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TEAGUE IS PRESIDENT

PETER TEAGUE has been declared elected to the post of President of the Imperial College Union for the session 1975/76. No ballot was necessary because no-one else stood for the post; so for the first time in seven years there will not be the traditionally tough campaigning for the ICU presidency.

WEEK OF ACTION

TODAY THE NUS week of action culminates in a demonstration march from Belvedere Road (Waterloo) to a rally in Hyde Park. The President of the Union hopes for a large turnout from IC. Coaches to the demo leave from Union Arch at 12.45.

On Monday there was a lobby of parliament concerning postgraduate students some IC postgraduates went to Westminster but were unable to see the MP for Kensington Mr Reece-Williams.

On Tuesday a few IC students attended the picket of the ILEA at County Hall. The picket itself was very successful. About 500 people, many overseas students, were there to protest against education

cuts; specifically the increase in overseas student fees of 20% (corresponds to £60-£70).

IC did not take part in Wednesday's National Demo, as it was considered inappropriate due to the low proportion of women at IC and the fact that creche facilities are already available.

Yesterday there was a further lobby of Parliament. This was to persuade MPs to press for the total abolition of discretionary awards.

Today is of course the national demo, so remember Coaches leave Union Arch 12.45 p.m.

As part of the grants campaign the NUS is urging the Layfield Committee on local government finance to adopt a central system of grant funding for students. NUS points out that a fixed grant and the abolition of discretionary awards would greatly simplify the system.

For the past year Pete, a third-year mathematician, has been President of the Royal College of Science Union (he was unopposed for this post also) and has clearly gained experience of IC Union by sitting on Council, and the ICU Executive as one of its three Vice-Presidents.

This year's President, Trevor Phillips, expressed his disappointment that there had been no contest for post. Whilst feeling nevertheless that Pete will do a fine job as President, he believes that difficulties can arise in any post if the person in that job does not have an actual electoral mandate.

Election pundits are already showing concern that because the President has now been elected, voters may tend to lose interest in the other elections.

Sanitation Risk ?

IT HAS been reported that sacks of refuse are being left on landings in both Keogh and Falmonth Halls of residence. It appears that for the past twelve years college workers other than the Hall cleaners have taken the refuse sacks from the landings and carried them down to the lift from whence they are shifted to the basement. It would now seem that this arrangement is not being carried out.

The cleaners themselves are adamant: "Some of the

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

DO YOU want an election farce? Do you want this Union to go down the drain? No? Then vote next TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY to decide who are to be next year's ICU Hon. Sec. and Editor of FELIX. If less than a quarter of students vote then the election will be null and void.

SO VOTE!

You will be able to vote at the Union, Southside, and the JCR - remember to bring your College registration card.

EXERCISE YOUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT - VOTE!

Trevor is ULU President

TREVOR PHILLIPS has been elected unopposed to the position of President of ULU for the session 1975/75. When asked for his comments he said "I think it is disappointing that the potential opposition did not have enough faith in themselves to stand against me." To be President of ULU, Trevor still has to be a registered student. The possibility of his being registered at LSE has been raised, although he may still decide to remain registered at IC.

other cleaners have arthritis etc. We will not budge on this issue".

The situation could become serious if the sacks are not shifted soon due to the sanitation risk.

MONEY!

Would you like to earn £2 next Tuesday or Wednesday sitting on an ICU election ballot box for a couple of hours? If you think you could do this dead-easy job then contact the Union Office (either personally or by phone - Int. 3915/2232) IMMEDIATELY!

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

THE FACT that the challenge for the presidency of Imperial College Union has been unopposed could exert a profoundly detrimental influence on the more practical aspects of the forthcoming ICU elections. The fact that there will have to be a separate College-wide ballot for the post of Deputy President (for neither of the two present candidates were fully seconded when the nomination papers came down last Monday at 5 p.m.) seriously exacerbates the situation.

Constitutionally, in the election of the President, Deputy President, Hon. Secretary and Editor of FELIX, a threshold of over 1,000 voters has to be reached for the election to be valid. Now election interest from the voters' point of view has traditionally focussed on the race for the presidency. This year there can be no such race.

Are the contests for Hon. Sec. and the Editorship of FELIX going to hold enough interest for the voters so that that 1,000 ballot-paper threshold can be reached? The answer is simply: **This can be so.** It is up to those with the resources at their disposal to put out "Vote!" - type publicity. And it is appropriate to ask the CCU Executives to exhort their cohorts as much as possible to go out and vote for the sake of IC Union.

A point which has to be made publicly, however inopportune the moment may be, is that the FELIX cat motifs seen on some current electioneering bump are being used without permission. This is a regrettable state of affairs.

Did I not tell you so, Trevor? Regard-

ing our bet on your ULU presidency made over a snooker game in the small hours late last summer, I make it £1 that you owe me!

I must apologise severally to some of the contributors to the letters column this week for having to cut chunks out of their communications in order that they might fit the space available. The two letters regarding Nietzsche were especially long. One hopes that such letters on the subject in the future are kept as brief as possible.
A Nietzsche in time

After having finished producing FELIX at 8 am last Friday morning, we felt that a change was in order this week so that production could finish at least on the Thursday - hence this eight page issue.

LETTERS

Department of Zoology,
21st February 1975.

Dear Sir,

During the one and a half years that I have been at this college I have noted with interest the strange and ostensibly emotional involvement many male students have with Mr Gottlieb's *game* of pinball. I would like therefore with your leave, to examine this phenomenon using the much ridiculed and maligned, though basically correct, techniques and theories of psycho-analysis developed by Jung, Freud and the more obscure T. Endur.

It does not require very deep analysis to expose the motivation of this *'game'*. The pinball machine is merely an extension of the phallus, whilst the operation of the flippers (nipples?) with passionately convulsive pelvic thrusts is a sub-conscious sexual intercourse. Attaining an orgasm is thinly disguised as the *'replay'*; the *'tilt'* when exuberant thrusting has affected the machine is the selfish premature ejaculation due to insufficient selfcontrol. The cacophonous bells and buzzers and the flashing lights of the submissive, reclining machine all serve to hold reserved for the beauty of the female body. Pinball has become a primitive sex substitute. How often do you see women *'playing the silver ball'* and have your readers never been struck by the incongruity of this sight?

I think that my observations will make clear to many of your more sensitive readers the truly primitive nature of the lusts and desires of many students at our illustrious college. The promulgation of the image of the Imperial student as a beer drinking, pinball playing, super-virile male and the competition between rival factions within the college for supremacy I find pitiful and nauseous.

I hope that my analysis, the truth of which cannot be doubted, will serve to lead those who are penitent, towards the path of truth, beauty and virtue, Floreat Collegium!

Annabel Listz

Imperial College
24th February 1975.

Dear Editor,

Whilst avidly reading the last issue of FELIX I noticed that under the heading of "RCSU Candidates" my name was omitted from the list of candidates for the post of Honorary Secretary of the Royal College of Science Union. I hope this letter will rectify this sad situation.

Yours electioneeringly,
Dave Salisbury.

Chemical Engineering
Imperial College

23rd February 1975.

Dear Sir,

On reading through the tedious verbiage of Mr. Campbell's letter, FELIX, No. 379, two main ideas emerge. The first is that Nietzsche was a member of the German middle-class and as such his writing reflected their desires and frustrations, the second concerns the doctrine of the 'Superman'.

The first reveals how Mr. Campbell goes hand in glove with the Nazi's in trying to reduce a philosophical idea down to the level of political posturing. For though Nietzsche was born into the class system he lived his life alone and as an outsider, and his writing never reflects any bias that can be considered to be caused by class prejudices. He saw through the tenuous social and moral codes and in transcending these systems of values he found himself in an intellectual void. Colin Wilson who in his

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book *'The Outsider'* says of Nietzsche, *'For the Outsider, the world into which he has been born, is a world without values. Compared to his own appetite for a purpose and direction, the way most men live is not living at all, it is drifting. This is the Outsider's wretchedness* Unless he can evolve a set of values that will correspond to his own higher intensity of purpose, he may as well throw himself under a bus ...'. However, Nietzsche viewed life positively and set himself the immense task of climbing to new mental heights of perception and understanding and as he himself writes in *'This spoke Zarathustra'*: *'Not the heights, but the drop is terrible. That precipice into which the glance falls down while the hand gropes up ...'*
'My Will clings to man, with chains I bind myself to man, because I am drawn upwards towards the 'Superman', thither tends my other Will.'

This brings me to the most important point: Mr Campbell's interpretation of the *'Superman'* which is so far from the truth that it shows how profound his lack of understanding is! No doubt a small portion of the blame could be attributed to the use of the word *'Superman'* which arouses misconceptions on Darwinian lines i.e. a higher form of life to supercede 'home sapiens' however Nietzsche has unambiguously repudiated this in *'Ecce Homo'*.

'To over throw idols, (idols is the name I give to all ideals), is much more my business. In proportion as an ideal has been falsely worshipped, reality has been robbed of its value, its meaning and its truthfulness ...'

Or in other words the *Superman* is not a tall bronze-skinned god but a man who overthrows idols such as these.

Nietzsche's works metaphorically use words like war and battle to describe the clash

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Hyde Park Relay

"The largest event of its kind in the world," the 27th annual invitation Hyde Park Road Relay produced a record entry of 104 teams, of which 93 started. After the customary last-minute trauma, when we discovered that no officials had turned up, and with the aid of a stopwatch kindly lent to us by Cologne University, the first-lap stam-pede sped its way around the 3-mile lap of the Serpentine.

The first two laps saw London University in the lead, closely followed by Birmingham, Oxford and Cambridge. However, with only a finite number of illegal runners, London fell back, to be

replaced by the eventual winners, Birmingham, who broke the course record for good measure, in 83.20, and one of their team, Ray Smedley, equalled the lap record in 13.21.

The next team home represented a motley group of insurance agents, con men and the like, running under the guise of the London School of Navigation, who were disqualified, for not running bona-fide students, a definition hotly debated in the bar afterwards.

This disqualification gave Borough Road College second place and the Steve Webb Rally Trophy: this meant that they did not qualify for the Lady Roderic Hill Cup, for the first college team home with sub. 500 male students in the college, which turned out to be Queens' College, Cambridge, in 16th place.

Some ten minutes behind the winners, 33rd in 93.17, were the home team, Imperial College All-Stars (Ian Ellis 15.14, Steve Webb 16.17, Rob Allinson 14.44, Paul Clarke 15.32, Dave Jones 15.49, Tony Weir 16.40). For the first time in years, we beat the Old Lags and Ancients team, who finished 57th.

Another of the suspicious teams whose runners raised many an eyebrow amongst the organisers were the Royal College of Music. Under the doubtful captaincy of M.Ful-ler (non-runner), such famous runners as A.Barcerseyaritch, Freddie Briscoe (no relation to Frank), A.Odd and L.Lust, whose musical talents extend no further than singing in the Union Bar, the RCM finished 17th and only 26s separated them from Queens', Cambridge, and the destiny of the Lady Roderic Hill Cup.

Bringing up the rear were Mons (for the 3rd successive year): four of their runners broke 20 minute barrier (and, rumour has it, the 20-pint barrier in the evening). The wooden spoon, presented in absentio, goes to a mystery Sussex runner, who ran 23.12.

RCS Hustings

Regarding the presidency, S.Brightman admitted his inability to lift Theta, while during R.Kill's speech another candidate, D.Rawnsley threw an egg apparently for a yolk!

After the withdrawal of B. Causey for VP, J.White was elected unopposed, as was J. Holding for the post of A.A.O.

D. Ansell withdrew from the Hon. Sec. candidature, leaving four contestants. M.Roe was described as efficient, and would endeavour to see that the Union ran smoothly. D.Salisbury declined to show his patellas, but his proposer provided a glimpse of this inimitable knee power! T.Tutu attempted to mesmerise us with his beautiful proposer and described himself as a cross between Shaft, Superfly and Nixon. Another aspect of getting more involved in Union activities, was highlighted by A.Sudworth.

Finally, for the post of Hon. Jun. Tres., Ms C.Morrel supported her campaign with such slogans as "Chris for cash", and "Integrity or bust", while D.Rawnsley said he would try to increase the RCS goods range, and decrease slopp shirt delays.

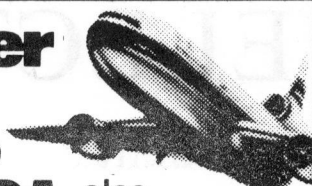
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Thanks for ably guiding us through this 'marathon' to Keith; to V. Mooney and catering staff for a thousand teas; to the real Mike Williams for the programme cover; and to the course markers, results team and everyone else who helped make this the success it undoubtedly might have been.

P.S. Send the Chichweed to Memphis, C/o R.Gabbateatis Memorial.

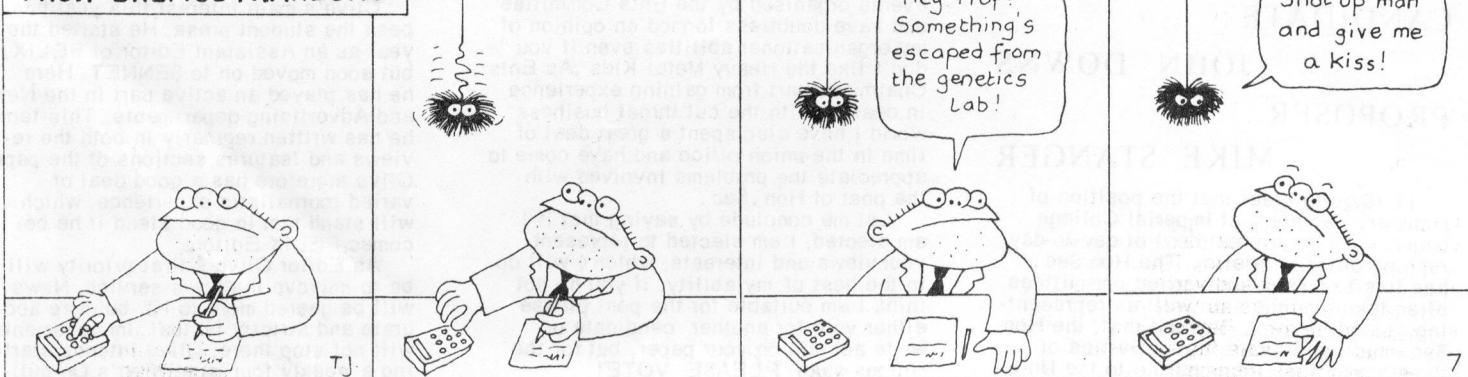
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ELECTION MANIFESTOES

President

CANDIDATE :

PETE TEAGUE.

PROPOSER :

JOHN MORTIMER

"WHY?" I can hear many of you asking, and a good question it is too. I feel that I have two main qualification for the job.

(i) *Organisational Ability:* I am used to working with and leading a team of workers and have had quite a lot of organisational experience in my Hall of Residence and RCS Union during my three years here. I also know a little of the present organisation of ICU.

(ii) *Representational Ability:* I have already been representing a large group of students and have become used to committee work, both Union and College. I am a sociable person by nature and find it easy to mix with people and obtain their opinions on student affairs.

The main areas on which I would like the Union to concentrate next year are the following.

(a) *Lecturing Standards:* For some time we have been trying to get improvements in the standard of lecturing which varies from reasonable to downright appalling. We must press for more lecturers to take courses on how to lecture and to use visual aids etc. We should, I think, push for lecturers to be chosen on teaching ability as well as research abilities.

(b) *Accommodation:* Many of our students are faced with living a long distance from college in accommodation which is quite unsuitable for students and at very high rents. The Union must be able to help in this area, perhaps by trying to run an Accommodation Bureau for much longer each year; and also perhaps through obtaining short life accommodation from Local Councils.

(c) *Union Clubs:* This seems to be the way in which most people at College are involved with their Union. I should like to see the Union going out to the Clubs more and trying to get some of the people involved in the central Union work.

(d) *Postgraduates:* These suffer from special problems which I feel many of us do not understand, I should like to investigate these and try to help solve some of these.

Well, it seems my words must come to an end, leaving me with many unsung ideas. Please ask me anything you would like my views on. Thanks for reading this far.

Hon. Sec.

CANDIDATE :

JOHN DOWNS

PROPOSER :

MIKE STANGER

IT IS quite clear that the position of Honorary Secretary of Imperial College Union involves a great deal of day-to-day running of Union affairs. The Hon. Sec. has to sit on many and varied committees, often taking minutes as well as representing student opinion. Beyond that, the Hon. Sec. must co-ordinate the activities of those committees responsible to the Union

(for example, Union Finance Committee) and must ensure that each is playing its proper role within the college.

This, in itself, is a full-time job. To quote our present secretary:

"I'm quite fully occupied just keeping things ticking over."

In addition, however, the Hon. Sec. has a number of less tangible responsibilities. These include backing up the dep. reps, encouraging union officers (including the president!) and, of course, supporting many of the College's social functions.

Lastly, the Hon. Sec. must be approachable. He - or she, for that matter - is the sole representative of the Union of some committees, and must therefore be diplomatic and responsive.

I believe that my experience in I.C.U. and R.S.M. affairs would help me in carrying out these duties. I have been involved in a wide range of activities in college and have held posts on the following committees: Council (Carnival Co-ordinator), Carnival Committee (Chairman), R.S.M. Council (acting Dep. Rep.), R.S.M. Ents Committee (Revue Organiser), Tizard Hall Committee (Chairman 74/75, and Ents Officer 73/74), and on the Departmental Academic Affairs Committee (2 years). I feel that such a broad range of interests is essential if the Secretary is to do his job effectively.

I believe I have shown myself to be efficient and effective in my previous posts and that I have the ability and experience to do a good job as next year's I.C.U. Hon. Sec.

CANDIDATE :

MALCOLM SPENCER

PROPOSER :

DAVE BARNES

I have spent four years at college, including one year at Kings College reading Mechanical Engineering before deciding that I was dissatisfied with the course and moving to IC to study Metallurgy. In my time here I have held the post of Publicity Officer for the Entertainments Committee and achieved the dizzy heights of chairman this year. In undertaking these positions I have had the opportunity of sitting on various committees and on occasions have been asked to attend Council.

The job of Hon. Sec. is basically that of administration; it not only involves the day to day running of the union office but also the very important task of sitting on a multitude of committees as your representative.

I think the opinions I hold are in line with that of the average student and in having no strong political bias my views will not in any way interfere with the job.

I would imagine that most of you have probably been to one or more of the events organised by the Ents Committee and have doubtless formed an opinion of my organisational abilities even if you don't like the Heavy Metal Kids. As Ents Chairman apart from gaining experience in dealing with the cut throat business world I have also spent a great deal of time in the union office and have come to appreciate the problems involved with the post of Hon. Sec.

Let me conclude by saying that if I am elected, I am elected to represent your views and interests, which I will do to the best of my ability. If you do not think I am suitable for the post please either vote for another candidate or write abstain on your paper, but for the Unions sake PLEASE VOTE!

Editor of FELIX

CANDIDATE :

PAUL EKPENYONG

PROPOSER :

KEITH AHLERS

As I wrote in my bump-sheet, FELIX should have more news in it. One way of accommodating this news would be to have it on the back page. In addition I feel there is a need for more feature articles and guides, (to appear in the first few issues of the autumn term), which help to spotlight the places, in the South Kensington area, where students can get reasonably priced clothes, food, equipment etc.

The Editor has an important role to play as coordinator of IC media and I would cooperate fully with them, in utilising all available means at our disposal to improve the service we provide.

More coordination is required on the production side, so that more time can be spent on editing and layout design. This would help to improve the quality of FELIX. I intend to deal with this problem by getting more staff.

To overcome the acute shortage of staff that now exists, I would try to negotiate for more places in hall for FELIX staff. This would not only serve as an incentive for recruitment purposes but will also allow FELIX more coverage of IC news as and when it occurs.

With the experience I have gained working on FELIX this year I think I am the person most suited for the job. As Editor I shall work hard and be available ALL of the time (you can't miss the fuzz!).

I shall be available in my room (Garden 43) or Maths department if anyone wants to discuss further, the issues I have raised. **Please make sure you exercise your right to VOTE.**

CANDIDATE :

CLIVE DEWEY

PROPOSER :

STEVE BRIGHTMAN

Since coming to IC Clive Dewey has been heavily involved with the media here. In his first year he was a FELIX photographer as well as a producer/presenter for STOIC. In January 1974 he became a founder member of Imperial College Radio, for whom he is now a Station Manager.

Clive's main interest this year has been the student press. He started the year as an Assistant Editor of FELIX, but soon moved on to SENNET. Here he has played an active part in the News and Advertising departments. This term he has written regularly in both the reviews and features sections of the paper. Clive therefore has a good deal of varied journalistic experience, which will stand him in good stead if he becomes FELIX Editor.

As Editor Clive's first priority will be to improve the news service. News will be geared more to IC, be more accurate and strictly factual. Improvements will not stop there; Clive intends starting a weekly four page What's On pull-

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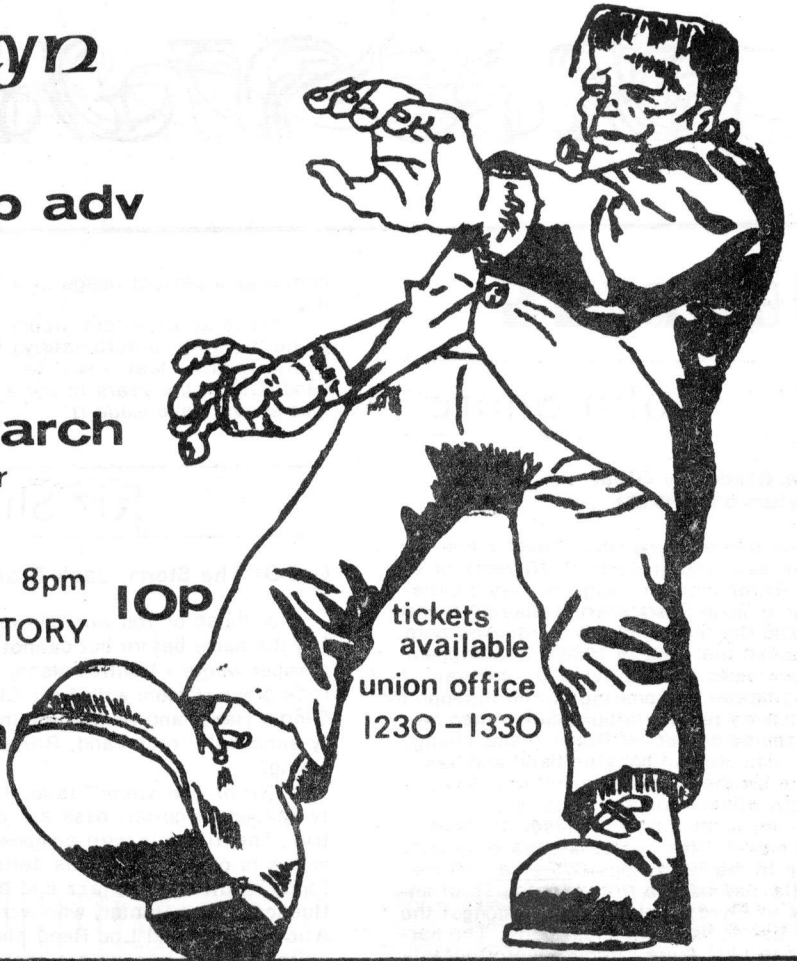
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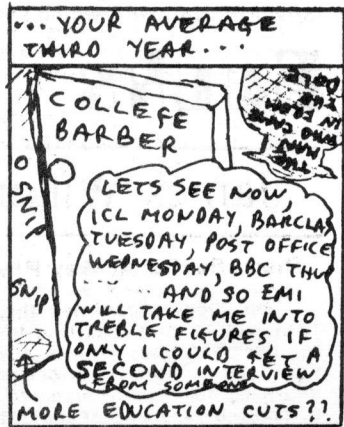
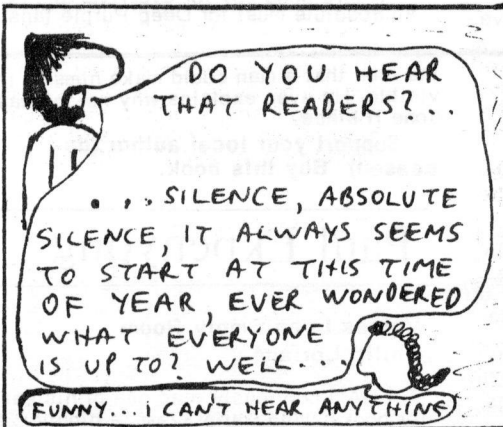
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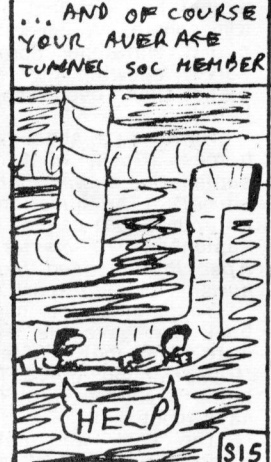
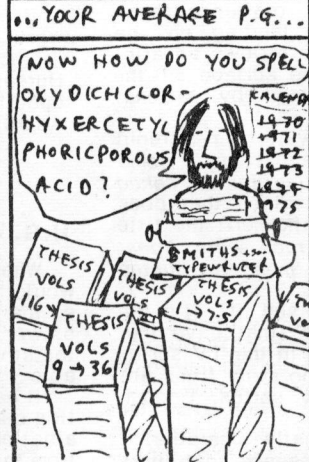
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out supplement. This will give full details of all IC Radio and STOIC programmes, and list everything that's going on in both IC and the USK Colleges. In fact the supplement will take on the role of the USK Entsheet.

FELIX will also be self-financing. This will be achieved WITHOUT offering any commission to advertising staff. Clive aims to get at least £160 a week in advertising, which will allow a couple of colour features per term. The sports department will also receive more attention and the paper will have its own sports writers and photographers, in addition to the present player/writers. CCU, Rag and SCAB activities will likewise get more attention.

In all I believe that Clive Dewey can make FELIX even better and eminently more readable; so I advise you to vote for him.





Records

John Shore

Gene Clark: No Other
(Asylum SYL 9020)

For those of you who cannot place the name, cast your mind back 70 years or so ago. Three men Jim McGuinn, David Crosby, and Gene Clark started playing together and the legend of the Byrds was born. Gene left the band in 1966 and disappeared in almost total oblivion for several years before reappearing on the disappointing Byrds reunion album. Since then he has toured as part of Roger (name change from Jim) Moggiun backing band and has spent months preparing for this album.

The album took six months to record and even with a new producer the contains many of the best qualities originally found in the Byrds music. Perhaps some of this may be due to the inclusion of another ex Byrd; Chris Hillman amongst the long list of bacclancy musicians. The harmony is still there although unfortunately polluted with too many "Yeah Yeah Girls". The instrumentals have advanced along way since those far off days, but have changed much for the better. There are some magnificent solos thrashed out in 'Lifes Greatest Fool' and 'No Other' and in what is perhaps the best track 'Silver Raven' the piercing shrill notes

conjur up a perfect image of a bird sweeping.

This is an excellent album which is going to suffer (unfortunately) from under publicity and I feel it will be "an ideal candidate in the years to come far as one that should have made it".

Riz Shakir

Out Of The Storm: Jack Bruce (RSO)

For those of you who can recall hearing the name before but cannot quite remember where - Manfred Mann; formed the rock group, Cream with Eric Clapton and Ginger Baker and was Bruce in the highly successful rock band, Bruce and Laing.

"Out of The Storm" is an album mainly based on guitar, bass and drums rock trio. The album is well composed; the music is pleasant and has definite overtones resulting from jazz and blues influence. Steve Hunter, who worked with Alice Cooper and Lou Reed plays all the guitar work and drums are shared by Jim Kettner and Jim Gordon.

Jack has written all the music and plays the bass with his customary mastery (nowhere is this more apparent than in, "Timeslip", the last track).

Jack and Pete Brown (an association which goes back to the Cream days) have

written the lyrics, which are on the whole good and sometimes are "mind blowing".

The album is good without being brilliant.

Stormbringer: Deep Purple

Side one starts with the sort of music one does not normally associate with Deep Purple in so much as it is much too slow moving. This however does not imply that the music is bad, far from it. The first three tracks are full of some exceptional music on the guitar as well as some simulated Stevie Wonder touches to the vocals, whilst the chorus on the third track has that Elton stamp about it.

The last track has the good old Deep Purple rhythm and gets your feet tapping.

Side two starts with real Deep Purple stuff and the first track has bone shacking and fast moving rhythm. This is followed by some reverberating guitar which has that "four beat rhythm" to it and gets rather monotonous. This side comes to a climax with a good disco track having a continuous and inspiring rhythm which is easy to follow and hence dance to.

The last two tracks are somewhat disappointing and are again slower moving. The last one being about a "Soldier of fortunes" and very slow moving indeed for Deep Purple. However the album is well arranged and makes pleasant listening.

It is a good buy for everyone and is an absolute must for Deep Purple fans.

Books

James Wilkinson

Pierre Boulle: Monkey Planet (Penguin)

This book chronicles the fate of the first interstellar expedition to the unknown region of Alpha Orionis (Betelgeuse to you). The journey is completed in two years (ship time) due to relativistic effects. Soon after arrival at Betelgeuse they find a planet very like earth with an eminently breathable oxygen/nitrogen atmosphere. A smooth landing on the planet, christened Soror, follows an ariel survey showing that the surface of the planet has been moulded by rational beings.

However, a shock awaits our intrepid heroes! (Gosh, what can it be). 'Homo sapiens here was nothing but a naked animal'. (The question arises that does an animal that cannot talk merit the title sapiens). 'The master race were Apes: Apes that dressed like men and hunted humans for their sport'.

Yes, folks you guessed it! It's the book that gave the film (that gave four more films) that resulted in the TV series 'Planet of the Apes'. Too many films are being expanded into TV series. Enough said about that.

The book was actually bearable. I clearly felt the deep message that lurks below the surface of the plot in all worthwhile Science Fiction.

H.B. Greenhouse Premonitions - A Leap Into the Future (Pan)

This book purports to report a large number of documented cases of premonitions, asking the question: "If they had been heeded could disasters have been averted." While I found the book interesting it was also unnerving. While travelling by rail I read the chapter concerning predictions of train crashes and nearby got off the train at the first available stop. It definitely encouraged spooky feelings.

The documentation on a great deal of the cases was very impressive, but on others it was sketchy. Sometimes inferences are drawn which are questionable, and occasionally downright unfounded.

It is however a fascinating book, well worth the investment if you are interested.

Incidentally there is a Premonitions Bureau to which you can send predictions operating in this country-

Address: British Premonitions Bureau
TV Times
247 Tottenham Court Road
London W1P 0AU

H.G. Wells: The Invisible Man (Fontana)

When I picked up this book I thought it would be old fashioned and tedious. Granted the style is somewhat easier, the pace slower, than is today's fashion but once the story was underway I found it very readable.

It has been said that good science fiction starts with one impossible (or improbable) premiss and the story should follow from that with no further implausibility. Wells' story does this. The style easily makes you believe in the plausibility of

the idea that a man could make himself invisible. He even explains why no-one has done it since.

Support your local author (deceased). Buy this book.

Paul Ekpenyong

Voices In an Empty Room
Philip Loriane

I HAD previously read one of his earlier books, 'The Mafia Kiss', a highly entertaining book. 'Voices In An Empty Room' has proved to be of the same good quality though it is a rather unusual psychic thriller.

The plot is an intricate one and the reader is carefully set up for a totally unexpected ending. The plot is woven round Ellie Spenser who is the love of John Lamb who begins to get more than a little worried when on a business trip he visits her in San Francisco and finds not only her behaviour strange but also her actions.

He sets out to try and find out, but before too long he comes up against Mrs Amelia Guardi and the medium Lulu. Why are they in San Francisco and why especially at Ellie's Uncle's house. The intrigue of family history past and present form the basis of a rather chilling thriller about the obsession to bring back the past by one woman who is not all she seems. Well recommended.

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of ideas, the 'weak and alien' men are those men who are lazy in their thought, who say "my mind is made up don't confuse me with facts". The concepts of the Superman and the will to power are psychological concepts and have nothing to do with 'might is right'.

Nietzsche was one of the early existentialist philosophers and it was his misfortune that the Nazis picked on his works to distort and provide the background to their policy, the pia might as easily have picked out K. Marx.

Yours sincerely
T.J.D. Pye
Chem. Eng. 1

Physics Department,
23rd February 1975.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Campbell's letters on the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche cannot be allowed to pass by without a few comments from someone who is reasonably familiar with the writings of this remarkable German thinker.

The writings of Nietzsche have little to do with class or with race and to describe him as a proto-Nazi is a gross over-simplification. Certainly, as Bertrand Russell wrote in 1943, Nietzsche was, with Fichte and Rousseau, a "progenitor" of Nazism, in that he advocates a semi-rigid class structure dominated by an aristocracy (consisting of a

union of "tough and virile elements").

Certainly, Nietzsche contributed to the melting pot of most philosophy out of which the twisted ideas of Fascism were to emerge - but so did the writings of many other philosophers. So why choose Nietzsche, why not condemn Hobbes, the advocate of absolute power, or Plaso, who advocated a far more rigid class structure than did Nietzsche?

Obviously Mr. Campbell thinks of the "Übermensch" in the same way as did the Nazis, as a master race. This is rubbish, to put it bluntly, since throughout Nietzsche's writings, while many things are difficult to interpret (especially in "Zarathustra") it is always clear to the objective reader that the "Übermensch" is a moral being. Indeed, Nietzsche strongly condemns the "breeding" of men or any other creature, since such tampering, he thinks, can only cause harm to the species. And where is the relevance of his "social stratum", since his views are entirely opposed to those of the contemporary German morole class, whose morals and religion he continually condemns (eg, in "the Anti-Christ")?

The "blonde beast" is a term introduced in the "Towards a Genealogy of Morals" and refers to the animal aspect of man, dominant in the Dionysian, and exemplified by the Homeric Heroes. He sees the culture of Ancient Greece as the sublimation of aggression, and the culture of recent times as the re-

sult of Christianity, which has tamed or suppressed the blonde beast. This must not be confused with Zarathustra's beast, the State, which he condemns as strongly as the Fascists praised it. ("And this is the lie which creepeth out of the mouth of the beast - I, the State, am the people" - I quote here from memory).

Furthermore, his viewpoint is anti-Christian rather than anti-socialist. Indeed, he has very little to say about socialism, except to condemn the socialist for blaming his misfortunes on society when the fault is primarily his own "Twilight of the Fools" ch34

Finally, his views on race bear no resemblance at all to those of the Nazis or the National Front, he describes the Germans as "a people of the most tremendous mixture and mingling of races". Does Mr. Campbell believe that Hitler shared this view? Nietzsche goes on to condemn the nationalistic and racial prejudices of his countrymen as "attacks of stupidity" and describes the fears as "the strongest, toughest and purest race at present living in Europe" - according to Mr. Campbell's hypothesis, the logical conclusion for Hitler, if he was indeed a disciple of Nietzsche, would have been to choose the Jews as his master race.

Yours faithfully,

Derrick Everett

Imperial College
February 1975

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must protest at the picketing of the N.F. meeting on Wednesday. Having been unable to stop the N.F. booking a room, the Socialists obviously decided to make it very embarrassing for anyone of whatever politics to attend. Not only was it necessary to push through a large body of people, but also to be subjected to someone taking flash-photos of all people entering the meeting. Not satisfied with that, photos were taken through the glass door of the N.F. meeting.

I was amazed at the way the meeting of the joint Committee against Rascism and Fascism was conducted. This seemed to consist of a dialogue between various left and extreme left members of the Union. It looked rehearsed - had it been, or does it come naturally after many similar meetings? One communist would ask a question and another would answer. This seemed the general case apart from one or two diversions such as demands for apologies from FELIX etc.

It makes a change to have some political activists at I.C., it is a pity that it has to be of such an abnoxious form. It must have left a number of people with a sick feeling in the stomach.

Yours Sincerely

Philip Ide

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FELIX SPORT

RUGBY

The extras arrived at Harlington with a full side and awaited the arrival of Old Suttonary while Max Wrizley entertained us with his latest hit "Haven't They Cancelled Yet".

Finally the opposition arrived but with only eleven men, two volunteers were asked to play for them and R.Sutton and G.Davies did the honours.

The game was more a run around for most of the game with IC scoring continually. Although at the start of the second half Old Sultonians put up a fight.

The final score was 82-10 for IC (half time 40-6)

Scorers were:- S.Aspden (2), S.Chudy, A.Davies, T.Feam (2), M.Gibson, J.Hughes

(3), S.Ladle (3), M.Ranson (3) A.N.Other. Conversions S.Hoyle, T.Feam (6).

G.Davies scored for the opposition and the O.S. Captain said that he thought both Gwyn and Rich Sutton played very well.

The front five although they didn't score played very well obtaining set piece ball and supporting the attacks, P. Jeffs was prominent in that he was only a few yards from the scorer at all the IC tries.

A good time was had by all especially since half the side were pissed the night before.

Team:- A.Davies, M.Ranson, M.Gibson, S.Ladle (G.Davies) J.Hughes, T.Fearn, R.Beddoes, S.Hoyle, C.Wrigley, P.Jeffs, A.Rice, (R.Sutton), S.Aspden, S.Chudy

SOCCER

The semifinal of the U.L.U. premier league cup between Imperial College 1st XI and Kings College 1st XI took place finally at Hadington on Wednesday the 19th J.C. hoping to make it a double final date at Motspur Park, already having their second team through in the reserves cup, fielded a full strength side and started the game clear favourites.

Unlike their league encounter a fortnight ago, our lads refused to let Kings dominate the midfield in the opening stages but harassed continually and forced the opposition to squander their possession on many occasions. Our attacks were not very frequent but we were content for the time being to consolidate our position at the back and allow the Kings middle men to tie themselves out with fruitless running. In spite of this the best chance of the half still came our way when Glen Swaby chipped a brilliant free kick over a defensive wall at the edge of the penalty area for Steve Bates to run onto. Making a tremendous lunge for it, however, he was only able to hit the ball wide with just the keeper to beat. The first half thus ended as it had started, really a stalemate all round.

The second half was a different story for both sides came out determined to make the vacant place at Motspur Park theirs. IC attacked solidly for the first ten minutes but could find no way through a well disciplined defence and it was eventually left to the

Kings full back to break the deadlock. With the ball at his feet he ran a full 30 yards unchallenged towards the IC defence before letting fly from well outside the area. The whole IC side stood rooted to watch the ball loop into the far corner of the goal giving Kev Allen no chance.

Having been behind on several occasions this season but still succeeding in winning we picked up our heads and decided we weren't going to lose without a fight. Our midfield men began switching the ball from left to right and sending in some wicked crosses for the Kings defence to deal with. Glen Swaby then hit across an inch perfect cross ball to Bruce Woodman who nodded the ball past the Kings keeper to put us back in the game.

And so the score remained for the next twenty minutes until a minute from time, when everyone had resigned themselves to an extra half hours play, up popped the Kings centre half to shoot from the edge of the area and put his side into the final for the first time for years.

HOCKEY

IC 1ST XI vs ASHFORD 1ST XI

After our recent successful run, IC travelled out to Ashford last Saturday confident of yet another victory. Unfortunately things didn't go according to plan. A bad dose of plague kept Captain Stutch in bed (at least that's what he told us) and this left us with out an umpire. Luckily Ashford were able to provide an extra umpire!! After the usual democratic procedure the "Fuhrer" took over as captain for the day and the match began on time.

IC quickly found themselves a goal up when a through ball from Adolf was picked up by Superstar and his shot was kicked off the line by an Ashford defender. Mr P.F. himself nonchalantly converted the resulting penalty. After this early setback Ashford exerted a great deal of pressure without ever seriously troubling the IC defence. However, just before half time a mis-hit shot fooled the IC defence and trickled into the net for Ashford's equaliser. The second half continued the same way as the first with Ashford applying most of the pressure without creating any clear-cut chances. The best chances fell to the IC forwards but unfortunately too many mistakes were made with the final pass. Mid-way through the half Ashford scored what proved to be the winning goal when another mis-hit shot trickled over the goal line. Despite applying some sustained pressure in the last few minutes IC could not force an equaliser.

The whole IC defence played extremely well particularly both full backs, Jim Marshall and Mike Vieyra. However, the midfield concentrated too much on defence and, as a result, not enough support was given to the forwards who when given the chance tore the Ashford defence apart.

Special thanks must go to Richard Cameron who came along to spectate.
Team: Rog Hutson, Jim Marshall, Mike Vieyra, P.F. Ace, Welsh Wizard, Black Pudding, Hotshot, Adolf (capt), Superstar, Ian McLean, Sleepy.

2nd XI

On Saturday the 2nd XI took to the field against Ashford 2nd 1/48. With vague remembrances of goals galore in our previous match the team were eager for further glory.

The enthusiasm at least,

was still apparent in the opening 35 minutes with IC rampant in attack, supported ably in mid field. (especially F.Tan whose dextrous stickwork left the opposition standing).

The defense was seldom tested, but was nevertheless efficient when called upon. No goals came for all the effort though, although Andrew Brewster went close (good to have you back Andy). Chas Hardy struck some useful short comers, but was denied even the penalty flick which he deserved.

John Huckle opened the second half with a demonstration of how easy it is to get ones stick caught between ones legs. (Next time you might give the performance outside the 'D' John). The umpire appreciated the display as did the opposition when they scored from the resulting penalty corner.

After this IC appeared to give up and the pressure was taken off the Ashford defense. IC were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty flick, two penalty comers and countless long comers, but then we cant be perfect can we umpire?

Many thanks to all those who played out of position without grumbling, especially Shane Mead.

Score IC 2nd XI 0
Ashford " " 1
Team: S.Mead, J.Huckle, A.Hall, P.Nair, N.Woodgate, F.Tan, C.Hardy, A.Brewster, I.Read, A.Turner.

STOP PRESS

Davey the RSMU mascot will be handed back today. This event will take place in the Beit quad at 1.00 pm

The constitutional change to get the PG affairs officer on the Exec was defeated at the UGM yesterday.

Annual General Meeting "Athletic Ground Club" Thurs. 6th March 1pm Great Hall (a few minutes before results UGM).