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SENNET UNDER

100,000 READERSHIP

'LUDICROUS'

DEPOSIT

SHARKS

HOW MANY students have been taken for a 'ride' when renting a room or sharing in a large flat already occupied by seemingly reasonable people?

Advertising, or the card outside a stationers, offering a room at a very reasonable rent, brings many students in dire necessity of finding accommodation. The request for one month's rent in advance and a deposit of not less than one month's rent is usually required and is accepted in view of the room and facilities and seems more than fair.

After a few weeks niggling incidents occur and in many cases major harassment which either drives the student out or a direct notice to quit is issued.

Then comes the crunch, try to get the deposit back. These sharks know that very few students can take expensive legal action and after a long correspondence the matter is dropped and the people letting can start all over again, if they have not already done so.

Two cases are quoted below which happened recently to me and if it in some small measure ensures that others will not fall into the sharks' trap, then some good will come of it.

Advertised on a board near Gloucester Road Tube station a flat for £10.00 a week. Having phoned I was offered the place there and then, sharing with an unmarried couple. A returnable deposit of £20.00 was asked for and paid, together with one month's rent in advance. Less than a month later I was kept awake all night by a drunken row going on in the lounge (next to my room) and although this was extremely unpleasant I decided to overlook it this once. However, a few weeks later there was an amazingly violent altercation -

beating up, glasses and furniture being smashed; if murder had taken place it would not have been surprising. Next day I moved out and resided with a friend.

Numerous letters were sent requesting the return of the £20.00 deposit, this they then referred to as 'key money' and this I am given to understand is illegal. In any case they held one week's money for which I received nothing. I asked a 'Local Advice Centre' to write on my behalf and he agreed that their action constituted harassment. Not one answer to any letter whether registered or not and even a threat of a summons failed to elicit a reply. Goodbye £20.00.

In December I replied to an advertisement in the 'Times' a bedsitter in SW7. Once more it was offered on the spot. A £36.00 deposit and £36.00 month's rent in advance was requested and paid. Two days

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PRESSURE

'SENNET IS substantially diverting advertising revenue from most of the London Student Newspapers by claiming the ludicrously high figure of 100,000 as its readership'.

That was the message that came over loud and clear from the third meeting of the London Student Newspaper Executives held at Imperial College last Saturday. Nearly all the representatives at the meeting told of how the vast majority of the Sennets arriving at their Unions are never read.

Some quoted instances where Sennet had been asked to send fewer copies but the request had been ignored. The consequent suggestion was that Sennet might be trying to preserve its circulation claim.

Replying to that particular criticism, Jeremy Clift, the Executive Editor of Sennet stated that this was purely a misunderstanding based on a lack of liaison. On the point of the circulation figure, he stated that 40,000 copies of Sennet were printed each week and that it is estimated that an average of 2.5 people read each copy. The figure of 2.5 is used by national newspapers to

estimate their circulation.

Further discussion on advertising brought forth from Sennet's assistant advertising manager remarks such as 'you're being too honest' and 'you are approaching advertising too fairly and squarely'. This did not appear to go down very well with the rest of the meeting, several of whom fall under a mandate from their union and act on their union's behalf.

The meeting, which lasted about five hours also criticised the NUS Press Office for the seemingly abysmal service that it gives. Francis Beckett, the NUS Press Officer, explained to the meeting the difficulties and problems associated with running the press office. It appears that one of the biggest problems is the inflexibility of the NUS administration when it comes to sending out press releases at short notice. Mr. Beckett outlined some ideas which he intends to propose to NUS which, in his view, would improve the Press Service.

The final item on the agenda was the idea of an advertising agency which could be run by students on behalf of the London student newspapers. The idea has been through a successful pilot scheme for handbooks and the natural extension is that it could work for newspapers. It was felt that such an agency might prove to be the solution to the Sennet problem.

FELIX wishes to point out that it in no way intended to prejudice the second reading of the proposed constitutional change that the PG Affairs Officer should be a member of the Union Executive. We therefore wish to clarify the following points: Firstly all constitutional changes require to be passed by two UGMs. These two UGMs must be held more than 28 and less than 40 college days apart. Thus for the PGO to join the Exec. requires the motion to be passed at a second UGM.

Secondly, whilst the gathering at the meeting did not constitute a quorum, the meeting was quorate until the quorum was challenged.

The actual motion has been proposed by the PGO himself on a mandate from the PG group in IC.

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

AT THE time of going to press, a decision has not yet been reached by the Executive as to which line they are going to pursue at next Monday's Council concerning the future of the FELIX sabbatical. The matter has to rest ultimately with Council since it is responsible for and has overall control of the Union's finances. The need for a fourth sabbatical has yet to be justified to Council. The President has outlined the need for a fourth sabbatical to me personally but I am unable to say that I was overwhelmingly convinced. I am also very grateful to the Executive for allowing me to sit and discuss the matter with them. But the most disturbing aspect of this whole affair as far as I can see is that whilst there has been much discussion on the possibility of a

non-sabbatical FELIX Editor, there has been very little discussion on the possibility of non-sabbatical Junior Treasurer.

My own view on the subject remains adamant: Without a sabbatical Editor, even a fortnightly FELIX will be impossible and vacation issues for PG's will be non-starters. So as a means of communication, FELIX will be of no use and there are many technical points which support this view.

Do you want a weekly FELIX, a communications facility? Or do you want a dead Cat? The choice is Council's.

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The reason for FELIX being only six pages long this week is due, in part, to

the fact that Catherine, our very hard working varitypist, was away sick on Monday, which is the most important varityping day. The varityper itself has not been behaving as well as it should this week either. The decision to make it a six-page issue was taken on Monday and we have stuck to it rather than take the risk of re-designing the issue and finding ourselves pushed for time (rather more than usual on Thursday).

Also, due to the limited space available, it was decided to defer John Randall's letter until next week. Is that OK, Vaughn Phillips?

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The winner of the Prize Crossword last week is Andrew Walker of Physics 2.

LETTERS

N.F. Speaks

Dept. of Zoology,
19th Jan., 1975.

Dear Sir,

As a black 'lefty', Trev Phillips is, no doubt quite impartial about the National Front, but in his latest outburst (FELIX No. 374, 'Preci-Pice') he has shown both an apparent ignorance of the aims and ideas of the N.F. and, also, the basically totalitarian attitude of all 'lefties' to opinions which they do not happen to share.

The National Front has always believed that British (i.e. 'white') people should be put first in what is, after all, their own country, and that the appointment of foreign immigrants, such as 'Lord' David Pitt, chairman of the G.L.C., to positions of power over British people is fundamentally wrong, and, therefore, anyone voting for the N.F. has always been voting for a 100% British 'establishment', so, in that sense, the N.F. is, and always has been, '100% racist' - but the African and Indian nationalist movements, which Trev Phillips presumably admires, take exactly the same attitude to foreigners in their countries: we the National Front are simply a British nationalist movement. Despite the opinions of our President, there is nothing new or 'presumably' about any of this, it is common knowledge to anyone who has bothered to read any N.F. bumph, as opposed to reading what people say about the N.F.

Mr. Phillips' comments about the 'Hitler was right' brigade

being in the ascendancy in the N.F. are utter rubbish, and show, once again, how little he knows about our party. Hitler was, in the opinion of most, if not all, N.F. members, a thoroughly evil man, as was Stalin, the only difference between them being that Nazi tyranny died in 1945, whereas Communist tyranny is still very much around. Far from the N.F. being Nazi, the wife of our chairman, Mr. John Kingsley Read, lived in Nazi-occupied Europe and suffered considerably at the hands of the Germans; Mr. Read himself was awarded a medal for services rendered to the Polish people during the last war, and the N.F. today has many Jewish members (just as we have many Methodists, C of E, Roman Catholics and agnostic members). We do not admit black people to our Party because we believe that, if a black person really believed in our policies, he or she would see that the best thing they could do to help Britain is to go back where they came from rather than hanging around depriving British people of jobs, houses, etc.

Finally, Mr. Phillips lets his real opinion of British democracy show by demanding that the N.F. be prosecuted as their policies and activities are 'unlawful' - presumably under the anti-democratic Race Relations 'Act'. The National Front is a party of democracy, and under an N.F. government anyone will be perfectly free to put forward his point of view without let or hindrance, provided only he does not use violence (or advocate the use of violence - IS, IMG, CPE (ML) etc. beware!) to gain his

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ends - we will not prosecute people who disagree with us, nor, unlike the Left, will we try to prevent our political opponents putting out bumph in IC refectories.

We in the NF are prepared to argue and defend our ideas in open and reasoned debate, for in this way, and in this way alone, we believe, does one defeat (or become converted to) ideas one does not agree with - not by locking up (or beating up) the people who hold those ideas. In conclusion, therefore, I too am 'only slightly disappointed' that Trev Phillips cannot join the National Front, for even if he were white we would not want a fascist like him in our party.

Yours faithfully,
Steve Brady, N.F.S.A. at IC

Pro Rag Mags

R.C.S.U.

20th January, 1975.

Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Imperial College Carnival Committee a decision was taken not to have a Rag Mag next year. The main arguments put forward against a Rag Mag were:

- (i) that Rag is purely for raising money and as the Rag Mag usually only just covers its costs, it is not worth having, and
- (ii) there are always several thousand left.

I feel that we ought to have a Rag Mag since it provides

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PRIZE CROSSWORD

No.9

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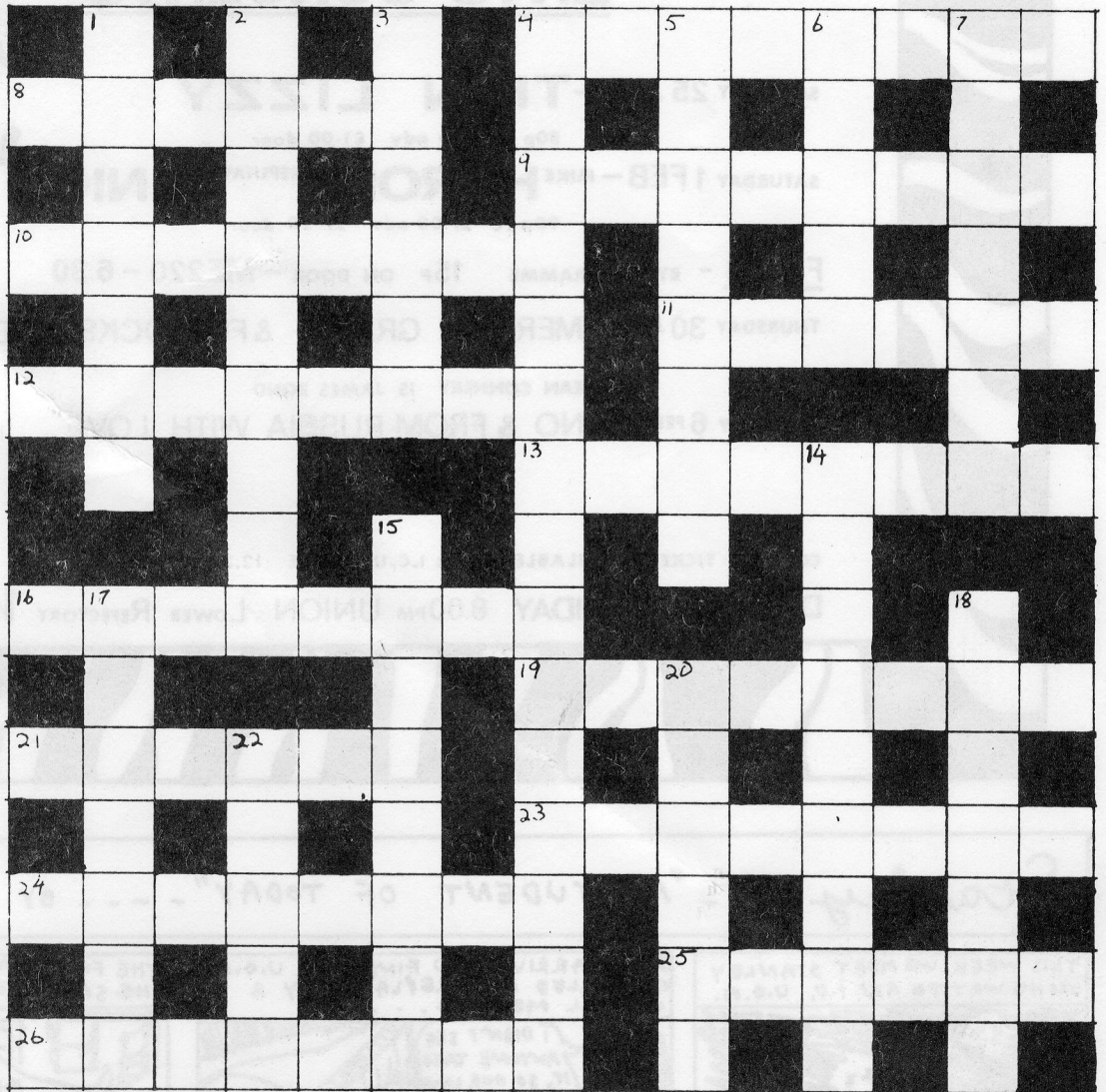
Across

4. Performed twitch after a hundred intended to teach (8)
8. Fool beast sounding for a drink (6)
9. Replied, 'We're Dan's!' - odd! (8)
10. Accursed man half dictates.. (8)
11.a notice, to judge old award (6)
12. Do turn in enemy number - it happened, of old (8)
13. Was calling, 'Thrilling!' (8)
16. Old instrument is rarely a hymn-book (8)
19. Endangers beards without a (8)
21.possible Shakesperian warrant after six (6)
23. Greets half-odd shine with colour (8)
24. Having eye disease, Gaul changes his state of consciousness (8)
25. Spiders work to attempt going round drink (backwards) (6)
26. Dire tang changes slope (8)



Down

1. It's the same without a drink together (7)
2. Of forefathers, clan stare strangely (9)
3. Bad cat on particle indeed! (6)
4. End of French aerobatics without learner - it cheats the gods! (5-7,3)
5. See Diana's colour before church - leave her behind (8)
6. A hundred backward animals hold this belief (5)
7. Excited, frenetic, losing a square pattern on the window (3-4)
14. In a mundane manner, Terry is about east, and Len around (9)
15. Author run off with animated Lady? (8)
17. One who upsets flour maker? (7)
18. Winding up treatment around sun-up (7)
20. Lie in river at once (6)
22. Odd double: no, love, it's wasted (5)



£1 Winner will be drawn from the Editor's Hat at Noon next Wednesday.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 8

The Editor's decision will be final.

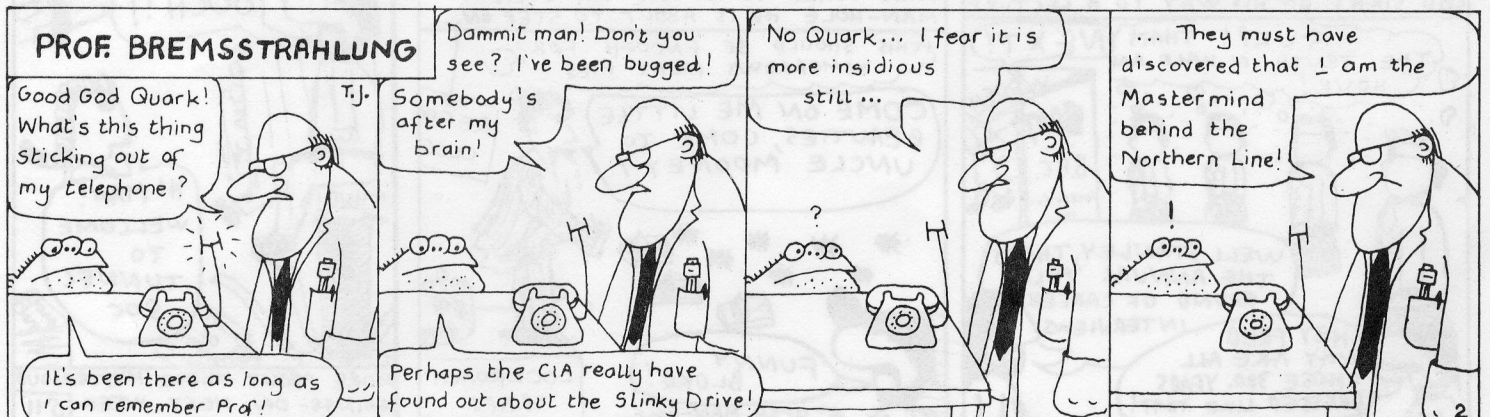
Across:

1. Crucible. 5. Plenum.
10. Sonnets. 11. Antlers. 12. Let it ride. 14. Theme. 15. Inning.
17. Nudist. 19. Cracks. 21. Sister.
24. Fated. 26. Different.
28. Avernus. 29. Invader. 31. Resist
31. Resist. 32. Peerless.

Down:

1. Castle. 2. Urn. 3. Inert
4. Listing. 6. Latitudes. 7. Niece.
8. Master. 9. Tavern. 13. Tenor.
16. Incidents. 18. Siege.
20. Sadist. 21. Suffice. 22. Affair.
23. Stores. 25. Trews. 27. Elver.
30. Dye.

For last week's winner, see this week's Editorial.



EVENTS CONCERTS



SATURDAY 25 JAN - **THIN LIZZY**

80p LC 90p adv £1.00 door -

SATURDAY 1 FEB - MIKE **HERON'S** REPUTATION & **NICO**

90p LC £1.00 adv £1.20 door

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SEAN CONNERY IS JAMES BOND

THURSDAY 6 FEB - D^E NO & FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

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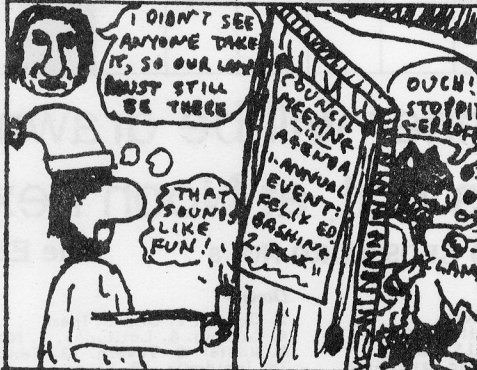
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Stanley --- "A STUDENT OF TODAY" --- BY RON APPELBY

THIS WEEK WE MEET STANLEY ON HIS WAY TO AN I.C. U.C.M.



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THE FOLLOWING DAY STAN IS ON HIS WAY TO THE SPORTS CENTRE FOR HIS WEEKLY SWIM...



NEXT MORNING STAN NOTICES AN ODD SIGHT ON HIS WAY TO A LECTURE



WHILST STROLLING THROUGH SOUTHSIDE STAN FAILS TO NOTICE AN OPEN MAN-HOLE HE IS ABOUT TO STEP ON...



OUCH!!



MORE ABOUT THESE MYSTERIOUS GOINGS-ON NEXT WEEK S11



RECORDS

Roger Wilkins

David Rose: The Special Magic of David Rose (Polydor).

AH! OF COURSE! David Rose. Who's David Rose? Well, he seems to be an ageing American arranger who has a talent for turning popular songs into the most unbearable kind of Radio 2 type slush. What he has done to Bob Dylan's 'Mr. Tambourine Man' on this LP is unspeakable, and he shows his complete lack of understanding of the song.

According to the Polydor blurb, in the late thirties, when Rose was employed by the Mutual Broadcasting organisation in the States, he was not allowed a full orchestra, but only a string section: it shows. Whilst one is vaguely aware that the rest of the orchestra is there, the strings screech their way to the surface. For a person such as myself, brought up on rock, and classical music, it is an unpleasant noise.

The most bearable tracks to listen to are the four written by Rose himself, as

you can avoid having to cringe at what is done to recognisable material.

This type of music belongs to a past generation. 'The Special Magic of David Rose' is a record to avoid.

Dad's Army (BBC)

CONSIDERING THE BBC'S current financial problem, with associated programme cutbacks, it is not surprising that they are trying to make maximum profit from their popular TV series.

So, Dad's Army went from TV to radio, and two of the radio tapes are now available on this LP. I doubt that someone who has not seen the TV version would find this record funny, as a lot of the buffooning of Captain Mainwaring's Home Guard platoon is very visual. Nevertheless, the characters are strong enough to rise a smile even in radio format; especially, of course, that mainstay of Dad's Army, Corporal ('They don't like it up 'em') Jones, alias Clive Dunn.

'Sergeant Wilson's Little Secret', the

first side, is built around a misunderstanding by Mainwaring of Sgt. Wilson's relationship with Mrs. Pike. He believes that Mrs. Pike is to have Wilson's baby (Private Pike, 'Do I have to call you 'daddy' now, Uncle Arthur') with predictable consequences. Although the main laughs come elsewhere, when the platoon demonstrates its incompetence and impotence during a talk on Mainwaring on camouflage; to be able to get a camouflage scene across on radio is an achievement indeed.

'Something nasty in the vault', creates the ludicrous situation of Capt. Mainwaring and Sgt. Wilson sitting in the bank vault beneath a hole in the manager's office floor, holding an unexploded German bomb on their laps, unable to move. The ensuing drama is again predictable, but then, the humour is not in the plot.

If you find Dad's Army boring, you will find this LP pathetic; however, the record is evidently for addicts, and if you have read this far, you had better buy it before the withdrawal symptoms start.

CONCERT

Richard Waring

Lindisfarne and Sundance.

After the usual half hour delay in starting, the support band 'Sundance' began their set with 'Meet You In My Dreams'. They were one of the better support bands starting off well and producing a fairly reasonable noise with odd patches of good guitar. But inevitably, they soon slid into a dreary repetitive sound incorporating the most monotonous drumming that did less than justice to a

very good attempt at integrated organ/guitar playing.

The main attraction of the evening, 'Lindisfarne', came on after an intermission of approximately fifteen minutes. They kicked off with a song entitled 'Stephen Wolf' from the 'Roll On Ruby' album followed by 'North Country Boy' from the same album. They then performed two songs 'You Put The Laff On Me', 'a comedy song', and 'In Your Head' both taken from their new album 'Happy Daze'.

Paul Ekpenyong

Things really warmed up after they had performed an up tempoed version of 'Lady Eleanor'. This was followed by 'Winter Song' (sung beautifully by Alan Hull), a couple of other oldies and their new single entitled 'Tonight'. Lindsay Jackson then launched into impersonations of a London bus with a cranky gear box and a Post Office motorcycle which brought the house down with laughter. From this point onwards the concert stayed in top gear (most of the audience

were on their feet clapping, singing and dancing).

They ended with a medley called 'We Can Swing Together'. After much ado, they returned for an encore lasting the one song which was 'Clear White Light'.

We talked to Lindsay Jackson after the concert, who said 'We had a really good time and I hope the audience did too'. He also went on to say that he thought the IC crowd were really great and hoped to be back soon.

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tangible evidence of the existence of Rag. The above arguments are false because Rag is a social as well as a fund-raising event and also it is perfectly possible to sell all of them. Rag is 'social' in the sense that through it a great number of people get to know each other in the first few weeks of term and it provides harmless fun for most of the first 2 terms. The main reason for large numbers of Rag Mag being unsold is unwillingness by the people at the top to take on the extra

work involved in accounting for them.

I think that the general feeling in college is that we want a Rag Mag, so please tell your VP and we will try to get this decision changed.

Yours sincerely,
M.F. Kessler,
R.C.S.U. VP,
p.p.RCSU
Carnival
Committee.



Lady Flowers
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February 6th - 5.30-7.00pm
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(An introductory discussion
on Transcendental
Meditation).

Monday 27th January
5.30p.m.
Elec. Eng. Room 606

SOCIALIST SOC MEETING

Military Involvement in
British Universities and
Colleges.

Speaker:- Zoe Fairbairns.
(Campaign for
Nuclear
Disarmament).

Tuesday, Jan. 28th, 1:00.
Senior Common Room,
Union.

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FELIX SPORT

HOCKEY

After a minor set back last week end I.C. travelled out to Goldsmiths College last Wednesday eager to regain their winning form. Our first mistake was not taking an umpire. The Goldsmiths umpire turned out to have a very individual interpretation of the rules of hockey. Straight from the bully, I.C. launched into the attack. Play remained in the Goldsmiths' half of the field almost throughout the first period. The only real point of interest was whether the umpire could disallow all the goals I.C. could score. The second half proved

to be a repeat of the first. It is rumoured that Roger Hutson almost had to touch the ball at one stage but this remains to be confirmed. The final score was a 7-0 victory with six goals disallowed. The goalscorers were Trevor Tutu (4), Dave Lord, Ian McLean, Jeh Bashar. Team— Roger Hutson; Jim Marshal, Graham Popple, Chris Hodge, Keith Arrowsmith, Tim Hanson (capt); Dave Lord, John Andrews, Trevor Tutu, Ian McLean, Jeh Bashar. P.S. Watch out, Tim. There's a thief about!

CROSS COUNTRY

Following the great success in the U.L. champs at the end of last season (for none readers of Sennet I.C. 1st Team came second, medals all round!) the club pulled its collective finger even further out in the League match last Wednesday at Shooters Hill. Rob Allimon again first home for the first team in 8th place followed by Tony Weir, Steve Webb, Alf Garnett and Dave Webster in 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th places (they couldn't bear to be separated) to complete the scoring team giving the first team first position in that match and third in the League overall! But better and better, not only did the super second team win the second division giving them the top of the table position,

but the magnificent third team came second in the second division giving them the runners up spot in league div. two. These Heroes include such stars as, Dave Jones, Paul (Granny) Clarke, Dave (the tractor) Houlbrooke, Niel Boag, Wilf Welford, Pete (P.O.) Johnson, Andy Davy, and Modesty Dave himself! Hiding near the rear was Pod trying to hide his newly won vest emblazoned with 'W_____R OF THE WEEK' from the eyes of policemen and little old ladies who might get the wrong idea. Who next week we wonder? P.S. Ian the captain was a spacer and Ian and someone else returned after dark and every one else had gone home.

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later the place flooded with water when it rained and a week later I was given notice to quit. This occurred at midnight (after having worked all day) and this could be construed as harrasment. Stupid behaviour and snide comments continued the harrasment and eventually I moved out and obtained a post dated cheque for my deposit. This of course, did not compensate for the disruption and inconvenience just before Christmas.

To students looking for accommodation, I would offer the following advice:—

- (1) Get a signed receipt for your returnable deposit
- (2) Be wary of a flat offered to on the spot (reply to newspaper/notices).
- (3) Avoid being 'sub-let to' (except with students preferably at your College). It is better to have your own

lease with the Landlord direct.

- (4) If possible get into a student Hall of Residence, YMCA/YWCA or similar institution—and then stay there as long as possible.
- (5) Consult the University of London Accommodation Bureau.

Albert's Plum

(S. Ken. Stn.)

Cut Price 55p

3-course meal to IC Students

(Discotheque till 3a.m.)

Cup glory for IC

Last Saturday in the most atrocious conditions I can remember at Harlington the first two teams scored two resounding victories in the quarter finals of the ULU cup. Our first team put in a typical fighting performance against Goldsmiths firsts winning by four goals to two. This was a memorable game with IC at one stage trailing 1-0, after a tragic error by keeper Kev Allen, but in the biting cold and rain our superior fitness proved too much for the opposition. K. Senkiw, a very powerful front runner, scored our first two goals and then the irrepressible I. Postlethwaite nipped in to score our third after Goldsmiths had pulled back to 2-2. Glen Swably, whose delightfull touches have been the source of much pleasure to the Kop End crowd at Harlington this season, sealed the game with his powerful right foot cracking an absolute beauty in from the edge of the area. All credit must be given to our players for this marvellouse display of courage and resolve in the face of severe difficulties and also to the Goldsmiths team who faught gamely for the 90 minutes and might easily have pulled it off. The seconds also proved their worth when they defeated LSE

111's 4-1 and they should now have little difficulty in reaching the final for the first time for some years. In this game Steve See once more proved a great asset up front with his instant ball control and elusive running causing a lot of trouble in the LSE defence. The day was made all the more successful for the football club when news came over the air that the 5th team had actually won their cup game against U.C. at Shenly and so go on to the semi final of the lower reserves cup. The team, after recent calamities, was strengthened considerably when those old warriors R. Sendbach and A. Wilkinson were drafted in and this obviously improved matters. Our two goals were scored by the ubiquitous Liverpoolian M. Rogers who leapt majestically to nod the team into the next round.

Union General Meeting

THURSDAY, 30TH AT 1.00PM IN THE GREAT HALL.

DISCUSSIONS OF MOTIONS TO GO TO THE NUS CONFERENCE AT EASTER.

ELECTION OF THE DELEGATION TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE.

Papers for the elections went up on Friday, 17th, January.

MOTIONS

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| 1. EEC | 3. Grants |
| 2. Social Contract | 4. Education: Binary System |
| | 5. South Africa |



The Royal College of Science Union

Theta Dinner

Thursday 13th February, College Block.

Bar extension till 1.00a.m.

£2.75 per head, including sherry.

Tickets available from dep. reps, social reps, and R.C.S.U. office.