of lunchtimes a week in RATT. Don Adlington, above, the present Student Counsellor, now that he is "full-time", feels that he would like to continue this scheme.

### ADVICE INDEX

The thinking behind this is that Don Adlington, who usually spends most of his time seeing students in his office in Princes Gardens, may well be able to offer useful information and advice on an informal basis in RATT, possibly on subjects which students might not normally think to see him about. For example matters concerning Social Security and the Social Services generally: legal difficulties; special accommodation or financial prob-

lems. In conjunction with this, and to provide as comprehensive a facility as possible, a self-help index of agencies and organisations capable of supplying detailed advice and information on any welfare topic is being prepared. When finished, this directory will always be available for consultation in the RATT.

### LUNCHTIMES

Don Adlington has agreed to be in RATT from 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes at the same time, Dave Ashby, the union welfare officer, will man the Welfare Corner in RATT. The Welfare Corner is the far-left corner as one enters RATT. The whole scheme relies, however, on the participation of students. Even if you don't have any problems, please come along for a chat and tell either of us what you think can be done to improve the facilities.

**Dave Ashby**

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# ACGI UNDER ATTACK

Of great relevance to Guildsmen, but also to other members of Imperial College, past, present and future is the debate now being held over the status of the Associateship of the City and Guilds Institute. (A.C.G.I. — Guilds Graduates for the use of. Preferably after your name).

## Original Structure

Originally, in better days when the world was young, polys were parrots, and I.C. was a degree of silence, then one educated one's best engineers at the City and Guilds College (at least that hasn't changed). This establishment was governed by the Board of Delegation, whose members come from College, the Clothworkers and Goldsmiths Companies and the City and Guilds Institute. This board organised the financing and structuring of the courses, and they eventually recommended the awarding of the A.C.G.I.s. to the students as they passed out (which happened quite regularly).

## Univ. of London

In joining I.C. and later the University of London the administration of Guilds became the duty of the Rector and Company. However the delegacy continued to operate, vetting the courses and accounts but they had lost power to make decisions other than the annual recommendation to award A.C.G.I.s. It was therefore the victim of a rationalisation — and has been suspended.

Instead of it recommending to the Institute the awarding of A.C.G.I.s., a list would periodically arrive, on the City and Guilds Institute doorstep, of the latest Guilds Graduates.

## Not Known

Now, obviously for a body dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of the Professional Engineering Standards, a situation whereby it is awarding certificates to a group of people who it knows nothing about is intolerable. And quite rightly they have enquired about a change in this system.

## Guildsmen

Now I personally regard my A.C.G.I. as being of at least equal value to my BSc(Eng) (both of which are being kept safe for me until I graduate, cross of fingers X). It marks a Guildsman out from the run of the mill ordinary Engineering Graduates. I personally would welcome a participation in the structuring and examining of my engineering degree by the C. & G.I. and/or any other professional institution.

## Sir Brian

However, I am worried, our present Glorious Leader, Sir Brian Flowers, is a bit good at rationalising (so I hear), and one thing which initially looks as if it needs rationalising is the Constituent College System. I personally do not want to have an A.I.C. (à la D.I.C.) and I trust that you feel the same.

## R. L. Lolley (Mech Eng III)

(Above may be chronologically and factually incorrect but the general situation is as above).

# LIFTS

The president, Norman Sayles, has received the following from the College authorities: Dear President,

You will be aware of the recent damage to the Union lift. Mr. Shurety's memo to me (see later) gives a few details of this incident and of damage sustained by the lifts in Southside.

It is, of course, almost impossible to find out who is responsible in a College of this size but I do think it is most important to warn people, as widely as possible,

of the dangers to life and limb to which actions give rise.

Where safety devices are by-passed (as in Princes Gardens) any maintenance man who may be working in the shaft could be killed or seriously injured, either by the car or balance weights. Again if a landing door is opened whilst the lift is elsewhere in the shaft, it is very easy for somebody to fall into the shaft. One or two fatalities a year happen in the country due to this and that is why only lift

engineers are permitted to open landing doors.

Copies of Shurety's note, together with copies of our normal lift procedure, are presented here. If you would inform your colleagues and see that the widest possible circulation is given to this, I should be most grateful. I will see that the academic staff and administration (messengers, cleaners, etc.) are similarly informed.

Yours sincerely,  
E. A. Whitehead,  
Chief Maintenance Officer.

Mr. Whitehead,  
For your information I write regarding the bad treatment and mal-operation suffered by our lift installations, particularly in areas with a majority student population.

## Recent Incidents

- (a) In one lift, a panel was removed wiring changed to alter destination point from that indicated on panel. Corrected by 'Otis'.
- (b) The car floor selector panel removed completely by persons unknown. The lift is out of action until another

panel is manufactured. The President of the Union has been informed and asked to co-operate in finding the guilty party.

## East End Princes Gardens Hall of Residence

- (a) No. 4 lift car door completely wrenched off on 18th October, 1973 resulting in extensive repairs by 'Otis'. The lift was out of action for 4 weeks.
- (b) No. 3 lift car door was forced open with lift in motion, as a result the car door skate lever was bent.

The lift was then moved in the shaft either by: winding—brake release or manual operation of controller contractors, this action caused each landing lock to be smashed by the bent lever as it passed.

The lift was out of action and under repair for 2 days.

These are just a few of the many incidents which constantly occur, some of the Wardens are becoming very conscious of these happenings and doing all in their power to help solve the problem.

P. G. Shurety.

# CHEAP BRITISH RAIL

As a lot of you will know by now, a scheme has been arranged whereby it is possible to obtain cheap British Rail travel.

Full-time students aged 18-27 can now travel on most British Rail services for about half the normal fare. The 50% concession is on second class journeys between all British Rail stations, but under the scheme there is a minimum student fare of 50p single and £1.00 return. Students are eligible for reductions of up to 25% on some Sealink ferry services.

The student reduction scheme is the result of nine months of negotiations between NUS Travel and British Rail and is being introduced for an experimental six month period from January 1, 1974.

## Rail Card

Students qualify for the half-price fare by purchasing a special Student Rail Card from NUS Travel offices (including the Room at the Top), for £1.50 plus 15p VAT, total price £1.65. Proof of full-time student status and a passport photograph must also be produced. The card is in its own plastic wallet, together with a pad of ticket request forms. To claim the 50%

reduction, students hand over a completed request form and show the Student Rail Card to the booking clerk when they buy their ticket at a British Rail station in the normal way.

## Eligibility

The new scheme is restricted to full-time college students aged 18-27 inclusive — and excludes students under 18, school students over 18, part-time students, student nurses and foreign students visiting the UK on holiday.

In his letter to British Rail accepting the scheme, NUS Travel's Marketing Manager, Paul Connellan, voiced his dissatisfaction with these eligibility restrictions.

"Although we are pleased to see the scheme finally in operation", he wrote, "we have very serious reservations both about the age restrictions, upper and lower, and the exclusion of student nurses and we will be writing to you further on this matter when our Board have had a chance to give a considered reply. At this stage, I would only add that I think you are making a great deal of extra problems for yourselves in incurring the wrath of so many students".

## Protest

An immediate protest against the principle of cheaper rail fares for students came from Mr. John Stokes, Conservative M.P. for Oldbury and Halesowen. He said: "I think that it is absurd that students belong to a union at all. They are not employees which is the point of unions. They are absurdly pretentious, pompous, tiresome and totally unrepresentative of the majority of students — they tend to attract the activists!"

## Restrictions

Certain specific trains are excluded from the half-price student fare scheme. These include commuter services to and from London, some Inter-City services (mainly those which would normally be full, i.e. rush-hour, main weekend outgoings and returns), and trains from Scotland on various holiday dates. Full details of all trains on which the Student Rail Card cannot be used are attached to the pad of ticket request forms which is issued with the card. Further details of the restrictions can be obtained from the Room at the Top where the NUS Travel Service man a counter between 10.00 and 15.00, Mondays to Fridays.

Printed here is a photo from the Felix files. Choose your man and "Fill the bubble". Entries must reach me by Monday, 29th January at 5.00 p.m. Place your entry in a sealed envelope and mark it "Fill the bubble" and deliver it to the Union office in the Union-archway. There is an entry fee of a measly 10p and the winner will take 50%, the rest going to Rag. This is an ideal way

to make money both for yourself and for Rag.

Note:—50 entries —£2.50, 500 entries —£25. The entries will be judged by the Union Clerk, the Editor and Dr. Weale, Union Treasurer, and the results published in the next edition, due out on February 5th. Incidentally, there are no prizes for guessing the name of the speaker.



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EXTRA-  
ORDINARY  
UNION  
MEETING  
TUESDAY  
22nd  
JANUARY  
1.00  
HUXLEY  
MAIN  
THEATRE  
**TODAY**

Due to lack of space the breakdown procedure has had to be postponed till next FELIX.



# SOCIETIES' PAGE

## FOLK CLUB

Good morning campers, music lovers, and anyone who cares to read this. Imperial College Folk Club is responsible for this particular piece of drivel, but don't rush off now, give us a chance to tell you about this wonderful society.

### Singers

We meet every Wednesday in the Lower Refectory, at about 8.00 (well that's the official time). We present a variety of acts from floor singers (no that doesn't mean they're flat out drunk), to a professional guest artist each week. Music is mostly folky, both traditional and contemporary but there are some notable exceptions. Anyone who wishes is welcome to come along and sing or play anything. They can sing their own or known songs (or both if they're that good), or just play some instruments. We're very friendly to floor singers really, we only laugh at our resident drunk. But seriously, we respect anyone's efforts and appreciate their participation (guess who just swallowed a dictionary!). We have our own resident singer in the form of Steve (where's the toothpaste) Walmsley, well known to anyone who has been to any folk music happening at I.C. Extra attraction is that we're only across the hall from the bar.

Regular folk club members come from IC, UC, IF, Bedford to mention but a few.

### Artists

Artists who appear are usually well known in their own area of the country, but they are nearly all reasonably well known in this field (figuratively speaking, cos I'm really writing this in a room!). To name drop, Diz Disley, Rosie Hardman, Stan Arnold and Bob Davenport have all played here recently and of course the best Great Hall concert of last term—Ralph McTell was a folk club concert, officially (sorry Syd and Pete, etc. who did all the work).

### Membership

Everyone is welcome to come along on Wednesday nights—keep an eye out for our posters. You don't have to sing, you can just come and listen and join in choruses, etc. (heavy hint here to members). We have a reciprocal agreement (I) with Bedford College, and any of our members can attend their folk club at a reduced rate. If you wish to become a folk club member (a very superior species), just turn up on any Wednesday evening and we'll give you a card and pinch all your money—No! That's wrong, membership fee is only 50p.

I think that's all—it will have to be, because my brain hurts! Please come and see us soon, at least it breaks up the week, and if you don't like the music, you can always laugh at the jokes (??).

Hope to see you sometime soon.

Luv from the Folk Club Committee.

## RAILWAY SOCIETY

Imperial College Railway Society was founded by a group of railway enthusiasts at the college in 1947. Although the society has had its "ups and downs" since then, the situation at the moment can be regarded as fairly representative with membership around the thirty mark and a full programme of fortnightly meetings and visits.

### Meetings

Meetings are held once every two weeks during the Winter and Spring terms on Tuesday evenings starting at 17.40. This arrangement allows the speaker to be entertained at Hall Dinner after the talk. The programme of meetings is carefully chosen to ensure as wide a coverage of railway subjects as possible. For example, last term Mr. F. W. Briggs gave a talk entitled "The South Eastern and Chatham Scene", a historical illustrated review. Earlier in the term Lt. Col. Townsend-Rose of the Railway Inspectorate came and discussed his job. Still to come this term is, amongst others, Mr. B. J. Prigmore on "Tube Stock through the ages" and, later on, Dr. A. O. Gilchrist will present "The Technical Background to High Speed Trains." The Society also has a reciprocal arrangement with University College Railway Society allowing members to attend meetings there.

### Visits

Visits are not held in accordance with such a rigid timetable but there are usually about five each term. The majority of them take place on Wednesday afternoons but evening and weekend ones are not uncommon. The highlight of last term's visits was undoubtedly that to Coburg St. Control for the Victoria and Northern Line (LTE). Plans for this term include Victoria signal box (BR-SR) and the White City Training Centre (LTE). In the summer term a long-distance outing is arranged; the most recent was to Carlisle, the outward journey being via the Midlands and the return via the West Coast.

### Own Loco

Other points of interest relate to the Society's own steam loco and magazine: the former is a 3½" gauge loco called "Dymphna". Although heavy repairs are needed at the moment, a technician in the college is carrying them out and it is hoped that "Dymphna" will be in steam before the end of the year. The Society's magazine "Record" is published annually and, apart from reporting on Society activities, articles of general railway interest are included.

### Details

I hope this brief article has given you some idea of what the Society does and should you desire them further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Jonathan Edwards vis ME 3 "pigeonhole". Alternatively, you can just come along to a meeting—you would be very welcome. Details of these are given in I.C. News.

P. Greatorex, Chairman ICRS

## S & G WEEK IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

While most of you were still stuffing Christmas goodies and feeling sick, members of the I.C. Scout and Guide Club, also feeling sick, prepared for their annual trip to the Lake District. By 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday morning, the minibus was loaded and heading north.

### Arrival

Around 5.00 p.m. we arrived in Little Langdale, having picked up more people on the way. Here progress slowed considerably, since the next two hours were spent a) finding the hut to sleep in, and b), finding the keys at the nearby farm. Unfortunately due to error, not ours, the hut was being used that night.

### Cosy

After a night in the minibus we were feeling superbly fit to climb Helvellyn the next morning. Eventually, after this exhilarating opener, we found the hut. It was smaller than expected, but cosy, too cosy in fact.

### Misplaced

During the rest of the week much walking was done, in various groups, and at various times. The Langdale Pikes, The Old Man of Conistone, Skiddaw, the Bowfell group, and the Fairfield group were encompassed. The weather varied from good to bad, and very bad. On one of the latter Bowfell appeared to have been replaced by Esk Pike, or our compasses didn't function. Either way the effect was that our route was not as intended.

### Future Events

All too quickly it seemed it was time to come back, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and so could you. This term we are walking in North Wales, and Yorkshire, having a weekend on the Broads, and also one canoeing. Come and see us any Thursday lunchtime 12.30—1.30 in Mines 303. We might even let you come to Andorra in the summer!

Brian Murkin, Maths II

**A.C.C.**  
meeting  
**SCR UNION 5.30**  
All tour grants to be submitted  
at this meeting  
**JAN. 24**

## CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

There is a legend in the Cross-Country Club that, only a few years ago, we were honoured to be represented by runners of such outstanding ability as to be called upon to represent their countries internationally. And, as we hear at the annual dinner, we were the institutors and off-times record holders of the Three Peaks Race, involving the ascent and descent of three mountains in the Peak District. Nowadays the position is that, with the Club at its largest for some years, there is a great diversity of speed; on the one hand our Captain being summoned to run for his county, on the other a number plodding along at the back at 9 minutes a mile.

### Background

As run at this college, X-country is a unique sport. Firstly in the

variety of courses; differing in length from 1½ to 6 miles, over ploughed fields, roads, knee-deep mud, pasture and parkland; in straight races and relays. Secondly; at almost all races, anyone who turns up can run. Thirdly; it is an all weather sport; no amount of rain or snow (or sunshine) or even fog has ever postponed one of our races. Lastly; the competition; we run against such varied opponents as Wye College with their three runners and other London Colleges, Sandhurst and the Met. Police, and when we run for U.L., where once again everyone is welcome, the Navy, Oxford, Cambridge and Birmingham Universities. Whoever coined the phrase 'the loneliness of the long-distance runner' couldn't be more wrong, as there's never any lack of people to talk to (there's an old saying:

'you're never last in cross-country').

### Social Life

The social side of the club is not lacking, either. In fact, it tends to overshadow the running section at times. No report of the Cross-Country Club would be complete without mention of the Isle of Man running festival at Easter. We've been there for the past 2 years now, and hope to go again this year.

The club vest is also unique; not only does it bear red, yellow and purple diagonal stripes, it is also optional. Gloves are also worn.

### Races

Most of our races are friendlies against other colleges. We also compete in a League with other colleges in and around London for which there are 5 races, usually with a field of about 120. Our own course

is in Richmond Park and consists of one lap of five and a third miles. We also enter teams in the Southern Counties and National Championships, competing against large numbers of club teams (a field of over 1,000 in the National Seniors). Apart from wandering the countryside going to other people's races, we also organise our own Hyde Park Relay, which attracts entries from over 80 different colleges ranging from Scotland to Germany, Spain and Sweden.

Fixtures are organised for every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon during the first two terms, and you will be welcomed if you turn up for any of them, even if you can only come occasionally. This applies to all students at I.C. and other U.S.K. colleges, and members of staff will also be welcome to join in.



<p><b>1</b> Would you please give us the following information so that if you come up with a particularly inspiring idea, we will be able to get in contact with you?</p> <p>If, of course, you have any objection to giving us the information, then please, fill in just the questionnaire and hand it in.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;">Name</td><td style="width:50%;"></td></tr> <tr><td>Department</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Year</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Have you any connections in the catering trade?</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>If yes, then state details please.</p> <p><b>2</b> How often at present do you eat in the Union building?</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;">Every day</td><td style="width:50%;"></td></tr> <tr><td>Once a week</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Hardly ever</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Never</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>3</b> If you hardly ever, or never eat in the Union building, why?</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;"></td><td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Tick here</td></tr> <tr><td>Too far away from department</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Not enough variety</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Too expensive</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Don't eat in College</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Bad Facilities</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Another</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Name		Department		Year		Have you any connections in the catering trade?		Every day		Once a week		Hardly ever		Never			Tick here	Too far away from department		Not enough variety		Too expensive		Don't eat in College		Bad Facilities		Another		<p><b>A Questionnaire on the Refectory and Bar facilities in the Union Building</b></p> <p>This questionnaire has been produced in order to ascertain the type of facilities which <i>you</i> would like to see available in the Union building.</p> <p>We would be most grateful if you would answer the questions as honestly as possible and hand the completed questionnaire in to the Union office.</p> <p>Thank you very much. We will publish the results as soon as they have been assessed, and hopefully by the end of this term.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours, <b>NORM.</b></p> <p><b>4</b> Which of the following food types would you prefer to see operating in the Union refectory?</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;"></td><td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Tick here</td></tr> <tr><td>Full three course meals</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Full meals, e.g. Roast beef + 3 veg, etc.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Hot pies, pasties, + chips/mash + beans/peas</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Salads</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Sandwiches</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Fresh fruit</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Biscuits</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>A service whereby you can book a meal X days in advance, and have a relatively cheap, good quality three course meal, (i.e. a similar system to booking school meals)</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;"></td><td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Yes/No</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>5</b> How often do you use the Union bar?</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;"></td><td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Tick here</td></tr> <tr><td>Permanently</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Frequently</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>On odd occasions</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Never</td><td></td></tr> </table>		Tick here	Full three course meals		Full meals, e.g. Roast beef + 3 veg, etc.		Hot pies, pasties, + chips/mash + beans/peas		Salads		Sandwiches		Fresh fruit		Biscuits			Yes/No				Tick here	Permanently		Frequently		On odd occasions		Never		<p><b>6</b> Which of the following beverages would you like to see for sale in the Union Refectory?</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:50%;"></td><td style="width:50%; text-align: center;">Tick here</td></tr> <tr><td>Coffee</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Tea</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Lemon Tea</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Milk</td><td style="text-align: center;">Cup Pint</td></tr> <tr><td>Orange</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Coke or Pepsi</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Lager</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Beer</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Any other</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>7</b> If you had the opportunity of making whatever improvements you wished to the Refectory or Bar services in the Union building, what would be the changes you would make?</p> <p><b>8</b> If you frequent the Union bar more often than the other College bars, can you briefly say why?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continue 7 and 8 on extra sheet if necessary.</p>		Tick here	Coffee		Tea		Lemon Tea		Milk	Cup Pint	Orange		Coke or Pepsi		Lager		Beer		Any other	
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**Injuries**

News of fixtures is posted on our notice board in the Union; bottom right-hand corner, on the right, by the cloakroom, or contact us via the Union letter rack. Or, if you're really keen, you may find someone out training in Hyde Park at almost any time, though mainly Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. All injuries laughed at or sympathised with, depending on their cause.

D.A.J., I.J.I.

**X - COUNTRY CLUB SETS NEW RECORD**

With the race scheduled to start at 3.00 p.m. we rolled into Hayes at fifteen minutes to, on a sparkling specimen from the Green Line pre-war specials after the driver had stopped en route to make a phone call. Not having a clue where to go, the coin landed on tails so we headed in a south-westerly direction until we stumbled on a road mentioned in the instructions. On arriving at the Met. Police sports centre, we discovered that our opponents had not decided to run against themselves, and the race was delayed until 3.30. However, this was all part of the plot. Never trust a policeman. Even Granny's computerised "brain?" failed to decipher the craftily worded route, known only to the opposition. The situation was not helped by the fact that a kiddies' race on the same afternoon, crossed our route in various places. This too, was marked by blue flags, which could account for the appearance of 4 IC runners aimlessly pounding the beat down Hayes high street and arriving at the finish ten minutes after all the others, and from the other direction. However, this was Pad's day. He was not one of the four, which gave him his best finishing position in the team since last year's bar race. J.S. really stretched out at the finish to come in 7th, 4 places behind Bor Nosnilla. The oppo's plot having been an almost complete success, the Police gained a narrow victory by 2n points to n.

R.H.A.

**168 HOUR WEEK**



For Maureen Martin to look after her handi-capped son Jimmy, is an 168 hour week. Jimmy, who is ten, and born with neither legs nor his right arm, receives no benefits from the Attendance Allowance Board. Frequent night-mares, the need to be fed, washed, taken to the toilet and put to bed requires 24 hour attention. The artificial legs on which Jimmy walks to a local junior school wear rapidly through his

clothing. Recently his mother's main fear is that if unattended, as the board suggests, when crossing the road, there might well be no further problems since there could well be no more Jimmy.

In spite of this, on five separate occasions the board has refused Jimmy partial or full benefits. But now three years of campaigning and a nationwide petition may lead to a private members bill in the Commons on January 23rd amending the board's practices. The bill affecting 5,000 handicapped persons is seeking to amend the 1972 National Insurance Act. It calls for an open hearing of all cases, the right to cross examine board witnesses and the right of appeal. Sheets of crisp, inert, white paper and the oratory of one man will support Jimmy Martin on January 23rd. Let us hope they give him more than two false legs to stand on throughout life.

A.Z.

**WANTED: RAG MAG EDITORS**

Anyone who has the slightest interest in getting next year's Rag Mag together is asked to contact Mike Williams, Chemistry 3. Contrary to rumour, the job does not require boundless imagination and incredible writing ability like what I've got. Too many people will probably look at this advert and mutter "Couldn't manage it," or some such thing. "BULLS—T" is what I would reply because ANYONE could do the job and ANYONE Can! So contact the above via the letter racks, quick!

Mike Williams

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GENERAL MEETING

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6.00  
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JANUARY 24



# "He is the last Westerner, his bike is his horse"

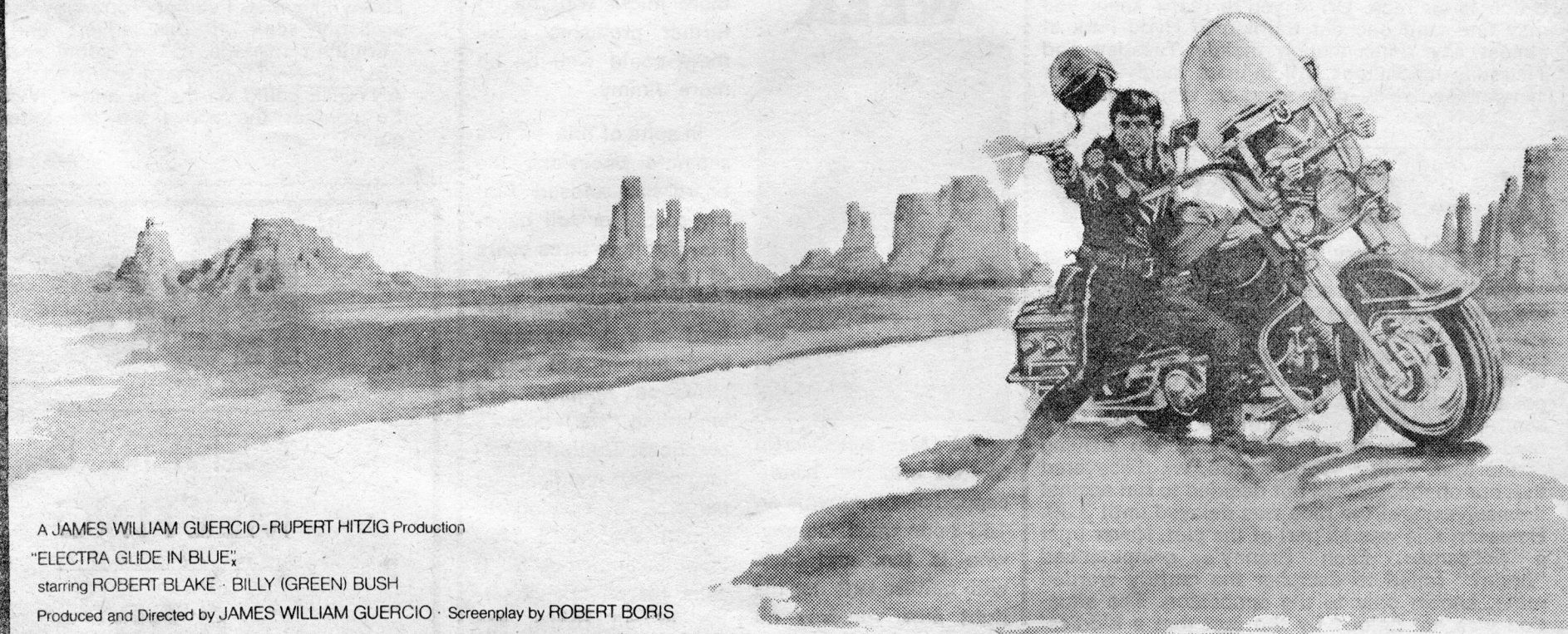
James William Guercio deliberately set this film in the West so as to pose his blue-kitted heroes against the same needles and coffins of rock that John Wayne habitually dwarfs. The hero is a cop and the title sounds like a sequel to "Last Tango in Paris"... it is called "Electra Glide in Blue."

"A cop is the last person left who lives an existential life every day of the week. ...he says. "When he gets up in the morning he doesn't know if he'll kill or be killed, deliver a baby, write out a speeding ticket or see a whole family wiped out in a road crash."

"He is the last Westerner, his bike is his horse."

*Extract from Alexander Walker. Evening Standard*

## Electra Glide IN BLUE<sup>x</sup>



A JAMES WILLIAM GUERCIO-RUPERT HITZIG Production

"ELECTRA GLIDE IN BLUE"

starring ROBERT BLAKE · BILLY (GREEN) BUSH

Produced and Directed by JAMES WILLIAM GUERCIO · Screenplay by ROBERT BORIS

Story by ROBERT BORIS and RUPERT HITZIG · Music Composed by JAMES WILLIAM GUERCIO

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# COUNCIL

Sir,

I am a member of Imperial College Union and, although not holding a Union post, I attended the 178th meeting of Council held on Monday the 14th. Any member of the Union may do this, although he or she will only be a spectator with no voice or vote.

Council is formed of forty-six members who are defined as in the Blue Book (pages 10, 11, 12). These are to run the Union generally and to act upon the decisions of I.C.U.G.M.'s.

## ARGUMENTS

The meeting opened around 6.00 p.m. and closed five hours later (with a twenty minute break) still not having finished the agenda for the meeting. The reason for this I believe is the time-wasting flippant and unnecessary verbal squabbles between certain people (or even factions) within Council. Whilst acknowledging that the President, Deputy President and Honorary Secretary try to keep order it would appear at times to be the person who shouts long-

est for his opinion who 'wins'. There is discussion upon topics as set by the agenda as indeed there ought to be, however when certain persons 'lose' an argument they perhaps act with less responsibility than they should by muttering strange oaths instead of losing gracefully. A majority of members of Council do try to keep the meeting running reasonably as any similar meeting should, however the small minority, as ever, argue the toss over a point and the subject becomes bogged down. Finally when a 'move to a vote' is heard someone insists on getting his last say in (again).

Even with a vote being taken this is subject to arguments, for example one motion was subject to a vote, then a re-vote (at this point a member returned from the Union Bar), halfway through the re-vote some members did not understand the voting system still and the Hon. Sec. had to explain the voting system. Thus after five minutes the re-vote was at last obtained even after some members were told to wake up and 'stick yer andup'.

## CONDUCT

I fear that certain people are not taking the

conduct of the meeting seriously enough, to give an example the Union Finance Committee recommends how to spend the £50,000 it receives from various sources (see Blue Book, P7), and makes its recommendations to Council who then approve (or not) this expenditure. (This being subject to ICUMGs see P73 section 11). This vast (?) amount of money bandied around by a council who to quote a member 'I wouldn't even trust to put two lumps of sugar in a cup of tea,' seems a serious enough topic to be discussed with commonsense and order. I was informed that this meeting was mild compared with some, so what the heated ones are like I dread to think.

There seemed to be an opinion that Council, because of its size was rather unwieldy, it should be cut down to a 'more reasonable size'. I couldn't foresee any Council member giving up their Council membership 'just like that'. Paul Wadsworth has estimated 28 as possible with further reductions at the expense of Dep. Reps, but is 28 going to be a success? It only needs three or four people to disrupt the smooth running of the meeting by

irrelevant verbal graffiti and an unco-operative attitude to reduce that meeting to one which is better adjourned. Representation of about four thousand students by 28 people may not be truly so. Surely 46 is a better number if these 46 are aware of the troubles of unruly meetings, e.g. the postponement of items which were outstanding to the next Council meeting as with U.G.M.'s.

## APATHY

Students at I.C. seem to be very apathetic with regard to the four college unions especially I.C.U. which after all is the most powerful theoretically. I recognise that a lot (most?) of you are here for the work and subsequent first class honours but I think that you should make an effort to attend any union meeting be it I.C.U., R.C.S.U., C.G.U., or R.S.M.U. They may appear to be boring and concerned with 'trivia' of no relevance (seemingly) to an I.C. student, for instance Chile. It's all been said before, but do you want a union that is representing the majority view of students or an extension of I.M.G., or Y.S.S.S. or whatever? Are you concerned with the public image of student unions or are you a

member of Apsoc? The I.C.U.G.M.s take place on Thursdays (when there are General Studies lectures from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.) and may last up to 1½ hours, which isn't very much out of the work timetable. The same applies to C.C.U. meetings which take place on Tuesdays.

## CHAIRMAN

Meanwhile back on the hobbyhorse I am still discoursing upon Council. I would suggest that the chairman imposes a stricter authority upon these (approximately) monthly meetings. Members going to the Union Bar or the 4U2P (whatever that stands for!) create a disruption both in their journey and from an excess of hot air whilst arguing. Perhaps the visits to the 4U2P must be allowed but the two or three clanking pots with 'Tankard', 'Guinness', and 'Whitbread' interrupting general discussion should be banned until half time, although members be allowed to stock up beforehand (or nothing would be done!).

Members should realise that they are not there to count the cobwebs in the corner, the meetings will surely be over more quickly if the general level of order is

raised. I believe Paul Wadsworth would like to see meetings over more quickly especially as he does a lot of the pen-pushing donkey work. No doubt the Union clerk, taking the minutes, would like to hear the gentleman in the far corner more clearly. A meeting will become boring if one person decides to have more than his fair share of time and not accept the authority of the chair.

## UNION'S VIEWS

Council could easily become 'pie in the sky' if it does not know the views of I.C.U. members whether expressed at U.G.M.s or just talking to Norm. Paul and Dave in the Union Office or the Bar etc. The Union is for its members but if its officials don't know the views of its members the Union becomes the 'puppet' of a minority group who do come to U.G.M.'s. Felix is your newspaper so write a letter or tell Aunt Lucy your problem or tell Paul to resign because he hasn't forced the Tories to resign and returned a Labour government pledged to socialist policies. Come to I.C.U. office and tell Norm. or Paul your views on something, resign from Apsoc.

*D. Salisbury, Physics 1*

## These are excerpts from the draft minutes of the Union Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 1974

### Donations

At the previous Council, they agreed to donate £10 towards a Christmas Box for the Harlington Groundsman, Mr. A. Loveday. £5 was also donated to a similar present for Mr. Newens, the College Waterman, this to be added to a whip round from the boat club.

For his work in producing Felix whilst the previous editor was at the NUS conference, Mr. Wrigley was paid £10 to cover expenses incurred.

### Union Constitution

Mr. Wadsworth reported that help was still required in the rewriting of the Union constitution.

### Wellsoc Synthesiser

A representative from the Wellsoc electronic music group was again present to put forward a case for an electronic synthesiser. After considerable discussion on

the various alternatives it was agreed that £200 should be given to SCC to extend to Wellsoc electronic music group so that they could hire a synthesiser.

### Union Meetings

Mr. Sedgwick, floor rep, proposed a motion pertaining to the running and holding of Union Meetings. Its objects were to limit the number held, the topics discussed, and to automatically have the quorum challenged when the meeting is inquorate. There was again considerable discussion on this topic. When the vote was taken the proposals were defeated.

### Union Pots

Following a recommendation from Mr. Black it was agreed that, in future, registration cards or union cards should be exchanged for Union pots so that they don't "disappear". The card would be returned

on the safe return of the pot. This is to be implemented at the discretion of the bar staff.

### Questionnaire

It was agreed that help should be given to the publishers of an Alternative Guide to Universities and Polytechnics being produced by Wildwood House Publishers. £50 would be charged for the service, however, and a request would be made for 150 questionnaires instead of the 25 that they were going to send.

### Malaya

There was a representative from the Committee for Democratic Rights in Malaya. He asked us to support the magazine "Truth" that is produced in Malaya and also to support freedom of the press in Malaya. Council agreed to write to the campaign board for the committee expressing our support and also to the Malayan Gov-

ernment expressing our support for the right of freedom of the press and free speech.

### Dyslexia

Council agreed to donate £10 to the North London Dyslexia Association.

### Open University

The Union council decided that our facilities should be extended to members of the Open University Students' Association.

### Grants

Demonstration There was an announcement that there would be a national grants demonstration on February 8. As many students as possible will be accommodated in the Union building over the evening of the 8th. Departmental representatives are expected to help with the publicity for the campaign.

### Campaign Press Conference

Mr. Sinclair will attend the press conference to be held on Wednesday, 16 January.

### Felix

Mr. Wadsworth asked for help with the distribution of Felix. There was some disagreement as to which method ought to be used. It was finally left in the hands of Mr. Wadsworth to decide.

### Finance

£1,770 had already been spent on Felix and it was very likely that it would greatly exceed its budget. Mr. Wadsworth reported that the legal case against University Press Representation was now under way again. They have admitted liability to around £500 but we are claiming £1,000 plus.

Council approved Union Finance's Recommendation that 1) £50 be spent on a reception for a group of 100 French students who are visiting the college in March. 2) £2,500 should be spent on the renovation of the chairs in the Southside lower lounge. 3) work on the organisation of the removal of

the Southside television set to the Health Centre should proceed. It was agreed that up to £297 should be spent on the purchase of a set of oars for the women's boat club, but that they should look into the possibility of obtaining a second-hand set at a cheaper rate.

There was a heated discussion on the president's proposal that the Union should give the Student House wardens a sum of £400 between them to bring the amount of entertainments allowance up to £2 per student per year in each house. It appeared that the college were unable to raise the allowance by more than £5 as they claim that it would be in defiance of the government's phase 3 regulations. Council, however, defeated the proposal (15 against, 13 for and 5 abstentions). The purchase of new light-excluding curtains for the billiards and snooker room was not approved.

### Elections

Messrs. Black, Roberts and Gorman were elected as representatives to the ICTA Executive Committee.

The meeting closed without considering any other business or reports as the guillotine had been reached, and, on a vote, it was not suspended.



# AS IT WAS

A new regular feature of excerpts from Felixes of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years ago. Read carefully, as some topics are still around today.

22 Jan. 1954

## Viewpoint

Those of you with eyes must have noticed that the Union has undergone a considerable face-lifting. Its walls and ceilings are brighter, its floor cleaner—and going to be kept clean. So far, so good. Now for the criticism.

## Slovenliness

The Lounge is nice, warm and quiet (except during lunchtime and Hop nights) where one can sit in casual comfort. This casualness, I feel, has gone a bit too far recently, amounting to downright slovenliness. Glasses and teacups on the floor, ashtrays below the settees, ash and matches strewn all over the floor and tables, newspapers on the seats. WHY do we have to drop our paper when we get up. Is it too much effort to place them on the side tables?

## Maids

The rest of the union comes in for the same treatment, muddy feet ignore the door-mats. This sort of treatment is not deserving of the Union. It might be all right in one's own digs visited perhaps by a maid once a week and by the landlady once a month, or when she smells kipper oil. But please not in the Union, which is used by hundreds of others.

## Refectory News

It has been running at a loss for almost as long as anyone can remember, and three years ago excessively large annual losses—£5,000 and more—brought John Gardner & Co. to cut them down. This they managed to a certain extent, cutting the losses by about 40%. The cut was brought about partly no doubt by improved efficiency and economy, but partly too by a reduction in the total number of meals served.

## Mr. Mooney

The contract with Messrs. Gardner was terminated on Dec. 23rd and Mr. Mooney is the new manager. A great improvement was noticed last term in the quality and value of the food being served, and it is hoped that the new manager will continue the improvement. An increase in prices at this time would be disastrous, and can only result in a further drop in the number of meals served.

## Silwood

The possibility of supplies to the refectory from Silwood Park has been studied in great detail by the Refectory Committee. The primary aim was to provide vegetables, but it was found that by itself this will not be very lucrative. Coupled with livestock, however, the scheme can be worked very profitably, and would supply, besides vegetables, eggs, pork, bacon, and chicken. The difficulty lies in the large initial outlay that will be involved in getting 45 acres under cultivation.

## Grants

The financial stability of the average student today is conspicuous, as they say, by its absence. Too often, alas, it is the case of "Can I touch you for five bob, old sock?" and "Might manage half a crown, Jack". This fluid state of affairs, with a string of people borrowing from each other, often going round in circles, is too unstable.

30 Jan. 1959

## Guilds to join NUS

At a Guilds Union meeting, it was proposed that "C & G" Union should become affiliated to the NUS". Due to constitutional wrangling, however, the motion was withdrawn.

## Ill-mannered

Three years ago I was under the impression that on entering college I would be mixing with the cream of British youth, intelligent, educated and good mannered. But this was a false impression. I.C. students have proved to be the most ill-mannered louts I have yet come across, using filthy obscene language with no regard as to who is present. It is not clever to be able to swear, to be obscene or to be down right rude even less so when young ladies are present, I am ashamed to introduce people to the College. How much longer is this disgusting behaviour to continue.

22 Jan. 1964

## Struggle for power

College Union and the Imperial College Halls are the most suitable for the students of Imperial College. This is obvious to anyone with his eyes open, but among the penthouse dwellers in South Side, there are men who would change this and provide a system based on Oxbridge, where sport and social activities would centre round each individual hall of residence. Each hall would have its own boating club and its debating society, and each warden would have much more power. Our union exists solely for the purpose of the students of Imperial College and we are the people to run it as we see fit. Each year the penthouse dwellers try their tactics on a new President and Council and each year so far they have been thwarted. Let us hope this situation will continue, because otherwise our Union will become a replica of ULU, where the warden does as he likes and the Union is converted into flats for his convenience.

## Rachmanism

It has been brought to the notice of the College Administration that there are certain persons operating in the London area who try to induce prospective tenants of property to part with considerable sums of money for rent in advance or as deposits against damages and dilapidations. Thereafter tenants have been unable to contact the so-called landlords and obtain a refund of these deposits.

Members of the college who are seeking accommodation, and who are asked to part with sum in cash before any tenancy is entered into, are advised to contact either their solicitors or the Establishments Officer before paying over any sums or signing any documents.

## Jazz News

Inspired by their successes in the ULU Jazz Competition in December. The Jazz Club started a series of South Side Stomps last Wednesday. More than 250 people feeling the need for a spring fling made the scene, served hot by the Kensington City Stompers and cool by the Clive Heath Quartet.

## Communism

The Communist Society in its first year of existence has run the first ever Marxist Week in this college. Two thousand leaflets and over 200 posters advertised a series of meetings intended to show how the Marxist holds the key to many questions, political, economic and cultural, by not merely asking How? but Why? Why do people compete instead of co-operate, produce great works of art and run countries?

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## I.C. Appeal

Imperial College launched a £2 million public appeal for student and staff accommodation and for academic and general purposes, at a press conference on Thursday.

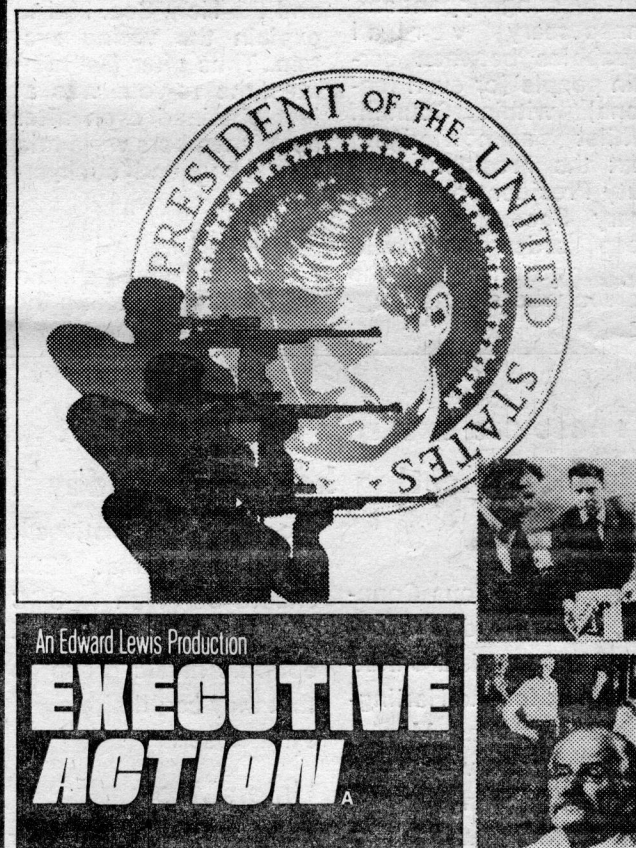
## STOIC

After years of delicate negotiations in the hushed corridors of Elec Eng and their inner sanctum of the Union, STOIC is ready to run. Many people will already know that the electrical engineering department has a studio and one camera. At present this equipment is operated by Technicians, but with two more cameras arriving in the next week or so, full use of the equipment can only be obtained by setting up a student production team.

## Bar Prices

Price increases take effect in the Union and Southside bars from February 1st. There will be an extra penny on all draught beers, bringing the prices to 2s. 2d for union bitter and 2s. 4d. in Southside. Spirits prices will also go up to 2s. 6d.

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