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U.G.M. FALLS ASLEEP

THE SCORE AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON WAS I.C.U. 0 : LORD VIC FEATHER 1.

The meeting was opened, by the President banging a discus with a gavel. This was followed by a routine, well known to UGM addicts, of minute of the last meeting and matters arising. John Carr, ULU President, made a short speech in which he outlined various aspects of Union life. This was followed by the President saying something about refectories, the ladies loo (private quote: 'We do not want to get bogged down on that issue'), Overseas students and a few other things. The proceedings were slightly livened up by a few yawns from some obviously bored members. There were a number of routine questions on refectories — some postgraduates complained that PG's were not informed of the 17½% price increase. Seeing as how postgraduates in general take little or no notice of the Union, one wonders what he was complaining about. Somebody else complained about the food, but then this is nothing unusual. The Hon. Secretary said

something about parking, and this was followed by the Deputy President saying something about something.

The next item on the agenda was Constitutional amendments. The first set were non-contentious but just as discussion was about to start on the PG Affairs Officer, somebody stood up and said that since it was contentious, it should be postponed. Members promptly went back to sleep.

Trev Phillips proposed a motion on grants pertaining to the various anomalies; this was passed, the quorum was challenged, those present were woken up by the Deputy President banging

VIC AT IC



the discus with his gavel and saying 'the meeting is closed', and that was that. It was a well deserved win by Lord Feather who was giving a lecture simultaneously.

LORD VIC FEATHER was at Imperial College last Tuesday giving an Associated Studies lecture entitled 'The Political Scene'. The Lecture was extremely well attended — which possibly accounts for the abysmal attendance at the UGM.

Full Report Next Week.

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

WITH REFERENCE to the Tuesday groan of a UGM, the question is *What went wrong?* The number of minutes of interesting discussion can be counted on the fingers, and still leave sufficient anatomy to stifle a yawn. In terms of the number of Union members in attendance, the benefit of the doubt must be granted. Certainly Vic Feather is a great crowd-puller and theatre B in College Block, where he was presenting his lecture, was a mass of bodies with an overspill into the corridors. But in terms of *quality*, the UGM was pusillanimous and uninspiring in the extreme. What happened to the promises of a dynamic leadership, the invulnerable initiative, the infectious motivation?

It has been suggested that the reason why the meeting was so quiet was because it was under masterly control. It could be stated what is the thought of that idea, but it's not Editorial policy to print obscenities.

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Apologies are in order to John Allen, Chairman of the Campus Radio Society Committee. In the *Valet* section of the last Editorial it was implied that one individual was essentially responsible for establishing Campus Radio and this was what I had, in all honesty, been led to believe. It was a regretful error and no slight was intended to John and his hard-working committee.

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Belated congratulations are extended to Ron Kill, the Deputy President for his work connected with the Freshers' Fair this year. As far as could be seen, all went very smoothly. There is one aspect of the Fair which warrants highlighting however. The distribution of Societies in the Union gave rise to a reflection of Ron's subtle sense of humour when it was discovered that *Gaysoc* had been allocated a stall in the *Games Room*.

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As can be seen from the FELIX credits below, a Business Manager has finally been appointed in the form of Chris Keenan who is also Editor of the *USK Handbook* this year. The term 'Assistant Editor' is being discontinued and hence Paul Ekpenyong will be the Features Editor and Ramon Newmann, the Photographic Editor. We should also like to welcome Rob Jones on the staff as the Sports Editor. There are still vacancies for Reporters and News Editors. Anyone interested should contact the Editor, preferably on a Monday or a Friday. We still need general help on the production side, especially Thursday evenings. Why not come along and help out?

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Finally, there is absolutely no truth whatsoever, in the malicious rumour that the Executive were pissed out of their brains whilst assessing the Parking Permit Applications. All they had to drink were a few cans of Fosters and two bottles of wine (*apparently*).

LETTER

STUDENTS AND POLITICS

*Electrical Engineering,
Imperial College.*

Oct. 2nd. 1974.

Dear Sir,

In my past two years as an undergraduate at this college, I feel that ICU has played a fairly insignificant part in my academic career. That is, of course, apart from the services that we tend to take for granted, such as entertainments, etcetera. Here, I am stating a view which would probably be shared by a large number of students, and my grounds for saying this are the meagre and unrepresentative attendances at UGM's. In fact, I would like to think that I am speaking for the silent majority.

Prominent figures in the union hierarchy bemoan the appalling 'apathy' of the average IC student. However, my own experience of UGM's in the past has been to sit and listen, for a seemingly interminable period, to a succession of heated and boring arguments over relatively trivial details of a motion. Those who care enough (or, have fallen asleep in the interim) to remain for the final vote, are frustrated in their hopes when the meeting becomes inquorate, because most people have left to do other things. Nevertheless, the solution to this problem is

self-evident and I will not dwell on it. I fear that the real cause of the apathy in this college, and very likely others, is the inherent political nature of the student unions.

The primary aim of ICU is to represent the interests of the students of this college and it is the responsibility of the executive to ensure that this aim is achieved before debating time at a UGM is given over to other issues. I would guess that the major worries of students here are:

- Where are they going to live?
- How are they going to afford being at college?
- (sooner or later) are they going to get through the exams?

Further, students need to be protected against possible, although infrequent, unfair or discriminatory action by the college authorities. It is pointless for ICU, or even the NUS, to attempt to be a politically active body. For an organisation with these aspirations, to have no intimate contact with the population of the country is to be politically impotent. The NUS, let us fact it, does not even enjoy the support of public opinion.

Although only a minority of IC students have strong political views, which they have a right to, be they right or left,

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I do not think that a UGM should be used as a platform. The Union has political subdivisions within it for just this purpose. Politics has little relevance in an academic institution, far less in a college of science and technology.

Let us devote more of the UGMs to the average IC student and then, maybe, he will show up to vote more often.

Yours faithfully,
R.J. Merwood,
EE3.

ISABELLA is obviously a tiddly-winks race ran out, Miner, a Geology fresher in fact. She is from the 'outback', (Ealing actually). She is seen here at Piccadilly Circus where she was only there as a spectator. Well, she probably did not want to get her hands dirty.

Photo by Ramon Newmann.



External Affairs

ARE YOU interested in the National Union of Students – in preparing for NUS conferences, getting motions in, delegates elected, eh? Also in helping out in the NUS campaigns on grants, racism, Chile, South Africa, Northern Ireland etc.

What about establishing and extending contacts with local trade unions and the trades council? If any or all of these turn you on, the External Affairs Committee is for you. I need a secretary and four others, so please sign your name on the forms now up in the Union Lower Lounge, and get your friends to second you.

Paul Watkins,
External Affairs
Officer.

I F Only..

Katie McKinnon

ARE YOU HOMELESS? Desperately in need of a place to lay your weary head (and preferably large enough to accommodate your SX 727 stereo equipment)? Well join the queue, there are only another few thousand, and thank God I'm not one of them.

First of all it is no use living under any false illusions. October is the worst time to look for a flat and South Kensington is the worst place on earth to find one, unless of course you have a sugar daddy/mama among your acquaintances who has enough concern for your comfort and well-being to lavish out vast sums of money. For those of us sadly lacking in this useful commodity a course of action is definitely called for. For most Freshers at I.F. who arrive in London not knowing anyone, the obvious answer is to share a flat via the flatshare columns in the papers. Having myself done the daily round of telephone calls, beaten the weary track to estate agencies and repeated my life history a few hundred times, I know the problems only too well. First piece of advice: avoid the ads with no phone number and just an address, at this time of

year you will turn up to find something resembling a dry party in full swing and will be unable to see the colour of the carpet for people, let alone those responsible for the ad. Now, someone has got to get into this flat and unless you are the absolute scum of the earth you stand as good a chance as the next person. Your main task is to convince the other people by subtle means that you will be an asset to their little community. First of all, beg, steal or borrow an E-type jaguar and as many dishy men as will fit into it (IC males in Moss. Bros. will do at a pinch) and float in with your entourage to view the pad. Flashing the Benson and Hedges casually inquire whether it's okay to double-park the jag.

NUS CARDS

IN THE UNION OFFICE

12:45 to 1:45.

BRING :- REGISTRATION DIARY
AND SMALL PHOTOGRAPH.

This one never fails. Having temporarily floored the opposition make a tour of the place picking out suitable spots for an armchair you happen to have, the rug that's doing nothing at home and the tv which has BBC 2. Don't be tempted to overdo this. A little will go a long way. While this is all ticking away in their little minds, leave your card and waltz out. You're in.

Now before I get accused of treating a serious problem flippantly, let me say that at the present moment our Union is basking in its own glory having won a major victory in our struggle to get Union flats. At the moment about 40% of I.F. live in flats, 30% in hostels and about 30% commute

from home. Obviously it is the last category which concern us because these are the poor unfortunates who dash out at 4.30 a.m. to catch tubes and trains and who are sadly missing on the social scene. We hope to make things easier for them by taking on the lease of a number of flats for which the Union will be responsible. So far we are tied up in the legalities of the operation, but things are moving ahead and with a little luck and a lot of friendly persuasion, we might have our flats by Christmas. Meanwhile, if anyone comes across a few empty rooms in Southside desperately in need of some lodgers, we have a few homeless waifs down here....

And a good time was had by all

JULIA DUNNING ICWA PRESIDENT

Monday night of this week saw the launching of a hopefully successful year for ICWA. Apart from a few unfortunate errors in the seating plan (for which I really do apologise) the dinner went off quite smoothly considering I organised it!

Mr. Stan Arnold's cabaret afterwards was nothing less than excellent - and I'm sure no-one who went to the dinner could disagree. My thanks to Mr. Arnold for making the evening so enjoyable. We had a bar extension until 1 a.m. which appeared to be still being propped up when I sleepwalked out of the SCR about 1.30 a.m. I very much hope that everyone who went (all 240 of you!) enjoyed themselves and will continue to support us for the rest of the year at other functions.

For those of you unfortunate

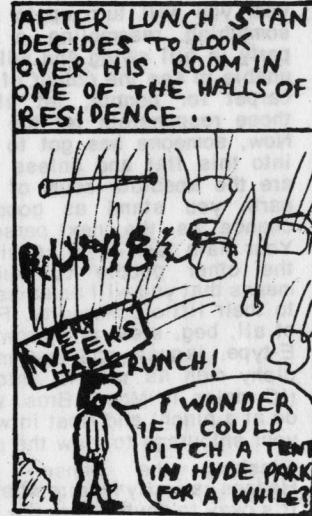
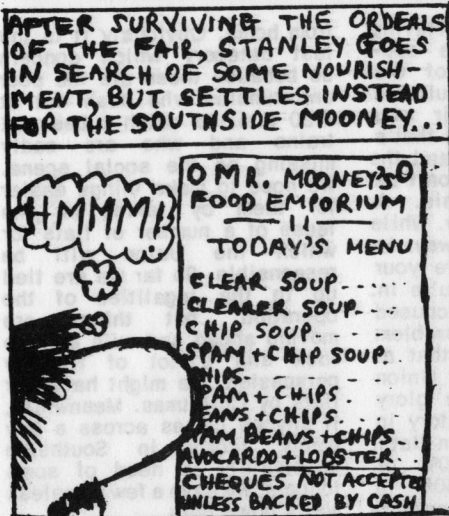
enough to have missed the dinner, make sure you don't miss the other events we're laying on in the next few weeks.

In respect of this, I should like to remind you that on Halloween, the 31st of October we're holding a Masked Ball. To have made this occasion fancy dress, I think would only have discouraged people from coming. So, I've compromised and I'm insisting on people

wearing masks. They'll be easy to come by at that time of year with Guy Fawkes night so near - or you could easily make your own. Details of what will be happening, will appear in next week's FELIX, and on posters which should be out next week, too. Tickets will be available as from Monday, price 50p (see below).

All that remains for me to say is I hope you will all make an effort to come on Halloween (though numbers by necessity will be limited), and to thank everyone for coming on Monday. For those of you who made particular use of the bar extension, I hope the effects have worn off by now.

Stanley --- "A STUDENT OF TODAY" ----- CREATED BY RON APPELBY



SHAME ON YOU...

Anon

....if you are a folk music fan and missed the two Folk Club Concerts this week. However, it's not too late to join, come in and see us, any Wednesday in the Union Lower Refectory, from 8.00 onwards.

Enough of the advertising. Now for the fun part – reviews.

On Monday, Martin Carthy started the term off with a bang (no, not THAT kind of bang). About 200 people came, and thoroughly enjoyed a good evening of traditional folk, sung both unaccompanied, and with guitar. Martin is very popular because of his friendly attitude towards audiences – singing several chorus songs (which everyone loves, don't they?! That's why they sing so loud. ha. ha.) and did three encores.

Wednesday, the concert was in a completely contrasting vein – parlour music. Very prim Victorian songs (you must be joking) from a duo called Mr. Gladstone's Bag – an unparalleled success to be recorded in the annals of Folk Club (who's swallowed a dictionary then!). Their songs range from one about a son lost in the War, (in which one

of the duo pretends to be a chair) to a very explicit little parody of Gilbert and Sullivan, the subject of which is the female anatomy (shame on you for thinking what you're thinking now). This was the second concert they've done here, both very successful, so if you missed them, keep your eyes open, they'll be back. Also, this concert was recommended in Melody Maker's *Pick of the Folk*.

If you were unfortunate enough to miss these excellent entertainments, never fear! We have a concert every week, Rosie Hardman (of The Old Grey Whistle Test and Cambridge Festival fame) is on this week, and later in the term people like Fred Wedlock – the Folker, Magic Lantern, and – wait for it – a *ceilidh*! See you there.

WANTED:

20 STRONG MEN TO SHIFT 5 TONS OF PAPER ON WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER. PHONE INT. 2881 OR COME ALONG TO THE UNION ARCH AT 1.30 p.m. ON THE DAY.

£1 PER HOUR

I.C. Society For Social Responsibility

In Science (ICSSRS).

'Science, Rationality, And Their Enemies'

–Dr. Jerry Ravetz, Reader In The Philosophy of Science, Leeds University–

Tues. 15th October, 7.30 p.m. Meth. Eng. 342.

Curtain Raiser: BBC 1, Sunday 13th October, 11.00 p.m.

'Open Door' Is Featuring BSSRS (The British SSRS).

AFTERTHOUGHT: Discussions In Southside Upper Lounge, Wednesdays At 1.00 p.m.

For Sale

Wharfedale Linton Record Deck, with new stylus.

£19 o.n.o.

Please contact Mr. B.C. Beadle – Chem. III letter rack or phone 748-3291 (ext. 207) after 6 p.m.

Large Cabin Trunk – good condition

£5 o.n.o.

Please contact Nicola Ellis – Chem III letter rack or phone 748-3291 (ext. 207) after 6 p.m.

Wanted

21" Bike Frame or Cheap Complete Bicycle.

APPLY: A.T. Osborne, Industrial Sociology Unit.

Roneo Demo

THERE WILL BE A RONEO DUPLICATOR DEMONSTRATION, PROVISIONALLY BOOKED FOR WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER.

(CHECK WITH UNION OFFICE) ANYONE WHO WISHES TO HAVE THEIR NAME ON 'THE LIST' OF APPROVED USERS MUST ATTEND THIS DEMONSTRATION.



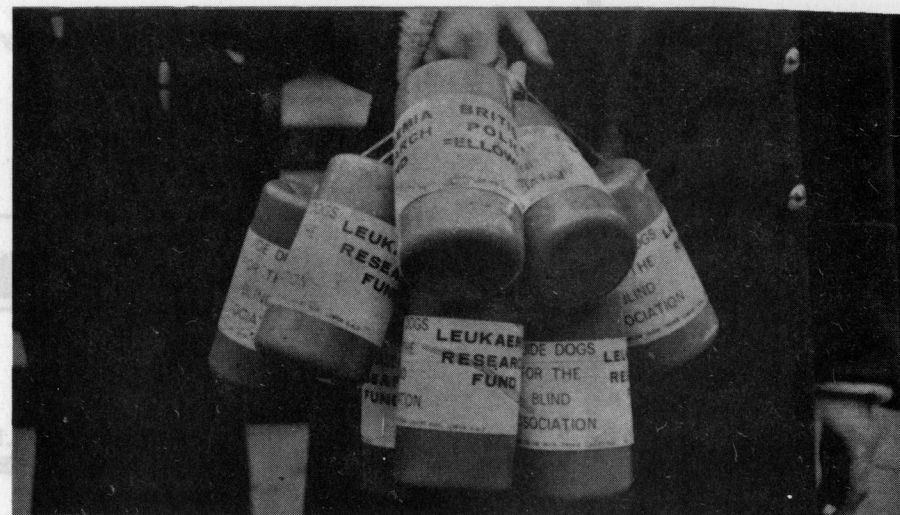
Where's my wink?



A Clown (Is that Dru?).



Received with a Smile.



The Collectors.

Photos by Ramon Newmann

THE ANNUAL Tiddly-winks marathon from Marble Arch to Piccadilly Circus via Regent Street, took place last Saturday. The whole show went off quite smoothly. It was a special feature for the public who found it hilarious to see over one hundred IC students grovelling on the pavement, in some cases actually on the road, with tiddly-winks.

Mines out to avenge their defeat last year by C & G went off well before anyone else and consequently finished in first, second and fourth positions. The third position is still open. Mines collected a total of £163.71½ using 30 cans. Their highest individual total was made by Tanya Frost who collected £22.44 and this included a

Paul Ekpenyong

£20 note donated by an Arab shiek.

C & G collected £248.67½ from 54 cans and their biggest individual total of £15.88½ was collected by Janice Ford. RCS collected the grand sum of £287.99½. Unfortunately during the count, their cans were mixed up (they had 99 of them) and so have no biggest individual total. The reason they collected more than anyone else was that they gave cans and winks to all their participants.

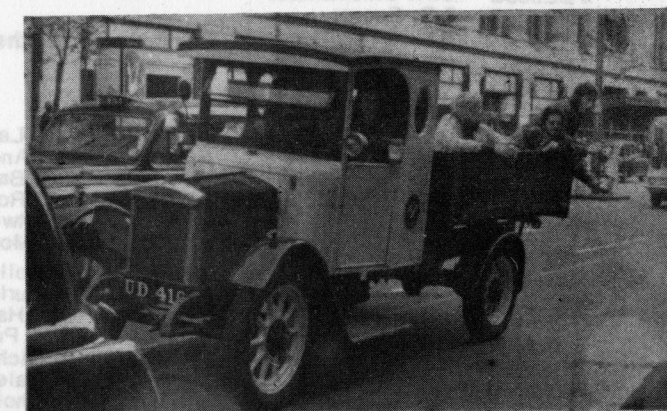
The proceeds from the race are in aid of the Leukemia Research Fund, the British Polio Fellowship and Guide Dogs for the Blind. The amount collected, £700.38½ is £70 up on last year's figure. Congratulations to the Rag Committee for a great race.



Dave Barnes, Guilds V.P.

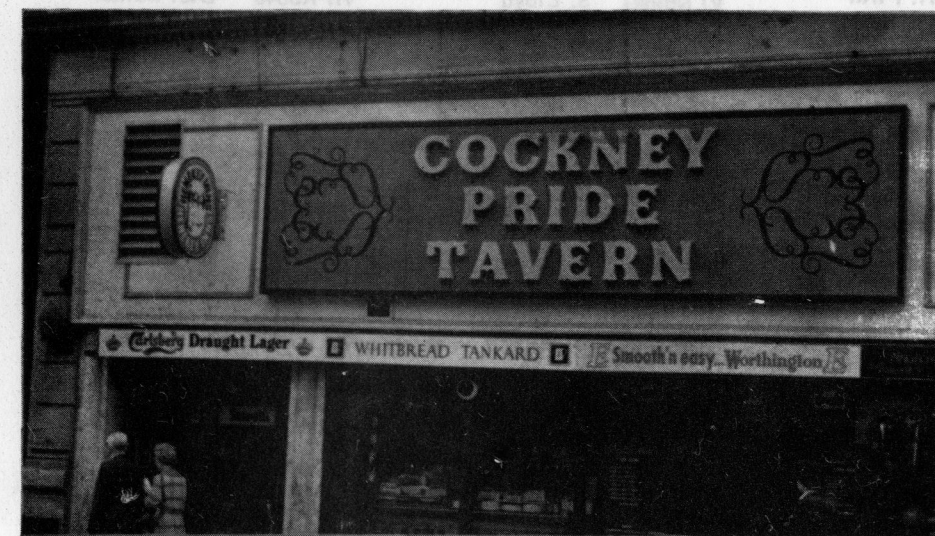


RCSU President winking on Regent St.



Clementine II

Tiddly-winks Race '74



The 'Pride' where all retired after the race.

PARKING APPLICATIONS

Below is a list of names of people who were successful in gaining a parking permit. These people should pick up their permit from me in the Union Office.

Anyone who applied for a permit and was not successful can appeal. Forms are available from the Union Office and must be returned not later

than Thursday 17th October.

Motorcycles.

People wishing to park motorcycles must obtain a sticker from Mr. Dawson (Security Officer) who can be found in College Block.

J.A. Gerrard.

Zone H, Commuters, Imperial Institute Road.

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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN CARR

FELIX: *There has always tended to be a traditional residue of antagonism against ULU by IC. It appears to stem from the old idea of IC being big enough to look after itself. Could you comment on this?*

John Carr: It is a problem in every collegiate University where you have got a central Union with strong colleges. In the past you have not had a political student body which has taken the central Union seriously. Last year we had a Tory ULU president; when this state of affairs occurs, you usually are left with a fairly dead Union because there is no real conflict and no real work being done essentially. Now in Cambridge for example, students are beginning to recognise the value of the Cambridge Students' Union which has no ties to the University unlike the old SRC. Centralised Unions, then, are for representing issues which affect students, co-ordinating initiatives and providing a strong back-up for individual colleges.

FELIX: *Are you therefore implying, getting back to ULU/Colleges antagonism, is that there exists a potential in ULU which the colleges must recognise if they are to benefit from it?*

John Carr: In a sense, everyone gets what they deserve and ULU has got what it deserves. The trouble has been in the past that the leadership of ULU never really fully worked out what ULU's role is in relation to the colleges. ULU will never be in a position to usurp a college Union's authority; there are always specific college issues which only they themselves can discuss.

FELIX: *Leaving aside past leaderships and prejudices, what do you feel the role of ULU should be?*

John Carr: I should like to see it as the organisation which students from the colleges come to meet students from other colleges and Universities, and most importantly, as a means of determining the common attitude to adopt at University level, and to work out the ways in which campaigns on the work which NUS is involved in, as well as specific issues which confront students can best be organised to maximise their effect and therefore, maximise the benefits which will accrue to the students of the University.

FELIX: *Moving on from ULU just a fraction to USK, it appears to have lost a little of its impetus in the last few years. Do you think in order to make USK a viable concept that it needs a central office and a sabbatical co-ordinator?*

John Carr: When one talks of USK, one is really talking about all the students in the Kensington area. Obviously, when you have got a lot of colleges involved, there is bound to be a lot of administrative and routine work to be done. Clearly then it needs someone who can devote all their time to it. So I would think that the idea of a USK Sabbatical is a good one.

FELIX: *There is, of course, already one USK Sabbatical who is the Nightline Co-ordinator. Do you think that asking for another might conjure up in the minds of College authorities the idea of Sabbatical proliferation and its inevitable associations with Trade Unions?*

John Carr: This is a feature which has been manifested rationally. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) produced a report on Student Sabbatical Officers. They have not seen fit to let us have a copy of that report yet and we have not been able to obtain such a copy.

FELIX: *Moving on in an extended line from ULU through USK to the NUS of who executive you are a member, can you briefly describe the nuts and bolts of how the NUS Executive works?*

John Carr: The executive is made up of seventeen people. There are two regional area chairmen (for Wales and Scotland) which are elected at the appropriate regional conferences. Both are sabbatical. The remaining fifteen are elected at the annual NUS Easter conference.

Of those fifteen, four are sabbatical: the President, the National Secretary, the Deputy President and the National Treasurer. The rest are essentially part-timers. By being on the NUS Executive, my position as the President of ULU is strengthened immensely. There is a healthy overlap of interests between ULU and NUS.

FELIX: *On the subject of overlapping one's responsibilities, Trevor Phillips, our own Union President is certainly diversifying his interests. In addition to his post in ICU, he is also Chairman of the ULU Student Representative Council (SRC) and is a member of the Joint Committee of the Senate and the SRC as well as being on the ULU Executive. Can this be described as a healthy overlap?*

John Carr: Yes, indeed. Healthy cynicism of this sort is welcomed. It might become a little disturbing though if that were always the immediate presumption, i.e. if someone diversifies their interests then they are just trying to carve out a career for themselves. In Trevor's case, he is, in fact, much closer to the mainstream of events in the University which have direct repercussions on the students here at Imperial. He is in a much better position to do his job as President of ICU by virtue of the fact that he is so involved in ULU.

FELIX: *John Carr, thank you for talking to us.*

John Carr: My pleasure.

HALL DINNERS

These take place every Tuesday this term in
College Block.

Price: 95p

Sherry: 5p at the dinner.

Bookings will be taken from Thursday morning
to Friday lunchtime (Deadline at 1.00 p.m.)
the week before.

Forms are available in the Union Office.

SAILING CLUB

Anon

DESPITE RUMOURS to the contrary, the Sailing Club is still in existence. Although somewhat hampered by the fact that the reservoir had been drained, 'cos UC kept hitting the dam wall and succeeded in weakening it. A team of four managed a tour of Scottish clubs on the Firth of Forth and the same team, plus

friends, went to the 24 hour dinghy race in Southport — and actually came away with a pot. Individual successes over the summer were good, with Pete Barrett winning the Mirror nationals, and Tony Bambridge doing well in Solos.

This term we shall be running matches at weekends and are desperately trying to find somewhere to sail on Wednesdays. We also have a cheese and wine party early in the term. Anyone interested in joining, or even helping (the examiners were not too kind on our committee) should get in touch with Brian Rogers (Commodore) via the Civ. Eng. letter rack.

RADIO SOCIETY

Steve Ayling, G4ASL

Every Wednesday afternoon the Radio Society is active from the roof of the Electrical Engineering building. Here two fully operational amateur radio stations are situated in our own shack for the exclusive use of members at any time. Help is given to non-licensed members to obtain their licences and enabling them

to use the society's station. Activities for this term will include an introductory coffee evening during which pictures of our summer expedition will be shown, morse classes, re-erection of our HF aerials and a VHF contest in December. Any suggestions for visits or other activities are always welcome.

These facilities are all available for the small sum of 40p a year. Come along any Wednesday afternoon to the roof of the Electrical Engineering building or contact Steve Ayling, EE3 via the letter racks.

XMAS HALL DINNER

10th December

£1.45 (Wine included)

Dinner Jackets must be worn

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for this dinner until

November 1st.



CONCERT

Andrew Osborne

Gong

Anyone passing Cambridge Gardens on the morning of October 6th, may have noticed two bodies and a baseball cap, no rucksacks and no transit vans. This was because Gee and I were on our way to the Hammersmith Palais to see the wondrous Gong.

Leaving the world of Victorian, grey brick houses, painted sadly pink, of sodden newspapers trodden into the pavement and of wrecked Morris 1000's we headed for a land where pothead pixies, banana nirvana, octave doctors and flying teapots are the order of the day.

First up were *Good Habit*, not in the startling green monk's robes they have a habit of wearing, and apparently with a new line-up. They played some rollicking jazz/rock which was definitely good fun. Then came *Isotope* who treated us to their brand of introverted class-rock;

lots of jolly spiffing chord sequences strung together and taken very seriously. Indeed so serious was it, that the drummer appeared to be in some amount of pain.

At last up crept Daavid Allen, resplendent in flourescent make up and pixie hat, to inform us that we were about to hear a story of pothead pixies, their radio station ('radio gnome' which transmits from a flying teapot), their meeting with earthmen, notably Zero the Hero, Zero's visit to the planet Gong and finally the consequences for the inhabitants of Earth, namely a new age of understanding. On came the rest of the band and away we went. It was all packed with meaning and purpose.

In case you don't know, *Gong* is a band of seven people, normally domicile in France. They were thrown together by the inimitable Daavid Allen, (who was with *Soft Machine* before they made records) and now have four records

released in Britain, all making stunning progress up the LP charts (i.e. the one in the window at Virgin Records). Their music is characterised by beautiful synthesizer playing, a very distinctive saxophone sound, the 'Space Whisper' of 'Shakki Yoni' and somewhat esoteric lyrical content. In fact at this concert the lyrics were often unintelligible but all the loonies there knew the words off by heart, so everyone was happy. So, for an hour and a half, the audience was transported into a state of bemused bliss until, after one brief encore, the management of the Hammersmith Palais decided to restore sanity by ending the proceedings.

There are a few people who tell me that these flights into fantasy are bad for my head and I could spend my time better reading the telephone directory or 'Coser and Rosenburg'. I remain unconvinced.

RECORDS

Paul Ekpenyong

The Best of BBC TV & Radio: 'With Brass and Strings'. (BBC Records).

The BBC has managed to do it again in a totally unco-ordinated album. It gets off to a robust start with the *Colonel Bogey March* and then changes mood completely with *Embraceable You* and *Spinning Wheel Samba* to which the Band of H.M. Welsh Guards have managed to give a rather poor Spanish American rhythm.

Side two includes *Eye Level*, the very popular theme music to 'Van der Valk' and a totally unrecognisable rendering (again by the Band of H.M. Welsh Guards) of the theme music from BBC 1's 'Softly, Softly'.

The album finishes off with three stirring regimental marches *L'Attaque*, *Come Lasses and Lads*, and *I'm Ninety-Five*. All in all, a 'superb sampler' (quote from the cover). At 97p, going, going, gone!

Lester Young: Prez In Europe (Polydore SELECT 2344 044).

This is Lester Young possibly not at his brilliant best but definitely in fine form. The album is a collection of live recordings made while he was in Europe, actually in Frankfurt playing at a club for American servicemen. The sound quality is poor, as might be expected of such a recording.

The thing that strikes one is the predominance of tenor sax (Lester on all

tracks) and drums, and hence not a lot of the other instruments. Here it is fair to point out that the back-up is rather weak.

The album starts off with *Lester Leaps In* which embodies all the essence of the jazz spirit though it is rather slow in tempo. It also ends with the same melody but this time the support is firmer.

By far the best tune on the whole album is *There'll Never Be Another You* with its graceful, sinuous movement climaxing in a fine solo. Other notable tracks are *Lester's European Blues* and *Lullaby of Birdland*, the former a very blue fantasy and the latter seeing the awakening proper of the drummer. All in all an excellent album and worthy of every jazz fan's collection.

BOOKS

Stephen Richardson

Jaroslav Hašek: The Good Soldier Švejk: translated by Cecil Parrott (Penguin Books, 1974).

Up until a year or so ago, the only English-language version of Jaroslav Hašek's masterpiece *The Good Soldier Švejk* was the 1930 translation by Paul Selver. In his translation, Selver had reduced Hašek's original (uncompleted) manuscript by about a third, pruning some of the rather spun-out episodes, and removing altogether the dirty and, at the time, unacceptable anecdotes. Even in this truncated form, *Švejk* stood out as the masterpiece that it is. For *The Good Soldier Švejk* is to the Great War what *Catch 22* is to the Second World War, and *M.A.S.H.* is to the Korean War. Good as Selver's translation undoubtedly is, however, the new unabridged translation of *Švejk* by Cecil Parrott is just that much better. It's difficult, of course, to see why in just a brief quotation, but one may get some idea if one compares Selver's:

'Beg to report, sir, you've lost your cat. She ate up the boot polish and now she's gone and kicked the bucket. I threw her into the cellar - the next one, that is'.

with Parrott's:-

'Humbly report, sir, you've lost your cat. She ate up the boot polish and permitted herself to pass out. I threw her into the cellar - but next door'.

Somehow the phrase 'permitted herself to pass out' (reminding one not a little of Monty Python's parrot) has something more to it than just saying that the cat 'kicked the bucket'.

In both translations, nonetheless, the essence of *Švejk* shines through. *Švejk* is one of the first real anti-heroes. Hašek started to write *The Good Soldier Švejk* shortly after the Great War and put a great deal of himself into *Švejk* - for *Švejk* is half-Hašek, just as *Sherston* in *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer* (dealing with Siegfried Sassoon's wartime experiences) is half-Sassoon.

And two more different characters - *Sherston* and *Švejk* - it is difficult to imagine. *Sherston's* (at least initial) belief in the War - that it had some point - is quite different from *Švejk's*; *Švejk* had no illusions or aspirations in the War whatever. *The Good Soldier Švejk* is quite unlike any other story, or memoir to come out of the Great War (think of *Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Graves' Goodbye to All That*). For that reason alone, *The Good Soldier Švejk* certainly has a claim on the time of anybody who is even a little curious about one of the biggest wars ever.

But even on the level of a pure story, with no underlying moral, if such a thing can exist, *The Good Soldier Švejk* must be accounted a masterpiece. With strong overtones of *Til Eulenspiegel* and, like the cat episode, *Monty Python*, *Švejk's* military career must be the funniest ever recorded. At £1.25 for 750 pages of twentieth century masterpiece in a really good translation, how can anyone go wrong?

Sean Barker

Flynn O'Brien: The Third Policeman (Picador).

THIS BOOK is not concerned with de Selby, the physicist and philosopher, or his commentators, even allowing for the lengths of some of the footnotes (up to three pages). Nor is it about Phillip Mathers, who 'I' killed with a blow on the jaw with a spade, nor even John Diveny, who first struck Mathers with his bicycle pump, and who planned the robbery of mathers' box, which turned out to be full of omnium.

It may well be about 'I' and his experiences with the nature, circular or otherwise, of Hell. 'I', by the way, has no name, and this means not only is he immune to the processes of the law, since they cannot prosecute nobody, but also that they can do no wrong in executing him, because they will have killed no-one. His rescue from certain death by the one-legged man is thwarted by MacCruiskeen

on a strangely coloured bicycle, or rather by a strangely coloured bike ridden by MacCruiskeen.

At this point, I should mention that de Selby thought right 'on insanitary conditions of the atmosphere due to accretions of black air', and his various commentators believe that his attempt to cure this phenomenon explain his large consumption of water.

The book thrives on the apparently absurd and it's explanation. While these explanations do not extend to the complexities of a Tom Stoppard play, they rely on some new absurdity, which has to be explained later, or on some as yet undiscovered natural law, known only to the two policemen. To follow the progress of 'I' you must accept each new absurdity in the same way 'I' does, perhaps even to the point of believing Sergeant Pluck rather than 'I's sensory reality. You must humour Constable MacCruiskeen when you can't see his boxes that are too small to be visible, as you must do when the

Sergeant explains how the atoms in bicycles exchange places with those in the owner, and thus how he was forced in one case to hang the bicycle rather than its 'owner'.

This book is for anyone with a Dali poster, or who likes Spike Poe or Edgar Allen Milligan. It's not for Asimov lovers if they cannot accept the rational absurd. I was never sure, at least until the end, whether 'I' was somehow in another world, under hallucination, or entering deeper into madness, but for those who read the end first to find out such things, O'Brien has fooled them too, because however much of the end you read first, the book will always end just before the bit you read. It's a book I'd buy if I did not already have the review copy, and I cannot be fairer than that. And just in case you read the blurb on the back cover to find out what it is really like, it is just as misleading as this is. The price in Australia is only recommended, and not obligatory.

FELIX SPORT

Rob Jones

RUGBY CLUB

As this is my first sports editorial of the session I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the college all the freshers and welcoming back all the old lags who passed their exams.

By now all the clubs, with the exception of the summer sports, have most probably held their trials and I hope everyone enjoyed them and is now looking forward to the first fixtures of the new season.

I think a special mention must be given to the freshers with the idea of encouraging more of them to take an active part in the sports clubs. Imperial is very proud of its sporting achievements and boasts some of the best sporting facilities in London, and is most definitely the best of all the other colleges in London. These facilities are for your use, make the most of them and you can be guaranteed a very enjoyable stay at IC.

Last but not least in this small note, I would like to encourage ALL clubs to write reports for FELIX. Reports with photographs (the negatives are required) should reach me by no later than Monday morning of each week for editing, so pull your fingers out and get writing.

Best of luck to everyone for the coming season.

The Rugby Club formally started its season with constituent college finals on Wednesday 2nd October – each college having about 20 freshers to look at.

The trials were followed by a highly successful pie 'n' mash, at which the main attraction was two free barrels of beer supplied by the late Lt. Col. Sir Pierre van Ryneveldt, who most generously left the club in excess of £200 in his will.

A ceremonial eight pint pot and six one pint pots have been bought with this money and were officially 'christened' at this function. It is hoped to erect a memorial plaque to Lt. Col. Sir van Ryneveldt in the Union Bar in the near future.

Trials were again held on Saturday 5th October, but these were far less successful than those of the previous Wednesday due to the poor turn out of freshers – only thirteen compared to sixty. I can only hope that this is a freak happening and strongly urge freshers to make the effort to play on Saturdays. It is far too easy to sit at home watching television on Saturdays or generally doing nothing, but it is far more enjoyable and rewarding to come out and play Rugby.

The first fifteen programme starts on Wednesday 9th October, with the London School of Economics (LSE) to be played at our ground at Harlington and a block fixture with Cheshunt RFC is arranged for the following Saturday, hopefully for four teams.

I hope that the club has the successful season that it deserves and I am sure that it will, if the support from the old lags continues and if many more freshers COME AND JOIN US.

Bruce Bradley.
Captain,
I.C.R., U.F.C.

BULC YEKCOH

The HOCKEY CLUB, despite the title, is far from backward. Today's club is going places fast: Wapping, Nersden and Finchley to name but a few.

Seriously though, we run three Imperial College sides on Saturdays playing both club and college fixtures. In recent years we have endeavoured to improve our fixture list as standards have gone from strength to strength and the first team gained a place in the newly formed Truman (Brewers!) League.

Wednesday matches are played by an IC 1st XI and constituent college teams. Each year an Imperial College side competes in the University of London Challenge Cup which, needless to say, has been won by us twice in the last three years.

Most Sundays men and women combine to play mixed hockey: a little hockey with a good after-the-game social. Notable fixture: v. Guinness works (free beer and women!).

The team each year takes off in the Easter vacation and it is hoped that this year a continental tour may be organised.

Finally a plug for the not-to-be-missed Pie and Mash Pxxx up in the Union Dining Hall after the matches on Wednesday 16th October.

Any budding hockey players (whether international or 'walking stick' standard) wishing to join, should contact Tim Hanson (Chem. Eng. 3) or come along to the Union any Wednesday or Saturday lunch time.

Tim Hanson.
Captain, I.C.
Hockey Club

TENPIN BOWLING CLUB

The Tenpin Bowling Club is not exactly the largest club in IC, but this is probably more of an advantage than otherwise, as you very quickly get to know the people you bowl with!

As we have done in the past we run an internal league on Wednesday afternoons and also bowl in the English Universities

League on some weekends, where our opponents in the southern region are Southampton and Brunel Universities, University College and Portsmouth Poly. Aside from the league bowling, our members also bowl in University tournaments throughout the country (both travel and entrance fees being heavily subsidised) so you can see that although 'Join the Bowling Club and

see the World' might be an exaggeration, we do get around a bit!

Our bowling costs are among the cheapest in the country, at 13p per game, and to counteract the cost of travel we have a unique rebate system by which for every time a member turns up, he/she gets 10p back from the club.

We are always glad to see new members (especially those of the fairer sex!) whether they have bowled before or not, and for the latter people we willingly give instruction. Membership is not restricted to IC students and any student who's college does not have a bowling club can join ours.

Anyone who would like to join, or just have a chat about the club can either meet us outside the IC Union Arch at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, or contact me through the Royal School of Mines letter rack or leave a note on the IC Union noticeboard in the Lower Lounge.

Bruce Bradley.
Captain,
I.C.R., U.F.C.

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