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REFECTORY PRICES UP 17 PER CENT

ON THE last day of the previous College Session, the Board of Governors of Imperial College consented to rises in refectory prices across the board to the extent of a staggering 17½%.

Despite urgent pleas for a subsidy by the Union delegation at the meeting, the College felt that it had no choice in the matter. The atmosphere at the Board of Governors was sympathetic yet uncompromising.

Could College give the refectories a subsidy? This would be impossible under the University Grants Committee (UGC) from which IC gets most of its money.

Does College have any money of its own that it could use instead? 'College has substantial reserves, but they refuse to use this money directly in the interests of students, despite our (the Union's) view that this kind of demand should be a major priority', said the Union President, Mr. Trevor Phillips.

The two-point plan which the delegation suggested was as follows:

1. **Short term.** Let the increases be only 10% and supply the refectory with a subsidy.

2. **Long term.** The Governors should lobby collectively and individually the UGC for a relaxation of the imposing restrictions regarding what UGC money can and cannot be used.

The plan was countered by Mr. M.J. Davies, Secretary to the College, who firmly stated that UGC rules are inflexible: 'The books must balance; there can be no subsidies'.

There was no area for compromise. No Governor raised his or her voice in support of the Union's plan. Nothing could be done.

Copulation: A Discipline Offence?

IN THE last year there have been several cases of couples being found fornicating on the Union premises. Last year's President of RSMU, Paul Gee, clearly thought that ICU ought to clean up its image. So in the early hours of Tuesday, 18th June, as one ICU Joint Council was coming to a laborious conclusion, Paul proposed that "Fornication on Union premises should be a discipline offence".

Before many of the steadily diminishing number of Council members could awaken themselves, a speech for and against the motion had been heard. In a last ditch effort to defend the permissiveness and personal freedom of this modern society, Mike Williams proposed an amendment to the effect that "Fornication should be encouraged, not discouraged, on Union premises". This amendment was tragically defeated, and on a vote, the original motion was passed.

Certainly, the implications of this motion are clear: To all budding Romeos and egotists, "If you want to do it, do it elsewhere, not on the Union premises - or the Deputy President will have it in for you".

Undoubtedly, it will be very interesting to see what punishment is given out to the first offending couple. Even more intriguing is that fornication is an offence whilst presumably copulation is not. No doubt there will be some red-faced when the first married couple is caught doing it in the Union.

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WELCOMES

FRESHERS

EDITORIAL

Mike Williams

AS THE Freshers inevitably begin to invade Imperial College, the Union perfunctorily has to sit down and consider the overwhelming multitude of problems, both large and small, important and trivial which it faces.

The majority of these problems have one aspect irrefutably in common: *They are recurrent.* It is pretentious to consider them as anything else. Looking back over past FELICES, there are a countless number of issues where the principal topic is refectory prices, or student accommodation etc. Just as every year these problems arise, so there is a new Union administration to launch enthusiastically an attack on them. Proper solutions are pie-in-the-sky stuff for they would take too many crispy £££'s. The Union's brief then is to search out the common ground that might exist between itself and the *body* that presents the problem, and to fight for a compromise. Demanding a solution is a naivety in the extreme.

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Not surprisingly, the ICU Executive

have their own specialised problems at the beginning of the year; each essentially has his or her '*Baptism by Fire*'. The President has reams of speeches to write, dialogues to maintain, protocol to suffer; the Deputy President's piece de resistance is the Freshers' Fair; the Hon. Secretary's lot is undoubtedly the Parking Applications Committee where by it is her task to tell 193 applicants that they have been successful and to inform the estimated remainder of 400 that they have been unsuccessful. Then there is the Parking Applications Appeals Committee...

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On the subject of '*Baptism by Fire*', this Freshers' issue of FELIX has been a huge pain to produce, due to the simple fact that material suddenly flooded the office on copy day. Jeez, what a mess! I can only express my intense envy of past Editors who simply had to get the copy together, edit it and send it off to the printers with appropriate instruction. Period. End of commitment

Nowadays one has to get the type actually set, cut out the master copy, glue it to a sheet (neatly and straight without getting any glue smudges on it) and 'composing' a lay-out to fill the pages. Then it's off to the litho-operator to make the plate and run it off on the machine. Finally comes the folding, collating and distribution. Still, what the hell.

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To those freshers who might be interested in the production of FELIX, come along to either the FELIX Office (near the Union Archway) or to the stall in the New Union Office at Freshers. N.B. It looks good on any job application form to say that one has worked on a student's newspaper.

N.B. We will be producing a mid-week FELIX SPECIAL, to appear next Thursday. Copy date for this issue will be Tuesday midday. The copy date for the next FELIX proper will be Thursday 3rd October. Small Adds can be accepted at ANY time depending on the space available.

LETTER

—Way Forward for the P.G.'s?

Dear Sir,

For the benefit of new PGs we'd like to fill in some of the background to the recently announced demonstrating rates of £2 per hour. Less than 18 months ago most departments were paying £1 per contact hour. The exceptions being Physics — where many PGs belonged to an A.S.T.M.S. Union branch, and had negotiated a higher rate tied to the Junior Lecturer's pay scale — and Maths who received £1.50. Around this time the I.C. Postgraduate Group was formed with a policy of encouraging strong departmental and laboratory based groups. It was these groups in Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Metallurgy and Geology who provided the impetus for the campaign on demonstrating rates. Before the general announcement of £1.50 throughout the College, Metallurgy, in particular, and later Geology were engaged in departmental struggles to win higher rates. Only after Metallurgy Postgrads had made it abundantly clear that they were prepared to withdraw their labour, did the department concede an increase to

£1.50. It was in this context of Postgraduate militancy in several departments that college wide increases were announced.

In his article in the last copy of Felix, Tom Abraham (Post. Grad. Affairs Officer) refers to intermittent negotiations with the college — he should perhaps have put negotiations in inverted commas. Postgraduate students play vital roles in the running of the college — a fact which is recognised more clearly by the Administration than by many PGs. Where PGs have organised in their departments many improvements in conditions of work have been won.

Your department probably has a PG group — if not, why not form one. Members of the established groups will be glad to help. Tom Abraham should not accuse PGs of apathy (even if it's true at the present), but should point out what they can achieve by concerted effort.

Pete Cannell,
Maths. PG.

Joe Herbertson,
Met. PG

The Parents of

Moira Lavin

WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS AND
APPRECIATION TO THE MANY STUDENT
FRIENDS OF THEIR DAUGHTER, WHO WAS
TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A ROAD
ACCIDENT AT THE END OF LAST TERM,
FOR THE LETTERS OF SYMPATHY AND
CONDOLENCE WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED

Wine, Women & Song

WE HAVE 'EM ALL !!

Julia Dunning

ICWA President

On Monday, October 7th, ICWA are holding their Annual (Freshers) Dinner. To the uninitiated ICWA is the Imperial College Women's Association. Everything but *everything* is known by initials in College, but you soon get used to it — make up a few of your own, no-one will notice the difference! The

dinner is specially arranged at this time of year to coincide with the arrival of new students in college. It is the first of the dinners and the only one drawing people from all over college — and that includes staff as well as students. I should like to point out too that anyone is free to buy a ticket — man or woman, but numbers are limited, so if you do wish to come, make sure you get your ticket early (details for getting a ticket are at the foot of this article).

This year we are making a particular effort to make this different from the 'run of the mill' college dinner. Included in this is the late bar extension and the fact that we have a cabaret afterwards (usually reserved for the big 'formal' dinner-dances in college). The cabaret will be folk singer Stan Arnold, who has made numerous television appearances. He is also very funny. Wine should be flowing relatively freely and at all ICWA functions, there are coincidentally always women! So, I feel justified in using the above headline.

I hope you will come to the dinner — I certainly think it will be worth it for

anyone, 1st, 2nd or 3rd year student. Though, of course, I am slightly biased in my opinion.

For those particularly eager to acquire tickets, ICWA is giving a Freshers' Tea on Freshers' Fair day, starting at 2.30 p.m. There will be free tea and food for those who make it early enough! Also, Lady Flowers, our Vice-President, will be there together with Lady Anne Thorne, the Senior Tutor for Woman. If any of you have any teething problems, please come along and if we cannot help you directly then we can certainly put you in touch with someone who can.

Finally, I should just like to give a quick summary of what we shall be doing later in the term. The nearest date to tell you of is the 31st of October — Hallowe'en. We will be laying on a Masked Ball with folk singers, Ceilidh band, 'bobbing apples' competition, with something extra special for 12 midnight, the Witching Hour! All to be washed down with a good old traditional Witch's Brew (alcoholic, of course!). Something not to be missed. (I mean the Ball, as well as the drink!). I hope you can make it.

Various lunch parties will also be laid on later in the term, and we will be putting on something during Rag Week — including making a collection.

Really, we shall be doing loads this year and with your support, everything will turn out successful.

Well, that's all I've got to say — except enjoy yourselves, and if you are worried about something, or want to know something in particular about college, I am always glad to help.



Do you know this girl? This picture, taken during Rag week last year has us stumped. We have not a clue who she is. Anyone who might know the identity of this fair maiden is invited to ring Int .2881.

I F Only..

Katie McKinnon

Scratches mark the paintwork of the heavy, white oak door. A last angry kick and it's back into the world. Along the empty corridor where I so often dashed in at five to nine, scattering papers, pinning up notices, avoiding anyone poised as if ready to detain me, and then slinking in at the back to lectures,

conspicuously inconspicuous: late as usual. The very corridor where we decided who was going to be who in the next union, where half the arrangements for the celebrated revue were made (Ziegfield would have been proud of us). Ah! those were the days. Now, with a ring of the bell, presents and prizes distributed and addresses swapped, I.F. is disbanded. Not one footstep will resound in the place for another eleven weeks. Dust will gather on the drinks machine and the empty Gauloise packets will lie untouched.

But what will happen to professional students, left to fend for ourselves in the nasty world of money-making? Those

for whom the college is a big comfy armchair, a refuge. Only here can one sit back and appreciate life at it's best. Where else could you covert under the lights other than at Mines' disco, sample some of the finest cuisine north of Dino's (gourmet gathering every evening at 6.30 in Southside), climb the Bell Tower (silly me, what a giveaway!) and compete in the one o'clock sprint to Florries' sandwich bar (current title holder for the 200 yards, A. Humphries in 25 seconds)? You may well ask.

Now if a student can be

roughly described as 'long-haired and between the ages of 18 and 25', it is not because most students are long-haired and in that age range but because we create that impression. The truth of the matter is that university is a sort of shangri-la. How many students do you know suffering from old age? Which really goes to prove my theory. Hair after all, being a sign of youth (sadly admits my father, still mourning the loss of his last remaining strands). It is not until our bright university grad finally leaves that age begins to show. With paper degree clutched in one clammy hand and ticket to what the French so aptly describe as 'metro, boulot, metro, dodo' (bus, business, bus, bed) in the other, he steps out into his oyster. Wham, the clam closes. Lines form, hair greys, cheeks sink. Mortgage, insurance, teething, school fees: everything hacks away at his weak defences. Another good man gone to the dogs. Never mind, close the ranks, bring in the freshers. And so it goes on.

I.F. — French Institute to the plebs and Institut Francais to everyone else —

is situated in Cromwell Place opposite a public house of equal ill repute known as the Hoop and Toy. I.F. can be easily picked out by its peeling walls and general look of neglect. Do not be fooled. Inside are 250 lovely ladies all doing either a one, two or three bi-lingual secretarial course, in some cases speaking Spanish, German or Russian too. All distinguished by the fact that none of them intend to be secretaries (sit tapping at a machine all day and vowing undying subservice to a mere male, you can't be serious!). Some being frustrated biologists and scientists, some frustrated archeologists and anthropologists and some frustrated.

Dare to penetrate within the imposing facade of 13a Cromwell Mews (our Union office) and you will have conquered an all-female stronghold — but will be very welcome none the less. Drop in any time as long as it's between one and one thirty ('fraid so). Now you must excuse me while I dash off. I have an appointment with my ideological master.

PRECJ PJCE

Trev Phillips

AT THE start of every session, every President tends to burst forth in a rain of banal platitudes, about the Union, urging all students to 'participate' more, to become aware, etc., etc. It is difficult for him to do otherwise. However, I believe that it is quite arrogant for any elected official to say to his constituents, 'Do as I say, and everything will be o.k.', and that 'You've got rid of the last lot - it'll all be different now'. I do urge you to participate in the activities and the decision-making of the Union, as far as you are able. That is your right and your duty, as a member of a democratic organisation. However, I recognise, and I think that the rest of the Union's Officers do, as well, that we can only expect you to participate if the Union is seen to be taking up the problems and issues that confront its membership. Above all else, we, the Union Officers, have a duty, not to the College or University, but to the membership of the Union - to inform, to organise, and to carry out, as best we can, the wishes of the membership.

This is not to say that I think that the President should continually compromise, and pander to the whims and wishes of the cliques that surround and abound within the Union. Certainly not. I hold definite views and adhere to definite principles concerning the issues confronting students; if I did not, it is unlikely that I would be President. Therefore, I shall always, try to put forward, in unity with the rest of the Executive, a definite line on Union policy, and argue as strongly as I know how, for the Union to adopt that line.

The issues and policies that I hope to see the Union take up this year I will delineate below. However, it will be useful to look back over the summer (remember that we have been in office since 1st August) and see what has been happening.

Living(?)

The accommodation crisis (and I use the word advisedly) has been more acute than ever, Despite, or because of, the fact that IC is sited in the 'richest borough in Britain', Kensington and Chelsea, there is no kind of accommodation provided for non-resident students. Many students are once again trudging from their bedsits in Wandsworth, Clapham, even Uxbridge because of the high rents near College. A few lucky people find places nearby (and seldom realise how lucky they are), but of the 65% of IC students living out of Hall probably more than half live an unreasonable distance from the College. In many cases, the rooms offered are not of an acceptable standard. Generally, though, the greatest problem lies in actually finding suitable places i.e. where you can have a friend in after 6 p.m., where you can play the radio, and, of course, where you can afford to pay the bills

Rent Act.

The problem has been exacerbated by the new amendments to the Rent Act, giving students security of tenure. Many landlords have, unjustifiably in my view, withdrawn their furnished flats from the student market, for fear that they will not be able to shift students at the end of the year. When they want to put rents up, at this time, they cannot do so, unless they shift their tenants. Many are resorting to ruses such as giving some kind of 'bed and breakfast' deal, under which no-one has security; personally, I would have thought that students are more likely to move out at the end of the year than anyone else.

I discovered very early on that the people suffering most in this respect are those students who are married. There is no purpose-built or rented accommodation provided for them; very few married couples will live with families, in digs, and given the introduction of the spouse's contribution to the student grant, not many married couples can afford expensive flats. We have already contacted the College on this question, and we intend to press the case for the accommodation of married students in double/triple rooms in Student Houses and flats. This will not be enough; first priority must be given to this in any future acquisition of property.

The Union Building.

The developments initiated last year, resulting in a transformation of the Union Building are nearly complete. Room at the Top and the new Union Office are almost ready, while NUS Travel has moved downstairs into the Lounge.

We took the Executive and General Offices into the Union Building itself in the hope that it would encourage people to use the Union and to relate the administrative structure of the Union to the rest of it. Similarly, all the Publications apparatus (including the dyeline machine) is located under the Arch, to provide a cohesive unit, under the aegis of the Publications Officer (who is also the Editor of FELIX). New furniture has been moved in, and the old stuff thrown out. The Refectory is in considerably better shape than before, if not perfect.

We hope that, during this year, that the Union Building will be the focus of student activity, and that all students will regard it as their own building, where they can sit, read, talk, or indulge in their own peculiar hobbies, and not as the property of the groups that traditionally frequent it.

CCU's.

Turning to the coming year, the role of the CCU's in student life cannot be ignored. The function that they fulfill within the Union is largely social but essential, and will remain so. Large numbers of students are involved in their activities, and the CCU Presidents form a link between the Executive and a section of the membership. Their attitudes and performance are therefore, quite crucial to the organisational strength of the Union. Without neglecting their duties to the people who elected them, I expect the CCU Presidents to play an important part, as members of the Executive, in the formation of policy and the forging of that unity so necessary to the success of the Union's campaigns.

More Women.

Among the points that we have raised with the College in the last year, one of the most far-reaching is that of encouraging more women to enter IC. On a purely social level, the effects of a ten-to-one ratio is a 'closed' community like this are obvious.

More importantly, the fact that women are actively discouraged from taking up careers in science and technology is a clear indication that even in the day of the 'liberated' woman, the female sex is still debarred, through the education system, from playing an important role in

our society and we must challenge this.

Another sector of our membership which still faces discrimination, nationally and locally, institutionally and personally, and above all financially, is the overseas students. The Union already has extensive policy on this and we shall be pursuing it throughout the year.

Education?

Of all the questions raised amongst students, the most fundamental relate directly to the process of 'education' and the education system. The recent massive cuts in the education budget, have had two immediate effects on students. The first is that the costs of services in the College have shot up, e.g. Refectory prices and Hall fees rise (*This is post-dated however. See p.10 - Ed*), thereby nullifying the effect of the grant rise. Thus, it is wrong to argue, as some people have, that the last award meant the end of the Grants Campaign.

What it did show was that we must now concentrate not on the level of the grant, but on putting an end to the anomalies and injustices in the system, particularly the system of discretionary awards, and the Mean(s) Test.

Second, it is clear that the standards of education will drop. An indication of this is given by the falling lecturer-student ratio and the loss of facilities, or even entire buildings. With the already inadequate teaching standards, it is clear that the student's primary concern, attainment of a good education, is endangered.

Teachers or Crammers?

Along with campaigning for better finance, I hope that the Union will work for an improvement in teaching, through proper training of new lecturers, and new audio-visual aids to teaching. One of the most common complaints amongst undergraduates is poor lecturing; we have reached the stage where students skip lecturers simply because it would be of little use to go.

Coupled with this, many members would like to see the opportunities to take Associated Studies expanded, without losing the option to specialise. I agree, and will take this up very strongly, though a few departments (who shall be nameless) still resist progress.

These are some of the policies that I will be pursuing during the year, and in future (shorter) (*Thank God - Typist*) articles will enlarge on them individually.

It is not enough for me to say, I shall do this and do that. The President and Executive are only influential by virtue of the fact that they speak for the Union. It is only with the clear support of the Union that their words or actions carry any weight. It is only with the hard work and commitment of the Union's Officers that we can be successful; there must be no place for the freeloaders and parasites that continually refuse to work in the interests of students while taking the benefits of elected office. Finally, it is only by unity in active campaigning that the Union can improve the lot of its members.

IC Symphony Orchestra

First rehearsal

Wed. Oct 2nd in the Great Hall

at 7.00 p.m.

Programme includes: Brahms' Violin Concerto
& Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 'From The New World'

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Look For Our Stall At The Fresher Fair

IC Choir

1974/5 SEASON

Works to be performed will include:

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| Puccini | <i>Messa Di Gloria</i> |
| Kodaly | <i>Missa Brevis</i> |
| Borodin | <i>Polovtsian Dances</i> |
| Mozart | <i>Solemn Vespers</i> |
| Vaughan Williams | <i>Sea Symphony</i> |
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| Handel | <i>Jephtha</i> |

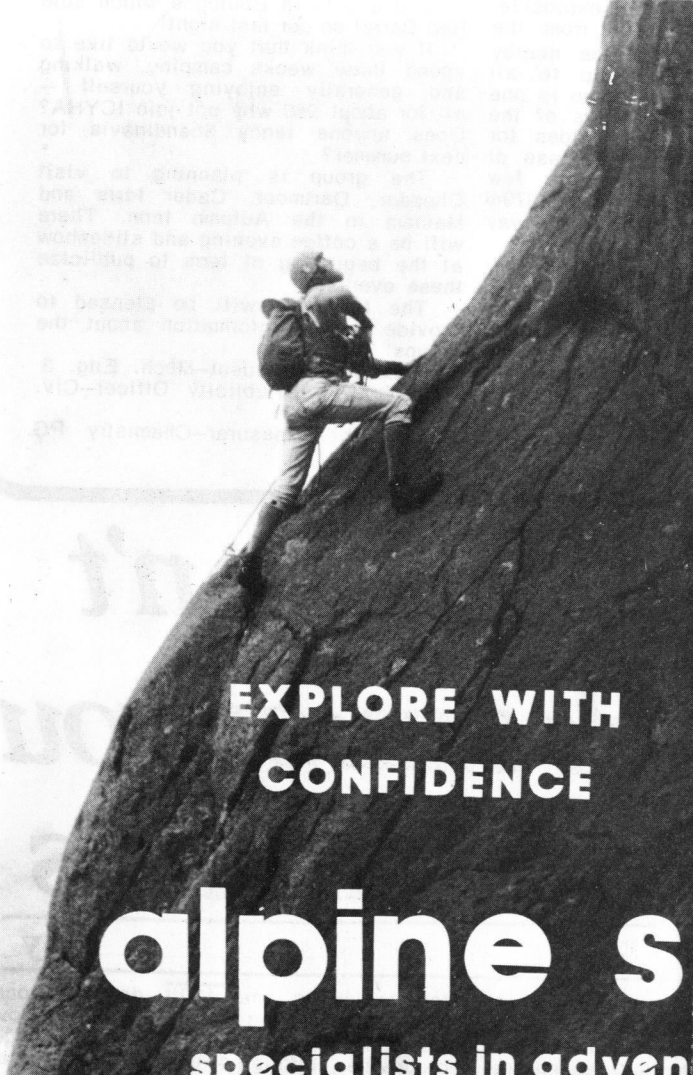
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Summer Trip To The Dolomites

Mike Wright

ANYONE PASSING 65 Evelyn Gardens on the morning of August 3rd, may have wondered why the pavement was blocked by seven bodies, a large number of rucksacks, tents and a not inconsiderable quantity of dried curries and steamed puddings.

Everything was ready for our annual summer camping expedition — everything except for the minibus, now boasting a new clutch, but sadly minus an exhaust pipe.

Finally with our own 'Jackie Stewart' at the wheel we arrived at the hoverport in time to miss the flight by seconds.

A fairly uneventful drive down through France brought us to a campsite at Annecy, not far from Chamonix. The following day was spent struggling up a hill in the blistering heat. The next stop was reached after an interesting drive over the Petit St. Bernard Pass into Italy, then via Turino and Milano to Nus near Lake Garda.

Two days were spent in Venice where our resident 'culture-vultures' sampled the delights of the Palazzo Ducale and the legendary Ponte dei Sospiri (Bridge of Sighs). By this time some of the more energetic members of the party were craving for some more hills to climb, and so we set off for the Dolomites.

We had our first real look at the Dolomites after ascending the chair lift and cable car to the Rifugio di Rosetta at 2581m in the Pale di San Martino. A pleasant day was spent walking around the high plateau with occasional glimpses of the Fradusta glacier.

We camped at Corvara for the next

week and from this base we were treated to some of the most spectacular scenery that the Dolomites has to offer. A short drive from the campsite around an endless succession of hairpin bends led us to the foot of the Marmolada. This is the highest mountain in the Dolomites, the summit at 10,965ft being visible for miles around.

Half of the party decided to walk to the bottom of the glacier (an extensive glacier covers the northern slopes) while the others chose to ascend the mountain by cable car. A stroll across the ice gave ample opportunity for the taking of 'Look! Here I am climbing a vertical ice-field!' photographs. During the first World War the Marmolada glacier was part of the front line and many miles of tunnels were dug in the ice. Another peak in the area the Col di Lana gained such strategic importance that the Italians finally blasted the summit with five tons of high explosive.

Having seen the views from the Marmolada we knew that the nearby Sasso Lungo would live up to all expectations. The Sasso Lungo is one of the most impressive crests of the Dolomites, stretching as it does for some two miles above the Passo di Sella. It was well worth the few hundred lire to ascend the lift to 2679m in order to sample the scree on the way down to the van.

To the north of Corvara, the mighty Sellagruppe rises vertically from green pastures to culminate in the Piz Boè at 10,339ft. This 1000ft rock pyramid was reached after a sweaty climb in the now customary blazing sunshine.

The descent to Corvara and the campsite was no less spectacular. The path left the Rifugio di Boè and plunged

down into the Val di Mesdi at an alarming angle. An interesting slide down a few hundred feet of ice and snow led to firmer scree slopes.

The next day we drove over the Brenner Pass into Austria and camped at Innsbruck. After stocking up with food and booze we headed for Lermoos near the border of Germany. A very good day was spent climbing the 6,000ft to the top of the Zugspitze — the highest peak in West Germany. The summit was reached after an exhilarating scramble up metal foot stirrups and wire handrails over the shattered rocks.

The remaining days were spent swimming in the excellent lakes near Lermoos and in visiting the castles, Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, of King Ludwig.

We decided to return via Switzerland and France and were unfortunate enough to find a cafe in Boulogne which sold Red Barrel on our last night!

If you think that you would like to spend three weeks camping, walking and generally enjoying yourself — all for about £50 why not join ICYHA? Does anyone fancy Scandinavia for next summer?

The group is planning to visit Cheddar, Dartmoor, Cader Idris and Malham in the Autumn term. There will be a coffee evening and slideshow at the beginning of term to publicize these events.

The following will be pleased to provide further information about the groups' activities:

Phil Craven—President—Mech. Eng. 3
Pete Crawford—Publicity Officer—Civ. Eng. 2.

Mike Wright—Treasurer—Chemistry PG.

Photographic Society

John Allen

The Photographic Society is one of the College's largest societies and as such can offer a wide variety of activities to its members. Some of the meetings arranged for this year are John McGovern and Ian Ball FRPS talking about their photography, darkroom demonstrations for both beginners and experienced members, a portrait session, a chance to see some 3-D slides yourself and many more.

The Society has two darkrooms of its own which can be booked in advance, there is an annual competition with cash prizes. We run a shop selling

materials, if we don't stock what you want we can order it for you at our special discount prices. Also there is our Colour Group where you can do Unicolor/Kodak prints.

If you want to join, see us at the Fresher's Fair, either in one of the darkrooms or in the Union. If you miss that, you are welcome to come and see me in Falmouth Hall, Room 113.

Photosoc doesn't just benefit its members; from this term we will do team photos, etc. for Union organisations in colour or black and white at very reasonable prices, come and discuss it with us.

We Can't Promise you Mermaids

Joy

...but if you are interested in as the 120ft deep National exploring shipwrecks, diving Diving Centre at Stoney Cove in kelp forests, or shooting film in Leicestershire. Longer as a submarine photographer, diving holidays are held during JOIN THE I.C. UNDERWATER the Easter and Summer CLUB which is a special vacations.

branch of the British Sub Aqua Club. We train people to use SCUBA gear and also play

'Octopush' in the Sports Centre ends throughout term time, swimming pool on Tuesdays frequently going to the Dorset, from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Devon, Cornwall or Welsh and on Thursdays from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. coasts, or to inland water such

International Socialists

Joe Herbertson

Who are we?

The International Socialists are the fastest growing and largest revolutionary organisation in Britain today. A 'factory' branch exists in College with the main perspective of building a strong socialist presence from within the technical and manual workers of the College. Current members are all active members of the College-based trade unions, NUPE and ASTMS, and are committed to fighting for militant policies on wages and conditions, and for extending democracy to achieve rank and file control.

Students .

Students are encouraged to join or work with IS members, and in the past undergraduate members have committed themselves to the main trade union work. If sufficient students show an interest in student union politics, then

an IS Society will be formed. A national IS student paper, the Agitator, will make its appearance this term. Student work in the Grants Campaign will concentrate on the poor deal Colleges of Further Education received in the recent grant increases. All students in and around IS will be expected to sell 'Socialist Worker' in the departments, to gain a personal contact with College workers. There is no place for student elitism. It will be up to student members to gain credibility for socialist politics by serious and mature work, such credibility has unfortunately been squandered by recent IC 'lefties'.

Bookstall.

A regular bookstall, with excellent ordering facilities for any left wing literature in print, will function on Thursday lunchtimes in the J.C.R., College Block.

Meetings.

Regular speaker meetings on the politics of the International Socialists have covered such topics as China, Portugal, Chile, Economic crisis, rank and file trade unionism, and the National Front. Meetings in the near future should include industrial safety, the Labour Party, the General Strike, Portugal, racism and so on. Watch out for leaflets and posters.

Overseas Students.

The IS branch places special emphasis on involving overseas students, in particular the older and more experienced postgraduates. Many of them know from harsh experience what it means to suffer from imperialism, and these people should provide a valid impetus for solidarity campaigns. The continued domination of third world countries has an important

technological aspect and moves to counteract this within this College should be part of the political activities of overseas students in particular. Overseas students from countries where the Church and the peasantry are still significant political factors could gain useful experience by working inside British politics which are directly those of an advanced industrial society. Many overseas students will want to make their involvement informal or even anonymous, and we clearly recognise the seriousness of their positions.

FINAL NOTE.

The potential for a strong revolutionary socialist movement is great at the present time in which Britain heads for deep economic and social crisis. Big changes to the left or right could come in the next ten years. Make your choice now, before it is too late.

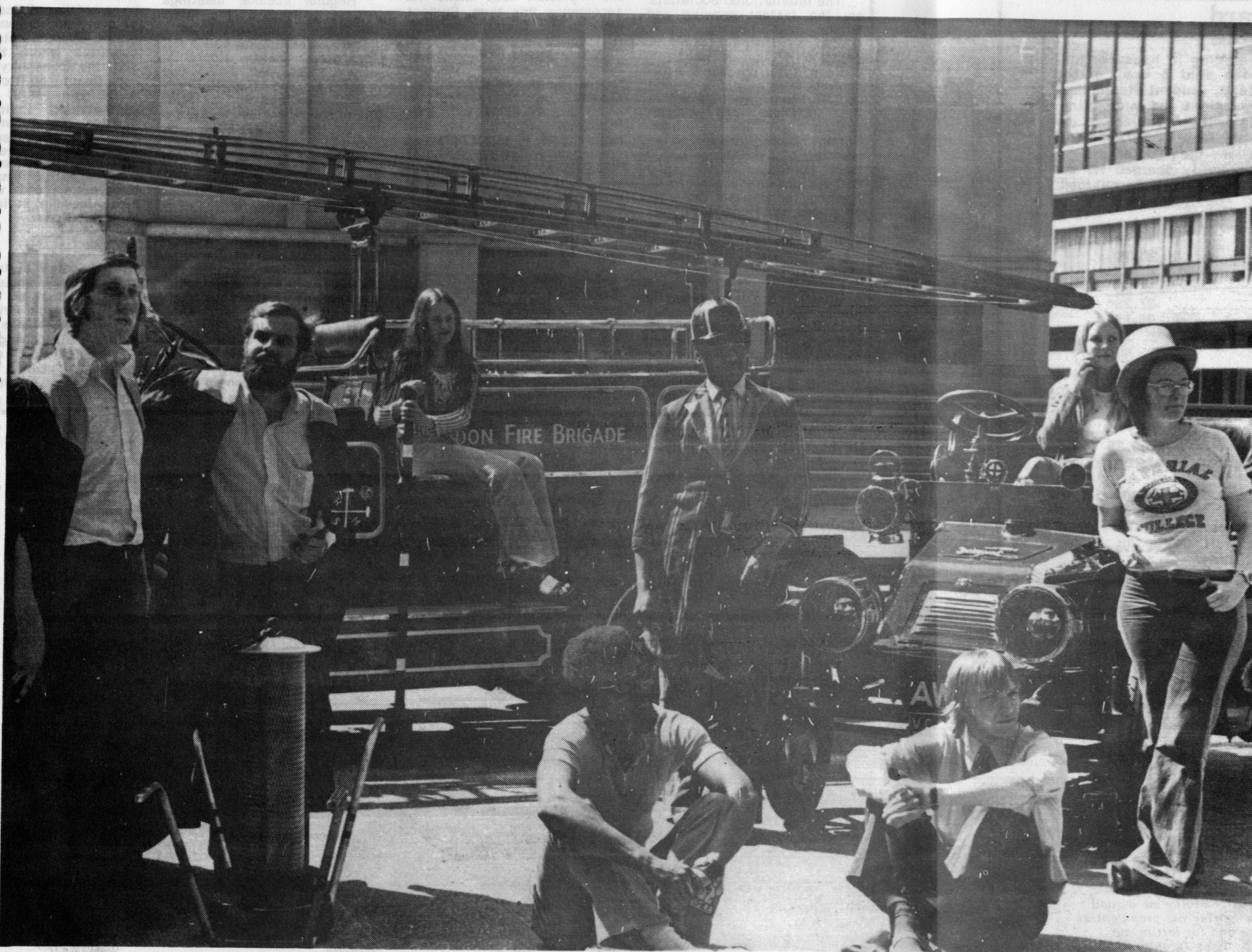


Whitbread Tankard. The less said, the better the beer.



IC's TOP BRASS

The Mascots and the Presidents, Past and Present



Standing: (Left to right) John Mortimer (President RSMU); Paul Gee (Ex-President RSMU); Dave Osborne (Ex-President C&GU); Jenny Jones (President C&GU).

Seated: (Left to right) Trev Phillips (President ICU); Norm Sayles (Ex-President ICU).

Having three Constituent Colleges as well as IC Union means we have got three times as many mascots as other Colleges/Universities, — and so three times as many to be nicked. FELIX thought that it would be a good idea to have a mascots' get-together. The idea was to have all the CCU and ICU mascots and Presidents past and present on show. The first problem was that Guilds, did not bring Spanner their mascot. They had had it nicked so many times that year and so did not feel safe in bringing it along. Instead they brought a two-inch replica of Spanner (seen on Bo's bonnet).

City & Guilds had also been repairing IC's long-lost mascot, Mike. Claiming that it was not ready and still bore scars of its visit to Queen Mary College they had not brought Mike.

C&G were not the only CCU to field a weakened team. Last year's President of RCSU, M. Turner, had resigned the day before and had forgotten to tell this year's President, Pete Teague to come along. Otherwise all IC's mascots were there.

Even then the whole event did not pass off as planned. With all the photographs taken, C&G decided that Theta, an RCS mascot, should be nicked. Like many similar attempts last year, it failed miserably. But then mascotry has always been characterised by things getting nicked. IC's first mascot, a phoenix named Herbert (after Herbert G. Wells, who was once a student at this college), was no exception to the rule. Churchill College Cambridge had managed to steal him in 1964. Unable to recover him, a Union meeting contemptuously decide to donate Herbert to the same college.

Two years later ICU devised another mascot, Mike. It is a four-foot long, 170lb working model of a micrometer screw gauge. Designed in RCS, cast in Mines and machined in Guilds, Mike became regarded as one of the best mascots ever made. Hence stringent (ho! ho!) were made to ensure that it remained in IC's possession. Alas, Mike has been nicked

on many occasions. First by University College in December 1966, then by Kings in June 1968 and most recently by Queen Mary College in January 1970. Last year saw Mike return to IC, thanks to the efforts of Dave Sinclair, and it was on display at the AGM in June.

Turning to the CCU's, all three have vintage motorised and inviolate mascots. RCS have a 1916 Dennis Fire Engine called Jezebel. This they have restored to working order (despite last year's encounter with a skip) and Jez makes many trips each year — notably the Rag Procession and the Commercial Vehicle Run.

Guilds Vintage car is a 1902 James & Browne tonneau called Boanerges, Bo for short. Bo usually takes part in the London to Brighton run and last won five cups in the Manchester to Blackpool run. Mines

Mines originally had a traction engine, Clementine I as their motorised mascot. This was replaced several years ago by an old lorry painted in the college colours, called Clem II.

Accompanying Jez and Bo are two lovely ladies, the Queen of Jez and Bo Belle. The Q of J is the most beautiful girl fresher in RCS (chosen at the first RCS UGM) and Bo Belle is likewise in Guilds and is chosen in January. Both these girls sit on their respective vehicles and adorn them everywhere they go. Both are also inviolate mascots.

Each CCU has a number of violate mascots, which "disappear" every now and again. RCS have Theta, a giant 70lb thermometer, painted in RCS colours and this has so far proven to be un-nickable.

Guilds have two very large and very heavy items called Spanner and Bolt. Spanner is raised above the President's head at the end of their Union meetings.

Mines have perhaps the best violate mascot in the form of a large Davy lamp, seen left.

Last year saw the revival of the Wooden Horse Organisation and the Co-Ordinator this year is Dave Sinclair (Physics III).



I.C. RADIO

Clive Dewey

At the beginning of February adverts appeared in RCS Broad-sheet and Guildsheet advertising a new form of media that would solve all your problems at a stroke (Sorry folks). A week later a letter from five first and second year students appeared in FELIX. Thus IC Campus Radio Society, was launched, and now seven months later, we look forward to doing battle with the Home Office — the final hurdle standing between us and our radio licence.

So by next February we will be broadcasting twenty-five hours a week of programmes to Southside and Linstead Halls. A little later the service will be extended to Weeks, Garden and Beit Hall. Eventually, (come a couple of years) IC Radio should cover the Student Halls and flats as well (hopefully!).

IC Radio will be on the medium wave band around 300 metres. You'll be able to pick it up on a radio anywhere in the halls of residence.

Unlike Felix IC Radio will be able to provide an up to date news service. Unlike STOIC, ICR will be broadcasting in the evenings and at the weekends when commercial and BBC stations are not broadcasting student-orientated programmes. Added to which it's much easier to produce a radio programme than a TV programme or a newspaper. Whilst IC Radio will not be trying to drive either medium into obsolescence; it will fill a

gap in the IC media which has up to now been lacking. One of its main tasks will be to give SCAB organisations a chance to introduce more people to their activities. IC Radio will have close contact with its listeners so that you get the service that you want.

We soon hope to get our licence application back from the Home Office. Then we can set up the aerial side of the system. Test transmissions should start around November and the studio will be built as soon as the Home Office gives us a full licence. To set up the station we will need people to help. If you would like to be part of this new society or are just interested to see what it'll be like, come along to the Freshers' Fair tomorrow. We will be there doing 'dummy' programmes, to give you an idea of what your radio station will sound like. So come and see us in the Union Concert Hall. Or else, see either myself (Linstead 528) or Mike Elgey (Linstead 334), John Allen (Falmouth 113), Huw Saunders or Steve Brightman (both Physics 2).

HALL RENTS

Jacqui Gerrard

Students who are residing in house or hall next session have been sent a copy of the 1974-75 Imperial College, Student Residence, Halls and Houses, Regulations and Information.

On page 10,11 it is written 'Subject to the terms of the Rent Act, the fees for 1974/75 will be as follows:—'. The fees then quoted are not the fees that will be actually charged for the first term. The following fees will be charged:

Beit Hall	
New Hostel	39.25
Old Hostel	
1st — 5th Floors	38.25
Ground Floor	37.25
Basement	35.75

These are the same as before.

Garden Hall	
Single Rooms	38.25
Shared Rooms	35.75

These are the same as before.

Linstead Hall	69.25
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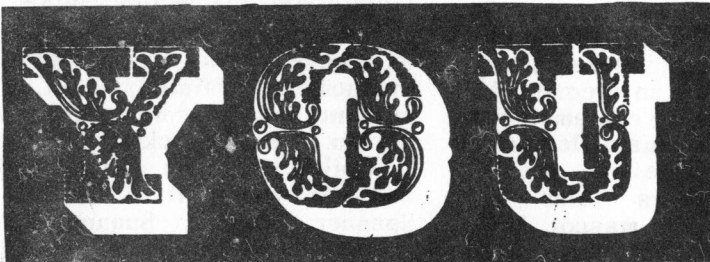
This has gone up because of increased cost of meals.

All the other prices are the same for the first term as before, but there are some differences for fees of guests.

These rents may well go up in January when the Rent Freeze ends.

FELIX

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WORKING FOR FELIX CAN GET VERY HECTIC AT TIMES, BUT IF THAT IS THE SORT OF THING YOU WANT, PLUS THE SATISFACTION OF HAVING ACTUALLY PRODUCED A NEWSPAPER, THEN LOOK US UP AT EITHER THE FELIX OFFICE (NEAR THE UNION ARCHWAY) OR AT THE FRESHERS'S FAIR (IN THE UNION OFFICE).

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in only two days late and for letting me
borrow some cassette tapes in order to
restore my sanity.

P.S. In the interests of fair play, the idea
of calling the presidential "Preci Pice"
is in fact due to Shirley Fairweather.

ENTS CONCERTS



Tues 1st Oct

FRESHERS CONCERT

HEAVY METAL KIDS GOOD HABIT

bob pegg & nick strutt gary farr, disco late bar

7.30 Great Hall plus JCR

TICKETS **50p** available at Freshers Fair
OCTOBER

SAT 5th	ROY HARPER	80p (I.C.)	90p (ADV)	£1 (ON DOOR)
SAT 12th	MAN	£1.00	£1.30	£1.50
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THUR 17	theatre of blood	night must fall
THUR 24	precinct 45	house in nightmare park

ALL FILMS SHOWN IN MECH. ENG. 220 AT 6.30pm

people interested in helping to organise these events and others should come to the entertainments stall at the freshers fair

P_iG AFFAIRS CORNER

Tom Abraham

TO THE freshers, on behalf of all the postgraduates, I bid a warm welcome to Imperial College, and I hope your stay at I.C., whether for one year or three years will be a success both socially and academically.

The postgraduates have a group known as the Imperial College postgraduate group (ICPGG). This group is responsible for the welfare, educational and otherwise, of postgraduates in the college. It is run by a committee consisting of chairman (myself), secretary, treasurer, and departmental reps. We hope to make Imperial College a better place for postgraduates to live and work in. However, we can

only do this with the co-operation and active participation of all the PG's at the college. So far this has not been readily forthcoming, but I hope you the freshers will change this state of affairs, so that you can help us to help you.

The summer is over and our peace and quiet will soon be disturbed by hordes of undergrads. On reflection it may not be such a bad thing, as there should be now an improvement in college facilities, which were withdrawn from us in order to cater for conferences

and exhibitions.

Towards the end of August, the SRC in their infinite wisdom decided to postpone our grants for three months. Rumbblings of discontent reached my ears, whereupon I reported to Trev Phillips (our beloved leader) that there was unrest among the 'peasants'. He took the matter up with John Randall (our redeemer) who immediately wrote to Reg Prentice demanding that this decision be reversed. Uncle Reg did his conkers, because apparently neither he nor the DES knew anything about it, and with an election in the offing and with postgraduates and others (i.e. undergrads) able to swing the

vote in certain marginal constituencies (i.e. South Kensington), this was just not on. Within the hour the Research councils led by the SRC surrendered. It was a glorious victory in the battle against bureaucracy.

Finally, on a more serious note, it is union policy that all tutoring and demonstrating jobs be fully advertised to all postgraduates within each department. If any departments are failing to advertise these jobs, then the matter will have to be taken up with the college authorities.

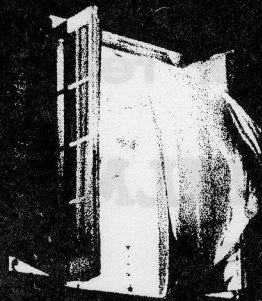
HATHA YOGA

Weekly classes in Hatha Yoga, following the methods of Mr. Iyengar, author of 'Light on Yoga', will commence on **Tuesday 1st October, 1974**, from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m., in the **Common Room, Department of Physics, Level 8.**

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CONCERT

Jim Youens

The recently premiered film 'Bird On A Wire' depicts Leonard Cohen's last tour - his 'farewell' tour. Friday September 20th, saw the appearance of a far from retired Mr. Cohen at the Royal Albert Hall.

After greeting the backing musicians - bassist John Miller (strangely clad in a bowler hat and black suit and looking more like an undertaker), guitarist Jeff Layton, musical director cum pianist John Lissauer, and vocalists Emily Bindinger and Erin Dickens - the audience warmly applauded the appearance of a grey-suited Mr. Cohen.

His more melancholic and sensual songs, including 'Bird on a Wire', 'Sisters of Mercy', and 'So Long, Marianne' were performed with a tuneful confidence and skillfully backed by his musicians, although I thought the initial sounds were rather

hollow.

It rather disappoints me that all Mr. Cohen's songs are so depressing. A man of 40 should surely come to grips with his problems (whatever they may be). Many songs still contain an overdose of self-pity. Perhaps the answer is that the audience reaction to such songs does nothing to discourage them.

After the break we were treated to a Cohen solo which included the new 'Chelsea Hotel' - an elegy about a friend who he once met in this New York hotel.

The band's reappearance heralded the start of a more healthy selection of new songs (from the recent album 'New Skin For The Old Ceremony'), along, of course, with the old favourites. We were treated to a superbly mellow saxophone solo by John Layton. A welcome theme-change came with another new song, 'There

Is A War'. Written for the Israeli soldiers in the Sinai Desert during his 1973 visit, the song - with a catchy reggae rhythm - examines what it is to be Jewish.

Only the end of the set after 90 minutes brought the appreciative but quiet audience to its feet. The scene, however, quickly became more than a little ludicrous. Four encores and eight songs later, when the auditorium lights came on, it seemed that the concert had finished. Apparently not satisfied and possibly going for a new world record, Mr. Cohen reappeared for the fifth time, (this time on his own), sang a final song and shook a few hands before finally leaving. To me, all this seemed to be an overdose of ego-tripping.

Nevertheless, I am sure that Mr. Cohen lost a few but gained many admirers by this performance. I remain unconvinced.

FOLK CLUB

Mon 30th Sept

MARTIN
CARTHY

Wed 2nd Oct

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DSTONES

BAG-7-30

Union Lower
Refec - Adm.
40p (20p Mem)

RECORDS

Clive Dewey

BEE GEES - CHARADE
(R.S.O. Records).

This is the sort of record that should get to the top of any singles chart. But it won't. It's a beautiful slow ballad by those old masters Robin and Barry Gibb. But it's too slow to become a 'smoochie' disco or radio hit like 'Albatross' and 'Je t'aime'. Nor does it have the kind of catchy tune or hypnotic beat, that characterises most of the 'manufactured' records, that are churned out regularly by some record companies. It's this lack of beat or catchy tune that will make it a relatively unattractive buy to the 'hypnotised' buying public. In fact the B side 'Heavy Breathing' would do much better as far as chart success goes. The only people I can see buying this record are devoted Bee Gees fans, but they'll probably be tempted to get the album 'Mr. Natural', from which these two songs are taken.

So a fine record from a talented group, and some fine production to go with it. Sad to say it'll only be a hit if it gets extended air play on Radio One or Capitol Radio.

JOHN LEES - BEST OF MY LOVE
(Polydor).

The record business, is very cut-throat at the moment, and with material like this, John Lees and his band cannot expect to last long. The song is nice and pleasant, in fact quite quaint. But it simply does not have the charisma that will separate it from all the other singles and make it a hit. The record is really too long for a hit single and becomes obnoxious and tedious about half-way through. Although this record is very much in the mould of records played on Capital Radio, it doesn't stand much chance of becoming a hit.

FOLK

by 'Peculiar Lucan Sauce'.

Tuesday, October 1st at 7.30 p.m. in the Union Senior
Common Room. Coffee etc. will be available.

Free Admission - open to all.

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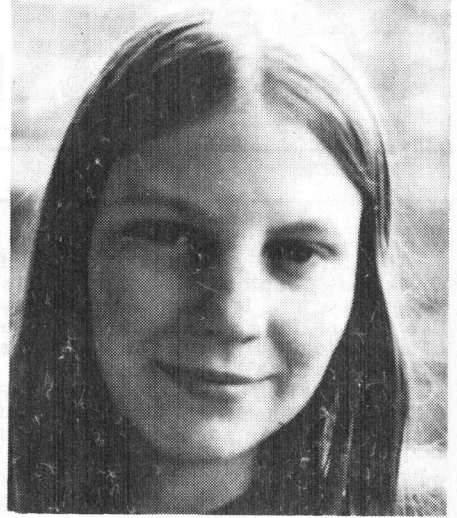
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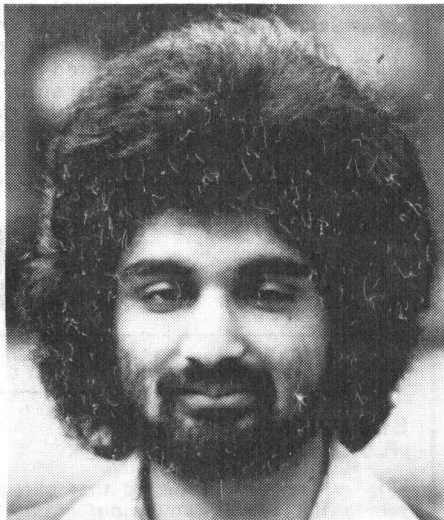
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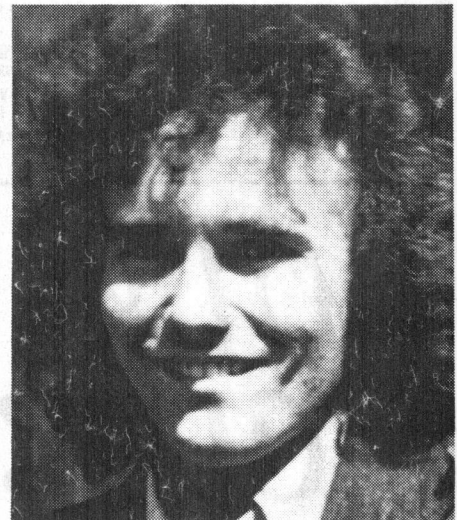
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SPORT AT I.C.

WITH WELL over 4,000 students, Imperial College is as large as a number of provincial Universities, and although only a college of London University, provides facilities for a wide range of sporting activities. Despite the rumours that the academic work-load is enormous, the College has maintained a tradition of a high standard in sport. In fact, looking back over the years, it is possible to see, although there have been localised fluctuations in fortunes, a continuous increase in the standard of sporting achievement in all of the clubs.

The majority of students spend only three years at I.C. (though some manage longer stays; and it can be done both by passing and failing exams) and of those three years, the last one finds most students increasing the work/play ratio, and so all sports clubs are heavily dependent on a large intake of freshers every year to maintain their numbers. So do not imagine that as a fresher you are trying to break into some sort of established clique in the club or clubs of your choice; all the sports clubs are desperately keen to have you join, no matter what standard you may personally have attained. There is plenty of scope at Imperial for the Olympic oarsman as well as the coarse-rugby player, or possibly the other way round.

The sports clubs, which include association football, boat, basketball, badminton, cricket, croquet, cross-country, fencing, golf, hockey, judo, karate, lacrosse, lawn tennis, rifle and pistol, rugby football, sailing, ski, squash, swimming, table tennis, ten-pin bowling, volley ball and yacht are heavily subsidised by the Union to the tune of about £10,000 for this coming year. This means that membership fees are extremely low and equipment and expert tuition are available. Travel to away fixtures is subsidised and clubs are able to go on tour, not only in this country but abroad as well. These tours are very often the highlight of the particular club's activities for the year.

The sports facilities are divided between three centres, the gymnasium on the 2nd floor of the Union, the sports centre in Princes Gardens and the sports ground at Harlington (near Heathrow). The sports centre contains the squash courts which are available to non-members for most of the time (booking for the

Julian Tyson
Chairman ACC

BOAT CLUB

John Bland

Once again we find ourselves at the start of another College rowing season. Both the success and failures of last season are behind us and we hope that the year ahead will produce only success. You, whether freshman, undergrad, or postgrad, can contribute to the success by coming along to the Boat House in Putney on Wednesday, 2nd October at 2.30 p.m. or by coming along to the Boat Club stall on Freshers' day. It doesn't matter whether you are 6' 6" and weigh 200lbs or 5' 6" and weigh 100lbs, we can find a place for you. No previous experience is needed. There is a bar attached to the boat-house and this alone makes it a pleasant place to spend Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. So if you feel like a change from conventional school sports, come along and try rowing; you may never get

another chance once you leave college.

Last season was brought to a close at Henley Royal Regatta where the 1st VIII, who were put together just for the event, managed to get through to the Saturday before going out to Pembroke College, Cambridge, the B.U.S.F. Champions. In the slightly more heady heights of international competition our congratulations must go to Tim Crookes who won a Silver Medal in the VIII's at the World Championships.

week is possible from the previous Friday), the swimming pool which is open for general recreational use (for details consult the notice board in the sports centre), the rifle range (members only) and the weight training room. The facilities at Harlington are first-rate with a very large number of pitches excellently maintained together with a pavilion containing cafeteria and bar facilities. Coaches are arranged to transport people to and from the ground.

All the clubs will be on show in the Union at the Freshers' Fair and representatives will be only too glad to supply details of membership, fixtures etc. So don't be the 'dull boy' of the proverb - help maintain Imperial College's sporting tradition, you'll enjoy it.

SOCCER CLUB

Anon

THIS COMING season I.C. Soccer Club is again running six teams in the University of London League but this year, in addition, endeavouring to give our 1st and 2nd teams a better game, they will also play in the S.E. Universities League this season, for the first time.

The club caters for players of all standards, and games will always be available for those wanting to play. If you are interested, come and sign up at the Freshers' Fair and turn up at the Union on Wednesday afternoon for trials. If you miss us at the Freshers' Fair still turn up at the Union with your kit.

At the Freshers' Fair also get your tickets for the 'Pie 'n' Mash' which is to be held on Tuesday October 7th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Union Lower Refectory. Price 60p lags 30p to freshers, (beer provided), or get your tickets from the committee.

Capt: Steve Bates-Maths III
V. Capt: Ian Hyslop-Lubrication Lab. PG.

Sec: Mike Butterworth-Chem. PG.

Referees' Sec: John Thornback-Chem. PG.

Treas: Roger Hunter-Chem. III.

P.S. Referees are especially wanted. The fee is £1.25p plus free coach trip and tea.

ICWA Annual (freshers) Dinner

ON

MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER IN THE

MAIN DINING ROOM, COLLEGE BLOCK-

(7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.)

Five course meal plus wine, followed by a cabaret by folk singer Stan Arnold, who has made numerous television appearances.

Price of tickets: £2.00 for students
£2.50 for others

(Cheques should be made payable to ICWA)

Tickets are available from: Julia Dunning
(Beit 98), Jenny Newton, (Falmouth 146).

THE COMMUNIST PARTY, LEFT UNITY, AND THE STUDENT MOVEMENT

Speaker: Jon Bloomfield, National Student
Organiser, Communist Party.

Time: 1.00p.m. Thursday, October 3rd.

Place: Room 604, Mech. Eng.

FELIX SPORT

Cross — Country Summer Success

To be read to an Accompaniment of the Trumpet Jamaica, or other music with a suitable sense of occasion.

This is the tale of a most amazing event which happened at the end of June. For, about then, Wye College were holding their Second Annual Summer Relay, and six of us has travelled

to the far side of Kent to take part. To avoid the heat of the sun (which in those days was still known to shine) and the World Cup, the start had been planned for early in the evening; however, the dressing rooms having been mislaid, it was not until nearly seven o'clock that the race got under way. And when it did, who should return leading the first lap by some 600 yards but our own Rob Allinson. This was the cause of some consternation (quote: 'Oh, */@-££* !') to those who had to follow him, and not a few giggles. The course found its way through some strawberry fields and cherry orchards, past some smelly hens and some equally noticeable cows, across a field growing rocks and finished with a sprint down the village high street: it was round this two-and-a-bit miles that Neil Boag and Ian Isherwood then saw the unusual sight of Dave Jones setting off on the last leg a whole minute in front of the rest of the field. However, by the end of the lap, the situation had changed dramatically with Dave appearing round the last bend only five yards ahead, and it looked all set for an all out sprint to the line. Sadly, due to Italians in the control room, the actual finish became mislaid; however, it is rumoured that, for the first time in years (apart from the odd (very odd) friendly match) we finally won a race. Just. Won... Came first even... We also

came third in the shape of our second team (Alf Garnett, Pete Johnson, and Rob and Neil again) relying once more on Rob to move us up the field and this time on Neil for the sprint finish. This was all something of a surprise — unfortunately there were no prizes, Wye having found a better use for the entrance fees. Later there was yet another incident at Ashford, while some remained in Wye sampling the local approximation to Real Ale.

There now follows a short announcement on behalf of our sponsors:

The Cross Country Club is desperately in need of two or three thousand people to take up this unique sport. Good Conditions — Free mud for your window-box. Some Good Teas. Other more liquid occasions. Cheap way to see England. Find Fame if not Fortune in Felix is someone

will write these damn reports. Find us at Freshers' Fair. Swift (in the Sense that it won't take long 'cos we're not going far), slow (please!) jog in the Park, Wednesday afternoon. Enter our Hunt-the-Notice-board Competition. Meet the latest victim of the one-leg-longer-than-t'other syndrome. All this and you don't need to be able to run — it's not even an advantage.

D. A. Jones



STOP PRESS

22 places in three sets of flats are now available in Roland Gardens, Queensgate Terrace and Holland St. (all near College) All rooms are doubles and triples. £7 per week. Anyone interested contact the College Residence, College Block.

YOUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS: CASH REBATE

£45 is the average Cash Rebate students get by taking Life/Endowment Assurance (with their chosen Company) through S.L.A.S. (est. 1951), the original and best student concession. Continued support of thousands of Graduates makes this possible. Enjoy lifelong FREE ADVISORY SERVICE and MORTGAGE HELP from old-established and qualified Brokers, Univ. specialists. And now, a Cash Rebate which could repay all your premiums up to two years! Before signing your life away, get the facts of this important concession — S.L.A.S., HARRISONS, ROUNDCHURCH ST., CAMBRIDGE. (Sorry this cannot apply to non-SLAS policies already in force).