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# WARWICK UNION SQUEEZED

## LONGFORD AT MORE HOUSE



LORD LONGFORD spoke at More House on Thursday 17th October. His theme was 'Crime and Punishment'.

Full Report Next Week.

THE BULK of £40,000 of funds due to Warwick Students Union today remain frozen by the Steering Committee of the Senate of the University.

This decision follows the appointment by the Union of Jeff Staniforth to the post of its permanent Secretary. Previously the Union and the Steering Committee made this appointment jointly, however, it is believed that the committee's decision is related to Jeff Staniforth's previous position as NUS treasurer for two years.

The funds were frozen on October 2nd, after a union meeting, attended by 1200 students, endorsed the appointment of Jeff Staniforth. A legal advisor from NUS said there is no precedent for the freeze and the University authorities would probably lose the case in court. Moreover, the authorities appear unable to produce an alternative appointee.

£16,000 was released to the Union (£13,000 to clear last year's deficit) but the committee refuse to allow Mr. Staniforth's salary to be paid. This resulted in the new Arts Centre being occupied from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday following a Union General Meeting decision on October 8th. The University

authorities then had a meeting with Union Officers. At this, the Steering Committee agreed to release the first instalment of local education authority grants. The University also agreed to recognise Jeff Staniforth but not as permanent Secretary. They will call him 'Senior Administrator', and recognise him in any dealings with the University. The feeling at Warwick is that this is not really a concession as Mr. Staniforth's job is to administer the new Union building not 'haggle with University bureaucrats'.

When I spoke to Jeff Staniforth by phone he reiterated this point saying 'The real issue is who controls the new Union building'. It has taken seven years of effort to get the building, which will be completed next year. Jeff Staniforth also remarked on the farcical aspects of the situation likening it to 'a Monty Python sketch with people running around with memos'.

On a more serious note the President of Warwick University Students Union said 'The University's refusal to allow the Union to appoint the staff who it feels would be best for the job raises the whole question of student Union autonomy'. NUS President John Randall issued a statement saying, 'We support the Warwick students in their stand. A students' Union's right to make its own decisions and appoint its own staff is a crucial right for which NUS has fought and will fight again'.

THETA SNATCH      see centre  
Silly Sports              pages  
Ransacking of Guilds Office

ENTS LOSE £ 517  
on Chapman  
Whitney  
Streetwalkers



# EDITORIAL

Mike Williams

ASTONISHINGLY enough, perhaps the criticisms recently aimed at FELIX have been welcomed by the Editor, for they collectively raise the fundamental issue: Too many people are totally ignorant of the complexities and drawbacks involved with printing FELIX by *Offset-lithography*. All the text of FELIX has to be typeset on a machine called a Varityper. It is a super-typewriter (super to the extent that a re-conditioned model costs over £2,000); it has interchangeable type faces and it has provision whereby the two sides of a column of text can be made parallel. This process, called justification, takes exactly twice the amount of time it would normally take to type the text, because everything has to be typed out twice.

We have a Varityper on the Union premises and College has provided us

with a full-time operator, but as you must by now surely realise, were there to be a sudden glut of news mid-week, we would not be able to print it all, because it could not be typeset in time. So simply due to the circumstances that surround the production, FELIX's topicality is threatened. 'But', you will say, 'this never happened last year, did it? Late news sometimes went in on Sunday night and FELIX still appeared Tuesday morning'. But last year FELIX was printed using *Rotary Letterpress* by an outside printing firm - experts in their trade - to whom edited copy was sent with layout instructions. In those days there was no 'Damn, the glue has smudged' or 'How on earth are we going to fill that spare inch on page 3' or even 'God, this letrasetting takes such a long time'.

Times have changed. The commitment required of the Editor and his

staff has changed. The sooner people recognise that, the better.

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It is extremely tempting to facetiously re-name the 'Letters' column as 'The Bitching Column'. Such an inappropriate title would naturally belie the true function of the column, which is there so that people can make a point in public which they feel to be very important. They are not making a fuss just for its own sake as in the case of the rather whimsical space-filler on the back of the recent Guildsheet Extra.

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Due to the apparent necessity of printing NUS motions, some ads and articles had to be omitted in this issue. Every effort will be made to print them next week where appropriate.

## LETTERS

C. & G. Union,  
London SW7 2BX  
21st October 1974

create this strong and stable structure that all would agree we need!

Sir,

I would like through the pages of this publication to make a comment on the non-intercollegiate attitude of Mr. Kill, the Deputy President of ICU, and Mrs. Gerrard, the Honorary Secretary of ICU.

As well you know, Theta the mascot of RCS was snatched by City and Guilds Union on Thursday. However, on several occasions since then I and other members of my Union have heard them actively encouraging members of RCS to take some retaliatory steps and generally talking in a very pro-RCS fashion that I could well expect Mr. Teague to use. How responsible are they for the stupid attack on Guilds Union Office on Friday night?

In present times, when we have been having long discussions about the roles of the CCU's and ICU, and trying

to build a strong structure this attitude of the Hon. Sec. and the D.P. seems extremely unwarranted.

When someone is elected to such an esteemed position, I would have expected them to leave behind the 'petty wranglings and rivalry of the CCU's' to quote one of them. However, it seems that they insist on remaining 'active' members of RCS and hence I wonder whether they are capable or even worthy of helping to

Yours faithfully,  
Jenny Jones,  
President,  
C & G Union.

Athletic Clubs Committee,  
Imperial College Union.  
18th October, 1974.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, are extremely put out by the distinct lack of sports coverage in today's FELIX. We feel sure that people are more interested in reading sports reports than some of the articles and adverts that are obviously designed to pad out each issue. Furthermore we understand from the Sports Editor that three sides of FELIX were originally designated for these reports and accordingly we supplied more than enough good material for 2 pages.

The Sports Editor informs us that the reason for this purge of reports is that you expect him to edit these pages. Do you really expect the Sports Editor in his precious spare time to edit 2-3 pages while you waste a paid sabbatical year churning out nine pages of rubbish.

We feel that it is your responsibility to edit and publish sports reports, and look forward to seeing IC Sport fully reported in next weeks FELIX.

Yours faithfully,

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Contributors are requested to count the number of words in their article.

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(Hon. Sec. ICAFC)

Imperial College,  
18th October, 1974.

Sir,

We, the undersigned, are writing to complain about the banalities printed in the current editions of the ill-

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The beautiful young lady in this week's page three feature is Fiona Foley. She is in Zoology 1. She hails from Hampshire on the South Coast, bang opposite the Isle of Wight. Fiona's interests are motor racing and drinking (whisky and soda though wine and beer go down well also) and

since coming to IC she has taken up rowing and quote 'I'm a very good stroker'. Well that's all I can tell you about her folks, apart from the fact that she has a really incredible nickname and is now aiding and abetting the RCSU in various ways.

Photo by Ramon Newmann.

# IF Only..

## Katie McKinnon

IT SEEMS that IF is really facing hard times. When the newspapers for the common room are cut by half (and there were only two anyway) you know you're on the rocks. From now on it's a question of survival. Of course smaller colleges are bound to feel the effects of the present crisis sooner and more acutely than others, but on top of that we seem to be attracting less applications, last year we numbered 250, this year 200, and next year? These IF birds seem to be a dying species. This of

course, can be due to a number of reasons entirely independent of the college, the cost of living in London and the accommodation problem which are affecting us more and more, are but two. Meantime, when it comes to looking for support we tend to fall between two chairs; as far as the authorities are concerned we are a french establishment (God forbid), as far as the french are concerned we are English. Needless to say this drop in numbers directly affects the Union and we find ourselves with considerably less funds than last year which in turn limits our activities and makes us increasingly dependent on larger colleges. A case of: you provide the facilities and we provide the females. A number of IC societies are enthusiastically supported by girls from IF, particularly folk club, ski club, dram soc. (of which the female contingent is almost entirely from IF) and ICWSC (which incidentally is the only society to my knowledge that charges girls from IF a higher membership fee - could it be that they don't need us?) I think that this link which has existed between IF and IC for some years now should be encouraged which is why we are always willing to combine efforts in organising something. So, any suggestions? (-as the actress said to the Bishop).

Meanwhile, of course, IC students are always welcome to use our extensive facilities which include two common rooms (with drink machines, no less!) and a union room at least four times bigger than Mines' union, and wait for it - a rest room, which unfortunately is always locked. In fact, no-one appears to have actually

seen the inside of this room but any rumours suggesting that the door opens on to a brick wall are strongly denied.

One might believe that this lack of facilities or rather 'centralisation' as one of our french lecturers put it, might enable one to bully, persuade, threaten the girls into coercive activity; not so, once inside the front door the IF girl becomes strangely elusive, with an amazing aptitude for ignoring posters, leaflets, handouts, and all in all, a resistance to bump equalled only by the IC male. However, the enthusiasm of the minority certainly makes up for the rest, and this we hope to show by our participation in Rag this year - that is, if we ever get notification of a Rag meeting.

This week saw a great literary achievement in the form of Ents sheet, unfortunately the content was a little on the thin side for the simple reason that although the grapevine is going strong it is not altogether reliable and we cannot publicise events which we don't know about. This fortnightly paper has a wide circulation, so in order to take advantage of this to advertise your events, pick up the phone (between 1.00 and 1.30p.m.) dial 584 9882 and state what, when, where, and how much, and before your very eyes (or a week or so later) it will appear in print. It could hardly be simpler.

Finally you may have noticed some scaffolding in front of IF during the past week. It seems that it is having a face lift. Well, I know I did mention the other week 'its peeling walls and general look of neglect' but I hardly expected to be taken seriously. After all, it had character.

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ustrious publication which you have the honour to perpetrate.

The path of this paper, namely FELIX, seems to be following the fate of the proverbial 'pound in your pocket' and after the recent devaluation it does not appear to be rallying.

It does not seem to us the Watergation exposure of the bickering in the Kindergarten inhabited by the editorial staff represents the views and interests of the students here at Imperial College (and the Institut Francais?), and we would like to suggest the purchase of a tin of Johnson's baby powder to put on each other's bottles to facilitate the comfort of your various inflammations.

Obviously your desire to produce the ultimate in College journalism is producing something completely unpalatable, and we would like, that instead of talking in terms of 'Media Meetings', you came down from the Utopia of your Olympian heights, otherwise you stand in danger of tumbling into the abyss of Mass Mediocrity.

We hope that by contributing this letter we will add a little colour to the otherwise blank face of FELIX, and also hope that instead of chasing the excesses of your sense of the dramatic, you the Editor, concentrate on improving your lamentable English, not to mention deplorable French.

It remains our pleasure 'i' accuser' and your excuse to say 'on m' accuse', so please dry the tears from your eyes.

Yours faithfully,

C.M.Wrigley, T.Reeves,  
A.Slight, P.Amey, A.Brown,  
J.P.Branthwaite, B.Hagger,  
F.Sharrock, R.Jones,  
R.C.Sutton, Kathy Conlon,  
J.E.Hackitt, T.Fisher,  
D.Barnes, P.J.Northey,  
M.Newton plus countless others.

(Thank you Chem. Eng. Rent-a-Crowd, and Goodnight).

Imperial College,

Monday 21 October, 1974.

Dear Sir,

Perhaps I should entitle this letter 'Sex and the Single Engineer' or something similarly eye catching, but seriously, how does a post-graduate girl get to meet a few fellas socially? Go to a Freshers' teeny bop??

Being the only girl I know at IC isn't as much fun as it sounds - not one single male has yet suggested we share so much as a coffee.

So, Tom Abraham, how about ICPGG arranging something sociable so I can get to meet a few people.

Yours sincerely,  
'A Rose By Any Other Name'  
(Civ. Eng.)



# FORUM

This week we begin a new column in FELIX called 'Forum'. The idea of this column is to stimulate discussion on various topics of general interest, but not necessarily all involved with students. This week's issue is 'Mastermind', that well known BBC programme starring Magnus Magnusson, and you can read what Riz Shakir has to say on it and the IC entry into University Challenge below. Next week's author will be Stephen Richardson.

## MasterMIND!

MOST OF us have watched 'Mastermind' sometime or another. Some of us were probably bemused and many others amazed by the apparently stupendous knowledge of the participants. However, I am sure not many of us have asked such obvious questions as: What purpose does this programme serve? ; What does it teach one if anything? ; What does it prove? ; etc.

It's reputed to be an 'intellectual' programme (Dictionary defines 'intellect' as being 'the faculty of thinking and reasoning'). But what has it done for our intellect? If it has not even inspired us so much as to analyse the meaning and implications of its title.

The title, at subconscious level, unconscious level, call it what you will, 'suggests' that it is a process whereby a person with a 'master mind' is selected. (Dictionary defines 'mind' as being 'thinking faculties as distinguished from the body i.e. intellectual faculties'). However, it has very little to do with the mind and is in reality a test of memory. In fact, in many cases it boils down to whether a person has had the time and/or the opportunity to read the relevant literature. Hence it is not even a test of memory.

As regards the participants, I think they are rather arrogant, bigheaded and supercilious to say the least. Basically they are weak and need to reassure themselves of their 'importance', in order to maintain their self-image.

Personally I admire those people most, who are ingenious enough to improvise a solution when they encounter unfamiliar situations, than those who can recall facts. 'A computer can retain facts indefinitely where as it cannot produce solutions instantaneously'.

As an ancient Punjabi saying sums up so perceptively 'A donkey loaded with books doesn't become a scholar'. (A lot of the feeling has been lost in translation, however the gist is clear).

The above also applies to other programmes of similar nature and their participant. The projective IC team for 'University Challenge' being an important exception to this generalisation. Being of highest 'intellectual standards' (???), they would not partake in such a mediocre gathering but for the fact that the ICU will receive £100 and free BOOZE will be provided for the participants.

## GAS CONVERSION

The process of conversion to natural gas will begin in the College next Monday, 28th October. On that day all College buildings to the north of Prince Consort Road will be without gas for twenty-four hours from 8 o'clock in the morning. Conversion work in all buildings south of Prince Consort Road, including Prince's Gardens, will begin two days later, on Wednesday, 30th October, when there will be no gas supply for the twenty-four hours starting at 8 a.m. (Evelyn Gardens, Queensberry Place and Hamlet Gardens will not form part of the present conversion programme). Once the conversion process has started, it is anticipated that it will probably take about seven days to restore full service to all areas of the College.

### Access.

On Monday and Wednesday, the Gas Board will require access from 8 a.m. to all areas included in the conversion programme, including certain of the Halls of Residence. Anyone who is likely to be away from the College should arrange for their key to be available from their Departmental Superintendent or, in the case of private accommodation, from the Domestic Bursar.

There will be only coffee and sandwiches available in the Union Lower Refectory on Monday.

Whilst it is certain that there will be meals available in College Block and Southside on Wednesday, it is uncertain whether they will be hot.

# THE INFLUENTIAL SOCIETY

Our society is a melting-pot of influences. Some good. And some bad.

Many graduates are concerned enough about society to realise that some of its most acute conflicts occur in the treatment of offenders. And as a result they join the Probation & After-Care Service. As probation officers, their job is to enquire into the background of those who have got into trouble with society and to work across the boundaries of the problems that present themselves. The range of social work and the element of personal involvement is

considerable and the rewards in human terms are great indeed for the right sort of person. How do you start? Normally through sponsorship as a trainee probation officer on a course of professional training recognised by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work and leading to the Council's Certificate of Qualification in Social Work. Courses last between one and two years depending on your degree subjects. Graduate trainees are paid at present a salary of at least £1416. This rises after training to £1926 and then can rise to £3390 and

above by promotion. The highest grades earn up to £7000. Threshold agreements operate. Probation officers working in the London area receive additional remuneration.

For more information about the Probation & After-Care Service as a career please send your name and address on a postcard to the Home Office, Probation and After-Care Department (F1/22) Room 446, Romney House, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DY or get in touch with your local Chief Probation Officer whose address and telephone number are in the telephone book.

## Probation & After-Care Service



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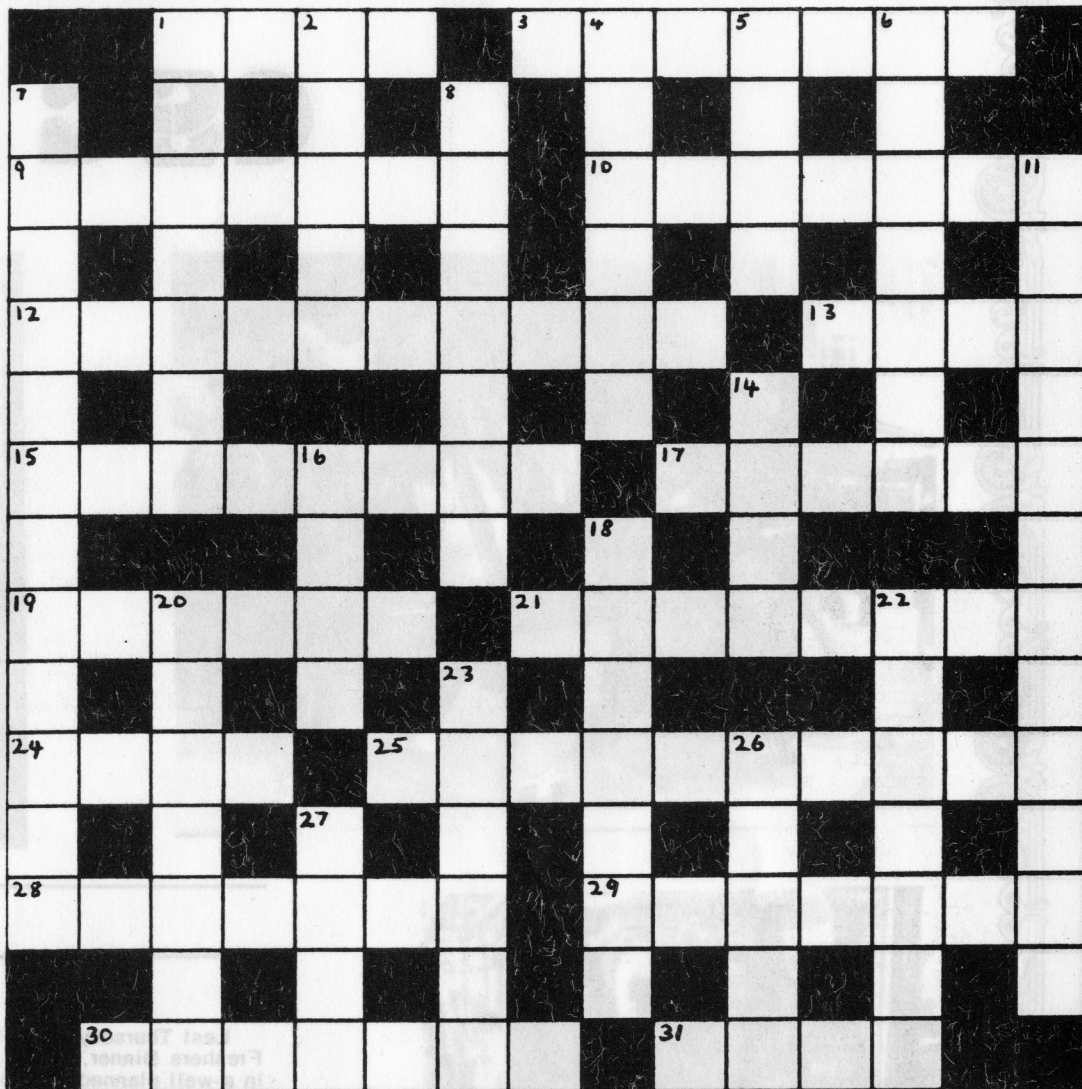
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**ACROSS**

1. Thick string emerges from mutilated pore. (4)
3. Think like Stanley about addition in endless pew.(7)
9. The French in ruined ruins are isolated. (7)
10. Giants show zero loss in backward college. (7)
12. Buried fish ran fast in the final. (10)
13. VIP's come back to see the racketeer. (4)
15. On the other hand, it could be trick poetry! (8)
17. S—see in barrel: cereal maker! (6)
19. River fish incorporates river in ditch. (6)
21. Whole large tin is reversed with just a small change.(8)
24. Work produced by spinning soup. (4)
25. Praise the return of an album in criticism. (10)
28. A bridge for a mascot? (7)
29. No one tale could reverse such joy. (7)
30. He made the heavens less so? (7)
31. S.African mountain (of ice?). (4)

**DOWN**

1. Foreigner is a Scot behind Conway. (7)
2. One-fifty in the pot will get an airman. (5)
4. Adjournment about Church of England vessel. (6)
5. Last change for the old sailor. (4)
6. Laps backwards after I to southern flat-mate. (7)
7. Faults sites after Sid returns. (12)
8. Limb support is east from flapping streamer. (7)
11. G.I. is before the French in asking for supervising. (12)
14. Beheaded there and now in close proximity. (4)
16. Topped peach — one for everyone. (4)
18. Land and sneeze to complete the vicious character! (7)
20. Teach cat in directions of the French. (7)
22. Leer back in top of garage, spinning. (7)
23. Company sure changes direction—sounds rough.(6)
26. I speed and become angry. (5)
27. Intends finishing and indeed finishes. (4)



£1 Prize to the first correct solution

received by Internal Mail at the FELIX Office

**THE RAG MAGS ARE COMING!**

This year's Rag Mags will go on sale on Monday 28th October.

Price Still Only 15p.

Get It From Your V.P.!!

FELIX NEEDS

**YOU!**

FELIX needs volunteers to help with 'pasting up' and collating on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings respectively.

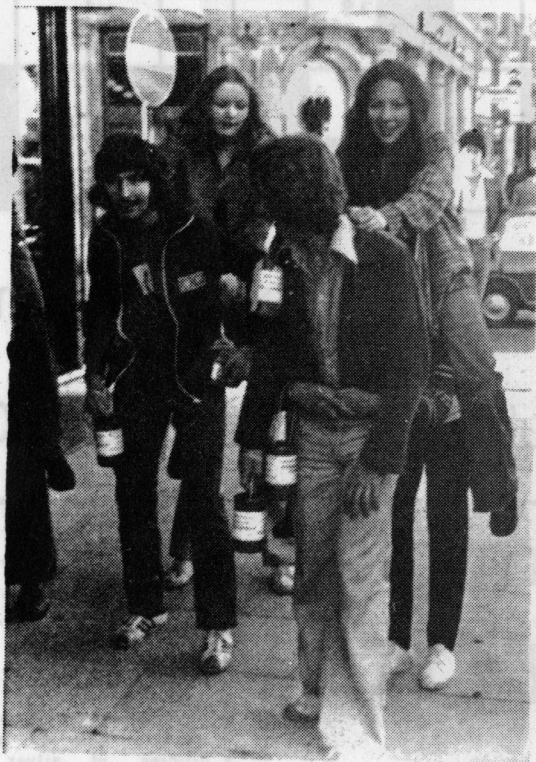
JEWELLERY SOC?

Anyone interested in making or learning how to make small articles of silver jewellery, please contact Lindsay Maxwell through the Mech. Eng. letter rack.



# THEFTA STOLEN

## C&G SILLY SPORTS DAY



Paul Ekpenyong

Last Thursday at the Maths Freshers Dinner, the C & GU in a well planned split second raid, made off with the RCS mascot Theta while sherry was in progress. The first sign that there was anything fishy afoot was when Dave Barnes, the Guilds V.P. entered wearing an orange anti vomit kit of cagoule, overtrousers and an umbrella.

A few minutes later one of the wine waiters rushed in and said to Pete Teague the RCSU President in hushed whispers that Theta was missing. (I happened to be only about a metre away from them at the time). Mr. Teague's reaction was to dash out immediately into the kitchen area obviously in pursuit of the souvenir hunters of C & GU.

After this, things proceeded in a rather, sombre mood with the Theta bearer being sent out to retrieve the mascot.

The Kangala was sung without Theta with Dave Barnes unable to keep a self satisfied smile from his face.

The theft was accomplished in the following way. Dave Barnes enters the ante-room in blazing colour with four other Guilds reprobates who were there to keep tabs on the inside. Meanwhile, another four Guildsmen entered the kitchen from the back and two of them made off with Theta through the kitchen and up into the buttry, followed by the others about 10 yards behind. In the buttry the four went through the door by the cash register where Theta was handed on. Everyone then went through the double doors which were then roped and barred. The four then went downstairs noisily, eventually coming out through the Consort Gallery but without Theta.

Theta was rapidly whisked up to level 3 of College Block,

along the staircase that descends past Alan's bar, down to level 1 and into a car and away.

John Mortimer wrote to Jenny Jones congratulating Guilds on their Herculean feat, the first part of which runs: *'It was with great pleasure, tinted with the resplendent hue of mediocre jealousy, that I heard this evening of your commendable success in the procurement of the RCS mascot. It was, without doubt, a fine effort on behalf of your team. May I add, that I noted with particular gratification that an Old Caterhamian played such an impressive roll in this masterpiece of inter-collegiate strategy.'*

Since then there has been an attempt to get Theta back albeit an unsuccessful one. Also several RCS morons ransacked the C & GU office on Friday 18th October, 1974. In the evening. They stole

four shields from the wall, the Morphy Oar and damaged some of the Lord Mayor's Show gear. This was a senseless act of violence especially as the shields that were taken are inviolate articles.

The Guilds Union are receiving the old treasure hunt trick for getting back Theta. Unfortunately the first clue is being delayed until the stolen shields are returned and damage paid for.

The C & GU had a silly sports day on Saturday and collected £183.92½. Jenny also tells me that Bo went for a run round Hyde Park last Wednesday morning and she fired first time. It was also the occasion of the first presidential trip in Bo. There is to be a party for Bow on the 1st November, 1974. The Friday before the Brighton run at which Bo will be unofficially appearing.





# NUS MOTIONS

IC is presenting these motions to the NUS Conference at the end of November.

## Policy Heading Northern Ireland.

Motion tabled by Imperial College, London.

### Conference notes...

- 1) The continuation of the bi-partisan policy by the Labour Government
- 2) The intention of the government to strengthen the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Ulster Defence Regiment.
- 3) The publication of the recent report on the economy of Northern Ireland.
- 4) The recent allegations that the army command in Northern Ireland defied government orders, in particular during the Ulster Workers Council 'strike'.
- 5) That internment continues in Northern Ireland and in particular that N.U.S. members continue to be interned.
- 6) The attempts of Powell, the Monday Club and the National Front to use Northern Ireland as a political base from which to extend their influence.

### Conference believes...

1. That the Labour Government should break with the Tory policy of seeking a military solution to the problems of Northern Ireland, and instead seek a political one.
2. That the decision to strengthen the R.U.C. and U.D.R. is a capitulation to the right wing in Ulster who are trying to bring back the B Specials under another name.
3. That the report on the economy of Northern Ireland highlights the root cause of the problems of Northern Ireland, namely the domination of the economy by foreign imperialism, in particular, British imperialism; that the sectarian divisions are maintained in Northern Ireland by imperialism in order to continue its domination of Ireland, and Northern Ireland in particular.

### Conference calls for a political solution to include the following...

- 1/ The release of all internees.
- 2/ The repeal of all legislation that represses the democratic rights of the people of Northern Ireland, e.g. the Emergency Powers Act.
- 3/ The passing of a Bill of Rights, as demanded by the conference of the British T.U.C. in 1971, to guarantee democratic freedoms and an end to all discrimination in housing, employment, etc.
- 4/ The withdrawal of British troops to barracks pending their complete withdrawal from Northern Ireland.
- 5/ The creation of a non-sectarian police force to replace the RUC.

Conference recognises that these initial steps are the only way to create a situation in which the basic problems of Ireland can be solved and therefore calls for maximum support to be given to those organisations such as NICRA, which aim to unite Catholic and Protestant workers against the repression of British imperialism and for the above policies.

### Instructions.

To Exec. & COs. To work for maximum support for organisations campaigning for some or all of the above policies.

To organise more visits by students from Britain to Northern Ireland and V.V. in order to increase student awareness of the real problems of Northern Ireland and their solutions.

## Policy Heading Teaching Methods.

Motion tabled by Imperial College, London.

### Conference notes:

1. That the education of students in C.O.'s is of vital concern nationally.
2. That the quality of teaching in post-school education leaves much to be desired.

### Conference believes:

1. That lecturers require a significant period of training in:
  - a) delivery of lectures.
  - b) management of tutorials.
  - c) audio-visual aids.
  - d) curriculum development.
  - e) assessment and examinations.

### Instructions.

Exec. To undertake a review of and publish a report on this question.

## Policy Heading Entertainments

Motion tabled by Imperial College, London

### Conference notes:

- 1 The amount of money spent on entertainments by CO's annually and the annual increase of that amount.
- 2 The importance of entertainments in students' unions (per se).
- 3 The percentage of the music market that students' unions constitute.
- 4 The level of prices that are being asked for bands and the fact that this level prohibits many small colleges from holding entertainments events.
- 5 The vast differences in prices charged for the same band at different venues.
- 6 The excessive profits made out of SU's by commercial agencies.
- 7 The irregularity of contracts with their various riders and clauses, and the liability to which many SU's thereby expose themselves.
- 8 The 'variety of tactics' used by commercial agents to ensure business and subsequent moral dilemma in which social secretaries find themselves!
- 9 The transience of social secretaries and the permanence of the commercial agents which gives them greater 'expertise'; the disadvantage at which SU's are thereby placed.
- 10 The history of the NUS brokerage.
- 11 The potential of solidarity within the student movement as the key to the solution of these problems.

### Conference objectives:

- 1 Fairer and rational price system.
- 2 A reliable service for entertainments.
- 3 A greater degree of access for small venues.
- 4 A standardised contract in which SU's can have confidence.

### Conference instructs:

To elect a working party of seven members — 4 from the floor of conference; 2 from NUS Executive; 1 from the board of the holding company for NUS Services.



**Working Party**

1. To investigate all the aspects of musical and related entertainments within CO's and the feasibility of — both economically and politically — of establishing a NUS Entertainments Agency as an extension of NUS services.
2. To appoint their own chairperson, secretary, etc., from within their own number.
3. To co-opt, in an advisory capacity, anyone who can assist them in their investigation.
4. To prepare a full report, together with recommendations and minority opinions, to the next Margate Conference in 1975.

**All CO's**

To co-operate fully with the working party in every aspect of their work.

**Exec.**

To make financial provision for the working party.

**Policy Heading Finance of Education.**

**Motion tabled by Imperial College, London.**

**Conference notes....**

- 1) The Government announcement on Grants of 14th May, and the increase in the main rate to £605 and to £665 in London.
- 2) That the basic structure of the grants system was left unaltered, notably as regards
  - (a) discretionary awards
  - (b) the parental means test
  - (c) discrimination against married women
  - (d) the non-recognition of the cash grant demand for colleges of education.
- 3) That the grant award will be swiftly eroded by inflation, especially as college administrations attempt to place canteens and halls of residence on self-balancing accounts.
- 4) The rising fees for overseas students.
- 5) The introduction of spouses contribution.

**Cutbacks.**

1. That the last Labour Government did nothing to reverse the £200mn. cuts from the education budget by their Tory predecessors.
2. That the drastic reduction of education finance reverses the proposals advanced within the Robbins Report.
3. That by 1981 the number of students in teacher training will be slashed by half.
4. That the present series of mergers are being conditioned by education cuts, and that a high reduction in the building programme is accompanying the decrease in total intake.
5. That there will be a significant decrease in staff numbers and the quality of education if these cutbacks are implemented.

**Conference recognises...**

- 1/ That the Grants Campaign can no longer be separated from the whole question of educational financing, because the Grants increase is being offset by cutbacks on expansion, and on existing educational provision
- 2/ That education cuts are a direct response to the economic crisis and represent an attempt to provide a limited education on the cheap. Conference further recognises that the real burden is placed upon present staff and students who will suffer both economically and in terms of their educational aspirations, and upon those already deprived of opportunity — i.e. working class children, women, black people, and those who could benefit from adult education.
- 3/ That there is a real basis for unity amongst students, campus workers and academic staff — thus bring in their respective trade unions.

**Conference resolves....**

To combine the campaign for a fair grants system and against education cutbacks, as part of the N.U.S. fight for increased educational opportunity and availability.

**Conference instructs...**

**Exec.**

1. To pursue the demands of the Grants Campaign as previously defined, with the addition of abolition of spouses contribution.

**& COs.**

2. To encourage direct action in pursuance of a fair grants system and against economisation policy whenever it is possible and at all levels possible.

**COs.**

3. To fight cutbacks and mergers whenever they occur and are not in the interests of the membership.

**Exec. & Cos**

4. To oppose the disgusting discrimination against overseas students.
5. To campaign to force the Government to maintain the rent freeze, and extend it to cover all rented accommodation.
6. To call national action whenever opportune to press for N.U.S. demands.
7. To co-operate with teaching unions and the trade union movement to fight against cutbacks and the government education policy.

**Policy Heading Housing**

**Motion tabled by Imperial College, London.**

**Conference notes:**

- 1) The continuing shortage of housing for all sections of the population.
- 2) The massive inflation in land prices, mortgage interest rates which have been passed on in increased rents.
- 3) The Labour Governments proposed new Rent Act which actively discriminates against student tenants because of the reduction in rent rebates to student tenants of £4.
- 4) That there is little Local Authority housing suitable for single people.
- 5) The acute housing problems faced by student tenants who are parents, many of whom are refused places on Local Authority housing lists.
- 6) That students in college-owned accommodation are usually licencees and not tenants.
- 7) That the U.G.C. shows signs of paying for some deficits on housing accounts.
- 8) The dangerous anti-democratic proposals for a 'criminal trespass law' and its effects, particularly on squatting and occupations, sit-ins and picketing.

**Policy.**

- 1) That there will be no solution to the general housing problem until land and building are nationalised and the resources used for the benefit of society rather than speculators.
- 2) That students should be recognised as a part of the community in which they live and Local Authorities should provide a range of accommodation appropriate to local demand.
- 3) College-owned accommodation should be subject to the same rent control as other accommodation.
- 4) Colleges should provide emergency housing as a welfare service.
- 5) That either licensee status should be abolished or the rents charged under such agreements should be considerably less than that paid by a tenant with full rights.
- 6) That discrimination in the new Rent Act be abolished, particularly with regard to rent rebates.
- 7) That where landlords intend to withdraw their property from the accommodation market and where this could mean large scale evictions, local authorities should purchase such accommodation by compulsion.
- 8) The major long term priority for students with regard to housing must be to obtain college owned accommodation for all students.

**Instructions.**

**To whom N.U.S. Exec.**

**What-**

To circulate briefing material about housing, legal rights, rent rebates and licensee status to all CO's.

**Areas & CCs**

- 1) To pressurise Local Authorities to provide long and short term accommodation suitable for young people.
- 2) To join local campaigns against any new office building or site or land wastage.

**COs**

To campaign for emergency provisions to be made available by college authorities.

**NUS.Exec. COs and Areas.**

To campaign for an end to self-balancing housing accounts.



# A COLD CLEAN UP

## S. KIMMINS

Last Saturday, thirty RCS males, females and others, collected £223.50 in three hours. Fantastic! Needless to say, this was somewhat above our expectations, and it was not due to some spectacular stunt! The rag collection had as its theme, the cleaning up of Oxford Street. In fact, it ended up as the Gumbies annual outing, as we bravely rolled our trouser legs up above the knees in weather when even brass monkeys insulate themselves.

After descending 'en masse' upon unsuspecting people in Hyde Park, we continued relieving shoppers of their excess change along Oxford Street, until we reached Selfridges. Whilst there, the gallant band polished taxis, buses and bus shelters, and received even more money from sympathetic shoppers. We also stationed ourselves strategically at the doors of Selfridges. Everything was running smoothly. Even the men in blue left us alone.



Nevertheless, even us from RCS could not stand the cold air on the exposed parts of our anatomy indefinitely so we left for home. Some of us actually used our brains (in our spare time!) and went to other crowded locations such as Trafalgar Square.

## Stanley --- "A STUDENT OF TODAY" --- CREATED BY RON APPLEBY

WE JOIN FRESHER STANLEY THIS WEEK AT HIS FIRST LECTURE... A MATHS ONE

AND SUCH USE OF GAUSSIAN STATISTICS IS VITAL IN THE SOLN... BLAH... BLAH

VITAL STATISTICS  
HMM... I'D SAY  
36-24-36

ED'S NOTE  
GETTING FRESHER ALL THE TIME

IN THE LUNCHTIME STAN VISITS HIS FIRST C.C.U. UNION MEETING...

KANGELA ARMADILLO.. ETC!

FUNNY LOT THESE STUDENTS

AND IN THE EVENING HE ATTENDS HIS FIRST FRESHER'S DINNER...

AND SO FRIENDS AS MY SPEECH DRAWS TO A CLOSE, MAY I... BLAH

BOOMERANGA... GOT IT AT LAST

MORE ENTERTAINMENT AWAITS STANLEY AT HIS FIRST I.C.U. GENERAL MEETING...

AND AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN MY LAST PRECI-PISS, I THINK FELIX SHOULD \*\* \$&!!\$\*; ETC...

AND I SAY \*\*! \$!\$&?!!\* ETC

THE WEEKEND SEES OUR HERO ON A RAG COLLECTION IN OXFORD STREET...

GULP!

SERVES HIM RIGHT FOR HAVING HIS MOUTH OPEN

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STAN IS TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH SPORT TO INDULGE IN...

RUGBY SOC. SOCCER SOC. KARATE SOC. YOGA SOC. STRETCH SOC.

ER- EXCUSE ME MATE, DO YOU KNOW WHERE EMPIRICAL COLLEGE HAS GONE? IT WAS HERE LAST YEAR!



# SWIMMING & WATER POLO

## paul hindle

With a hired van and a battered Morris 1000, eight sturdy members of the Swimming club set off in the early hours of Saturday 15th June, for the depths of deepest Dorset to do battle against four of the local Water Polo teams.

Sunday, the day of our 1st match, greeted us with glorious sunshine, however the water in the open air Seawater Pool at Lymington was not quite so welcoming. We managed a 5-4 victory thanks to stirring work in defence by Jim Williams who saved us from certain defeat.

Monday arrived in a similar manner, only this time we had the whole day to train and practice before the evening's match against Bridport at Westbay. We arrived in Westbay to find the pitch marked out in the local river. What had we let ourselves in for? It was the coldest open sewer we have ever swum in but in spite of the hardships we won 10-3. The best goal being a rare Bluebottle Flip in the 3rd quarter.

Wednesday was to be the hardest day of the tour with

two matches. The first against the Young Officers of Bovington Camp. In spite of the referees initial belief that we had not played before, we came out as 14-0 victors. The squad was at last playing as a team and found the ill-organised army team easy prey.

As expected the last match proved to be the hardest of the tour. The experienced team of Taunton S.C. fell to our much superior teamwork to the tune of 13-2.

After a well earned rest on Thursday, the team of Paul Hindle, Andy Smith, Paul Taylor, Mike McCartney, Mark Taylor, Jim Williams, Cliff Spooner and Colin Henson headed back to London well pleased with the victories and the highly enjoyable spirit in which the whole tour was conducted. Special thanks must go to Dimitri Ilic and Brian Dear without whom the tour could not have happened.

We still need male swimmers to supplement our three successful teams. So whether you've played water polo before or not, come and try it any Monday or Friday from 7p.m. till 9p.m.



IMPERIAL COLLEGE R.F.C.

# \*\*\*\*\* \* GRAND BONFIRE \* \*\*\*\*\*

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Price 90p double, 50p single inc. of coaches and food.  
Coaches leave Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Rd.,  
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## LOST

On Friday 11th October.

A Chaps Club pewter pot  
(CANNING).

Should anyone know of this pot's whereabouts please get in touch with the Union Bar. A reward of £5 is being offered for the safe return of this priceless (as all old pots are) pot.

The pot may be returned directly to Beit Hall security, no questions asked.

## AN APOLOGY

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologise to the Royal School of Mines Union for any inaccuracies in my article on the tiddly-winks race in the issue of FELIX dated Friday 11th October, 1974.

Paul Ekpenyong,  
Features Editor.

# EVENTS CONCERTS



SAT 26th **OSIBISA**  
90p i.c. 1.00adv 1.10 door

SAT 2nd **AL STEWART**  
80p i.c. 90p adv 1.00 door

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## FILMS

THURS 31 **prime cut** **straw dogs**  
THURS 7 **zabriski point** **play it again sam**  
THURS 14 **tora! tora!** **fairport convention**

**ALL FILMS SHOWN IN MECH. ENG. 220 AT 6-30pm**



# FELIX SPORT

## IC CLEAN SWEEP

Bruce Bradley

IC travelled to Kings on Saturday determined to wipe away any memories of their dastardly defeat at LSE on the previous Wednesday. IC elected to play against a strong wind and a slight slope and although IC were not playing badly, it proved a difficult matter to sustain a position in the Kings half. A late tackle by Austin brought the first score of the half with Kings going ahead with an easy penalty from in front of the posts.

The first half continued to be a very tight forward battle with IC coming out on top, the outstanding forwards being Lipscombe and Cresswell. IC equalised from a Finney penalty and completed the half with the score at 3 points all.

The second half started disastrously for IC when Kings scored what can only be described as a fortunate try after they had knocked on and then failed to ground the ball properly. Undaunted IC soldiered on and although the wind had dropped considerably managed to put the Kings line under almost constant pressure.

The pressure was bound to tell and Hughes, who had bulled the Kings back row into a false sense of security by consistently passing to his centres, unleashed an unstoppable jinking run, beating at least six men before going over by the posts. Finney duly converted. Ten minutes later from an almost identical position, Hughes executed an

equally brilliant run, once again scoring near the posts. Finney again obliging with the conversion.

Kings were well beaten by this time and IC rubbed in their superiority with an unconverted Cotter try and a Hughes penalty, giving a final score of 22-7 in favour of IC.

*Team: B. Finney, D. Shakesheff, R. Stern, D. Henton, A. Williams, R. Hughes, M. Cotter, B. Bradley, R. Austin, D. Hart, K. Lipscombe, S. Booth, R. Cresswell, M. Sergot J. Smith.*

Due to the conditions of the pitch, a converted try by IC Extra 1st's was the only score in this 6-0 victory over Mill Hill Gremlins. I'm sure that those who played, feel that the result doesn't reflect the way in which we beat the opposition.

*Team: D. Turner, C. Whiteley, M. Gibson, J. Gilbert, M. Ranson, D. Forbes, D. Osbourne, A. Whiteside, I. Shepherd, C. Wrigley, R. Rice, P. Jeffs, S. Chudy, M. Kilbride, I. White.*

Last Saturday marked the beginning of the Rugby season for the 'A' XV. After last week's disappointment, where the opposition didn't turn up, the 'A's were raring to go. But when our opposition (Kings College) hadn't arrived by kick off time (3.00p.m.) everyone thought we were in for a repeat performance. 'Don't panic!' came the cry from Alvin Davies and as sure as Wales would beat Tonga, Kings arrived, only 25 minutes late.

Much to our approval we played a shortened match and had the distinct disadvantage of playing with a certain, nameless, scrum-half. The first half was a rather, in fact, an extremely scrappy period, where our forwards, due to the lack of decent opposition, started to fight against each other for something to do. However, we did score a try, a fine individual effort from John Swift. They replied with a try just short of half time to level the scores at 4-4

The second half saw a great change in the style of play from IC and, accordingly, we took the game by the scruff of the neck and Kings weren't really in it. The scrum half, having settled down, produced a piece of a Gareth Edwards magic, and

our winger, Jon Pitcher went over in the corner. Shortly afterwards, Ned the Yank made a good break down the right and slipped a perfectly timed pass to Gwyn Davies, who was up in support, and despite running on only one good leg, he ran round his winger and scored our third and final try, making the final score 12-4 in our favour.

This was a good all round performance from this world renowned Rugby team and the side shows definite promise for future weeks, when, no doubt, many more sides will be on the receiving end of the International XV.

*Team: Alvin Davies; Jon Pitcher, Sven Hindmarch, Ned the Yank, Gwyn Davies, Hugh Sayers, Me; Ian Eleanor, Steve Hoyle, Neil Hicking, Steve Aspden, Chris Cuthbertson; John Swift, Rich Sutton Ian Marwood.*

At last the inevitable has happened – the Hockey team has won its first match of the season. Having travelled out to the wilds of Essex, IC took the field in a confident mood. IC soon took the lead from a penalty corner. The first shot was blocked but John (Yes, he's still here) Andrews was on hand to scoop the ball over

the line. A second goal soon followed. This time Bob Middleton was on the right spot to add the final touch to a well worked long corner routine. Against the run of play QMC pulled one goal back following a defensive lapse. In the second half, QMC applied more pressure but the best moves still came in breakaways from IC. Although the hockey they produced was not as good as that in the first two matches, IC thoroughly deserved their 2-1 victory, which was more comfortable than the scoreline suggests.

*Team: R. Hutson; J. Marshall, R. Cameron (Capt.); T. Clarke, K. Arrowsmith, M. Vieyra; D. Lord, T. Tutu, R. Middleton, J. Andrews, C. Dyer, Ump: T. Hanson.*

embarrassing moments in glorious technicolour are in store!).

Thanks to Nigel Harrison for venturing into the inevitable job of umpiring on his own.

Oh, yes! About those 'open goals' folks.....Er..... S-O-R-R-Y.

A start to the mixed season that couldn't have been bettered. Westfield provided us with a very enjoyable and good humoured match (and a win!!). Congratulations to all concerned particularly those making their debut.

*Injuries: IC 0 - Westfield 4*

*Team: Tim Hanson, Shirley Fairweather, Richard Cameron, Jane Purvis, Chris Hodge, Andy Hall, Andy Brewster, Diana Mounsey, Dave Balderson Janet Coxage, Viv Hughes.*

## HOCKEY

I'm sure there is a budding rhyme between Hug and jug, but being rushed I'm afraid you'll be deprived of my poetic talent. This must go down as the match of 'The Jug That Got Away'. On a multitude of occasions, Mrs. Hug, our dazzling left winger, put the smell of beer into our nostrils (after first scoring two goals, which incidentally pushes her into the lead as season's top scorer). On this form (C.F. note!) who can stop her?

A goal down early on, our fearless and eager squad fought back to make it 1-1 at half time. A goal from Andy 'Chopper' Brewster, who decided that it was too much effort to try and ruin the woodwork a second time.

Half-time, Mrs. Hug struck and it was 3-1! All over? Hardly. An Andy Hall rocket

made it 4-1 and then in between repeated attempts at this elusive jug (Moan, moan), Westfield scored twice. The final goal, a square-cut into the net by goalie for the day .....Tim Hanson (??) whose accomplice (one of our two spectators!!) was insistent on adding to the beer kitty (always a good club man Tim). Our second spectator, obviously with a great knowledge of IC's attractive play, brought along his camera! (I think a few