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Abortion special – see centre pages.

Treble overseas students' fees says MP – back page.

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## Health Centre unhelpful over abortion cases

It has come to light recently that two women students who became pregnant unsympathetically dealt with at the Health Centre. In the first case the student had become pregnant only two weeks before her examinations. Having decided to have an abortion, she approached the Health Centre and had a pregnancy test which proved positive.

She consulted one of the doctors at the Health Centre regarding obtaining an abortion. A sympathetic doctor was unable to help because of the time factor involved, but suggested she try a private clinic. This, the student did and finally had her operation five days before her examinations were due to start – despite this setback she successfully completed them.

In the second case the student, who is still at IC, was given an appointment with a doctor who was working at the Health Centre temporarily. The doctor was most uncooperative and reprimanded her for being irresponsible and promiscuous. The student left in tears.

She subsequently had an abortion arranged for her by the Pregnancy Advisory Service.

Both cases were brought to the attention of the Health Centre who admit that in both occasions these events did in fact take place. However, it is pointed that abortions take a long time and it was not possible to arrange the operations for the students as quickly as they desired.

It seems also that the policy pursued by the Health Centre on abortions will not be altered in the light of these two cases.

### FELIX

FELIX would like to apologise to its readers and advertisers for the late publication of this issue due to technical problems. For this reason also, the next issue of FELIX will not be published until Friday, 7th November. FELIX would also like to apologise for the errors contained in the "Council report" carried in its last issue, FELICITY.

## Less cash but more certainty-

# Government policy perverse-Rector

THE RECTOR, in his Commemoration Day address, attacked critics of the higher education system and government policy on higher education. Although it was important to raise the educational standards of the mass of people, there would always be a need for highly selective education for those of exceptional merit. It was for this purpose that universities had been created. The quality of students entering Imperial College remained consistently high and there was no reason for any immediate change in our admission policy.

One point of concern at IC however, was the proportion of women students which stood at less than 11% of the student body. "This is far fewer women students than we – and no doubt the men students! – would like, and we are making strenuous efforts to remedy it". The attempts to attract more women to the College would be a slow and laborious task. To help this and the College as a whole, Sir David Huddle had been asked to consider what subjects should be developed at the College in order to broaden and enrich its intellectual spectrum.

However, this planning for the future suffered due to a lack of certainty over the financial outlook of universities. "In common with everyone else the College has experienced severe financial difficulties during the course of the year, with inflation almost making havoc of our budgetary planning. What has been particularly dispiriting is the uncertainty in which universities have lived".

"There is a desperate need to return to some element of certainty in our planning, even

if in doing so we have to lose some money," he continued. "Less cash but more certainty; this might be a good bargain for the Government and for the universities", he declared.

Referring to the self-balancing rules for student residences and refectories he described government policy as "deliberately calculated to be perverse". The College had endeavoured to make improvements and economise where possible, but were inevitably bound by strict government regulations insisting that halls and refectories must pay their way without subsidy.

"That would be perfectly acceptable if the student maintenance grant was adequate to meet the proper costs; but it is not adequate... These two elements of Government policy are mutually inconsistent; they are also socially divisive because they penalise the poorer student; and they provide a constant source of potential antagonism between the student body and its institution". The universities were "close to breaking point" and urgent action by the Government was necessary.

He poured scorn on Lord

Crowther-Hunt's belief that manpower planning would result in economies. Manpower planning was a notoriously inexact science and in any case it was more important to train people so that they could exercise the intellectual powers to the full. "Criticism can be helpful to the criticised, but if thought to be vindictive can do more harm than good; and we must take comfort to recall with George Moore that 'the lot of critics is to be remembered by what they failed to understand'. On that score alone Lord Crowther-Hunt was already formed immortality".

The Rector also expressed grave concern over the steady erosion, in recent years, in the capacity of universities to undertake research. Basic research was vitally important and belonged especially in the universities and this should be maintained and not be arbitrarily sacrificed in order to maintain a pre-ordained level of student numbers. Inflation and Government financial policies had weakened the 'dual support' system on which university research was based.



# W O T Z O N

## Monday 27th

CCD Freshers Dinner: 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

## Tuesday 28th

**Roneo demo starting 1.00pm in the outer FELIX office.**

IC Jewish Soc: talky by Maurice Singer in Mech Eng 340 at 1.30pm  
Latin American Soc: "What After Vietnam, a talk by Chris Mullin, journalist; at 6.30pm in Lecture theatre A, Sherfield Building.  
Associated Studies: **Wartime Reputations; Who Survives?** Talk by Basil Collier, Military historian. Theatre B, Sherfield Building at 1.30pm.

Musicians and their Instruments; Talk by Dr Bernard Robinson. Theatre A, Sherfield Building at 1.30pm.

Career Opportunities Talk: Mr WHF Brooks, (CEGB); Career opportunities with the CEGB. Elec Eng 408. 1.30pm.

Hall Dinner: Sherfield Building. 7.30pm.

IC Film Society present 'Romeo and Juliet' ME220. 7.15pm, 'Adm: Members only.

## Wednesday 29th

IC Folk Club present 'Blackhurst' in the Union Lower Refectory at 8.00pm. Adm: members 25p; non-members 45p. Membership 60p.  
IC South East Asia Society's Commonwealth Institute Tour. Meet at Mech Eng Dept Entrance - Concourse at 1.45pm.

## Thursday 30th

IC Ents present 'Blazing Saddles' in ME 220 at 6.30pm. Adm:150  
Lunch hour concert: Library in 53 Princes Gate at 1.30pm.  
Socialist Society open meeting on Spain in the Committee Room (top floor of Union Building) at 1.00pm.

**Roneo Demonstration in the outer FELIX office at 1.00pm.**

Associated Studies: **Practical Engineering for the Third World.** Speakers: Mr D Payne and Mr P. Steyner. Theatre B, Sherfield Building at 1.30pm.

Career Opportunities Talk: "Management" by Mr HJ Tait, British Institute of Management. Elec Eng 408 at 1.30pm.

## Friday 31st

IC Ents disco in Union Lower Refectory. Adm 10p.  
IC Ents present 'Good Habit' in the Union Concert Hall, Adm: 50p.  
IC Film Soc present "Virgin and the Gipsy" in Mech Eng 220 at 7.15pm. Adm by membership card - £1.50.  
John Coffin Memorial Concert in the Great Hall at 7.30 pm.  
Adm free

## Saturday 1st November

IC Ents present "Andy Fairweather-Low" plus 'Unicorn' in the Great Hall at 8.00pm. Adm IC adv 70p; Adv 80p; Door £1.00.

## Sunday 2nd

QEC: Disco 20p.

Chelsea: Disco 10p, Film "Ned Kelly" at 7.00pm. Adm: 150.

## Monday 3rd

## Tuesday 4th

Career Opportunites Talk: The Graduate in the Coal Industry. Mr T Palmer (NCB). Elec Eng 408. 1.30pm.

Associated Studies: **Innovation by Design** Brian Locke, Head of Special Projects, National Research Development Corporation. Theatre A, Sherfield Building 1.30pm.

The Industrial Archaeologist at Work: 1. 'The Need for Action'. Dennis Smith. Theatre B, Sherfield Building at 1.30pm.

## Wednesday 5th

IC Folk Club present 'Miriam Backhouse'. Union Lower Refectory. 8.00pm Adm: Membership 25p; non-members 45p.

Membership 60p.

Hall Dinner - Wine Night. 7.00 - 7.30 pm. Sherry 7.30pm dinner. Sherfield Building.

Chelsea: Bar Night. 'Sean Cannon' at 8.30pm. Adm: free.

## Thursday 6th

Associated Studies: **Lunch-hour Concert.** The Library, 53 Prince's Gate. 1.30pm. Film: 'Airport'. Theatre A, Sherfield Building. 1.30pm.

Laboratory - **Acquired Infection: Prevention and Cure.** Surgeon-Commander HM Darlow, RN (Retd) Mech Eng 220. 1.30pm.

Career Opportunities Talk: **A Career in Marketing.** Mr MA Billeston, Institute of Marketing. Elec Eng 408. 1.30pm.

## IMPERIAL COLLEGE RAG WEEK 1975 - 1976

**Wednesday 5th November** "1920's" Evening: 8.00pm

**Thursday 6th November** - Films. "SPYS"

**Friday 7th November** - Rag & Drag Queen Competition

(See next weeks Felix for further Rag Week events).

# The Astrological Looking-glass

## Reflections until the end of October.

**ARIES** (22Mar-21Apr): Material gains are under good aspect and you may find yourself in a financially better position than you probably expected. Affairs of the heart may cause some strain on the 20th and 26th but you'll really feel like a ram around the 29th!

**TAURUS** (21Apr-21May): As in the early part of the month, you will still be attracting the opposite sex and enjoying the affections of others. The main theme changes around the 24th from work to partnerships though the work will still go on.

**GEMINI** (22May-22Jun): Your charming and witty nature is apt to spark off an affair (or two) before the end of the month. One of the most likely dates is the 28th when you may also find yourself winning more admirers.

**CANCER** (23Jun-23Jul): There is a possibility of changes in your personal affairs if they have not yet occurred. It may be that your attitude towards personal relationships is changing. Your prestige, fame and profession continues to grow especially around the 19th and 28th.

**LEO** (24Jul-23Aug): Mental activities and all sorts of communication continue to play an important role. Jupiter brings success in educational areas especially around the 19th and 22nd and 28th. These dates are also fortunate for romantic pleasures.

**VIRGO** (24Aug-23Sep): This is really your month. Personal relationships and affairs of the heart should all make you more than content especially around the 21st and 31st. Financially, owing to your prudent nature you're still smiling and may even have a good laugh around the 28th.

**LIBRA** (24Sep-23Oct): You may find yourself more interested in career considerations as well as your prestige among friends or associates. Partnerships (cooperation with others) may prove

exceptionally harmonious on the 19th, 22nd and 28th but could go against you around the 26th.

**SCORPIO** (24Oct-22Nov): Your work and health are both protected by Jupiter and they thrive on the 19th and 28th. Romance from social gatherings and group activities is highly probable particularly on the 21st. Around the 26th your ironic tongue may drop loose and cause some unwanted damage to hearts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (23Nov-22Dec): Activities are still centred around social gatherings, friendships and partnerships. Your prestige continues to grow especially on the 21st and 31st. Many opportunities exist for romance particularly around the 28th. However, the 29th may prove trying but don't despair there's so much fun in November.

**CAPRICORN** (23Dec-20Jan): Activities involving education could be the source of a romance. Especially fortunate days are the 21st and 31st. There may also be extra communication (some of it behind the curtain) regarding your present or future career. You really have to wait until the end of November if you are looking for a ball.

**AQUARIUS** (21Jan-19Feb): Education and travel is the main interest. After the 24th you may become concerned about your career or prestige particularly on the 26th and 27th. You may also feel more impulsive on those days. There may be some sudden fortunate changes around the 15th and 25th. Romantically, nothing unusual.

**PISCES** (20Feb-21Mar): Your personal relationships and affairs of the heart all flourish. You may find yourself attracting many members of the opposite sex and having romantic involvements but emotions may run a bit wild! If you try to keep things on a relatively descent level you should be able to find time for work as well.



# IF Only..

This year's IF/RSM Disco was a great success with a turn-out of nearly two hundred people, Everyone I have talked to enjoyed it and it was very gratifying to know that all our work had not been in vain!

All too often it is a problem at IF to get in touch with everyone and tell them what is going on. However, this time the Union made a special effort and spent half the week dashing from class to class in an effort to let everyone know. They got sick of the sight of us after a while, but we were very pleased with the support shown by IF.

The food was provided by us, and if it was not exactly in the Cordon Blu class (du pain et du fromage - it sounds better in French!), there can be no comparison to the way we slaved, not over the traditional hot stove, but over what seemed like tons of cheese and endless French loaves with only two knives between us! I think we'll have to admit to a slight mismanagement there. Still, it was rapidly consumed by all and sundry, so it must have been quite good. Three barrels of beer also disappeared down the hatch which proves (as I have always

said) that dancing is thirsty work!

The music began at 8.30pm and after the initial shyness, the lust of Fanny's "amazing" Disco soon proved to be irresistible. More and more people arrived, the backs of their stamped with RSMU, for all the world like a flock of prize sheep. Still what better way of proving that you've paid?

Anyway, it was getting so crowded and hot that it became of paramount importance to cool off and so, as I cannot stomach beer, I thought it prudent to retire to the bar. This also seemed to be a popular idea with quite a few other people and it began to get uncomfortably hot in there as well.

All the same, an enjoyable evening was had by all, and we hope that in the future all such events will be as well attended.

# ICWA

by  
Stella  
Godfrey

During the coming session at least one member of ICWA will become pregnant. Consider her situation; there will be three courses of action she could take.

Firstly, she could leave college, have the child and then put the child up for adoption. (This presupposes that her parents will support her during her confinement.) Hopefully, she could then resume her studies a year later.

Secondly she could leave college, have the child and then attempt to keep it, resuming her studies this time with the added responsibility of trying to rear a young child. I shall not go into the problems of accommodation and finance that this would also involve.

Thirdly, she could have an abortion. That is, at present she could have an abortion. It seems abundantly clear to me which step she would choose to take, James White permitting.

James White, for those to whom the name is not familiar, is a man who would force this as yet hypothetical ICWA member into adopting one of the first two courses of action I have outlined or into placing herself at the far from tender mercies of the "back-street" abortionist.

In 1967 an enormous step forward was made towards giving women a real opportunity to plan their lives as they chose, to govern their own bodies and to be free from the fear of unwanted pregnancies; abortion was legalised.

Eight years later the James White Abortion (Amendment) Bill is before Parliament. If this Bill becomes law it will

effectively make it impossible for any woman not in the following categories to have a legal abortion. Under the Bill, to qualify for a legal abortion, a woman would have to be in a position of risking grave physical or mental harm by continuing the pregnancy or she would have to establish that the child if born would seriously threaten the stability of her existing family unit. This neatly excludes the large majority of women who at present obtain legal abortions.

Once again we would hear of girls dying at the hands of glorified butchers; of girls being rendered permanently infertile by the inexperience of the illegal abortionist. A return to the Middle Ages - with a vengeance!

Consistently every opinion is given preference to over that of women themselves. As women, we demand the right to control our own bodies; the right to a tension-free sex-life (no contraceptive is 100% effective); the right to a career; the right not to say 'I didn't plan for this child, I don't want this child' but to say 'I shall not have this child'.

During the coming session at least one member of ICWA will become pregnant; you may be her, you may know her, you may be going out with her - demand her right to choose, oppose the Abortion (Amendment) Bill.



# Felix

## Overseas Students' Fees

Yet another MP has jumped on the 'charge overseas students more' bandwagon. Dr Hampson has suggested we repeat Mr Crosland's 1966 move and treble overseas students' fees. This will NOT drive overseas students away especially since our courses are highly prized. NONSENSE!

If their fees were trebled, these students would be paying fees of up to £1000 a year. On top of this would be their hall fees which in some universities and polytechnics are as much as three times those for British students. In one polytechnic overseas students are being charged £61 a week to live in halls of residence. However, the polytechnic is not reaping in any money from this because these students have refused to live in hall. The average halls of residence fees for overseas students is at least as high as the weekly rate of the student maintenance grant paid at the full rate.

The consequences of such a measure would be far reaching, especially for Imperial College. With a large percentage of our students coming from overseas the move could prove disastrous if a large enough drop occurred in their numbers.

## Abortion

This week FELIX present in the centre pages the various views of both factions of the abortion debate viz the pro and anti-abortionists. The aim of the 1967 Abortion Act was essentially to curtail the number of deaths by backstreet abortions by legalising it.

The act has been liberally abused and it is for this reason that further legislation has been put forward to curtail these abuses. However, the James White Abortion (Amendment) Bill, which was designed to do this has been the subject of much controversy and rightly so. It would have been (it lapses at the end of this session) a restrictive piece of legislation.

There are valid sociological reasons in many cases for abortion, but this does not detract from the fact that it is murder in the strictest meaning of the word.

Pingpong



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## Squash Courts

The South Kensington Sports Committee has decided that the playing sessions on the squash courts will be reduced from 45 to 30 minutes for a trial period from 27th October 1975 to 31st January 1967 to enable more students to use the courts. The charges per session will remain as at present.



# WELLSOC

Contrary to expectations, WELLSOC's lecture on Monday, October 20th was not "The Future of Communication", to have been delivered by Pearce Wright. This was mainly to do with a certain lack of communication. This lecture will probably be given later in the term, eg Nov 17th.

Instead, Sir David Huddie from Mech Eng stepped into the breach at the last moment and delivered a fascinating lecture on a survey conducted in IC a few years ago. This was concerned with what success IC graduates felt they met in their jobs. This opinion of success was split into three main parts: Firstly salary, then responsibility, and the amount they enjoyed their jobs. A table showed how little difference it meant to your salary and responsibility prospects if you had a first class degree. Also, interestingly, an anomaly appeared at the lower end of the degree scale: If you are a person in the 3rd class Honours bracket who will probably not make a 2nd, it appears to be worthwhile to do a little worse, and get a pass degree instead of an Honours. But please, if you must experiment, don't blame me, or Sir David, if it goes wrong on you.

One section of the questionnaire sent round asked what subject the graduates felt should have been included in the course, or enlarged upon. The highest scorer? *Mathematics*, all the way across the board. The other main area was management and economics.

MIT conducted a similar survey of their graduates recently. The survey boiled down to one basic question: *Are you happy?* In answer, 70% felt that they were successful, 50% enjoyed their job, and 40% felt that MIT gave them an advantage.

I could go on. Sir David produced any number of fascinating statistics which I could reproduce. If you're interested and want to hear more, there is a rather rare report on the IC survey "around". But in an ostensibly literary publication, any more statistics might not go down very well.

## Opsoc summer tour report

On Saturday July 19th seventy people who made up this year's tour company set out on the annual pilgrimage from all parts of the country.

On Saturday July 19th seventy people who made up this year's tour company set out on the annual pilgrimage from all parts of the country to Budleigh Salterton in Devon. It was the eighth visit time and we were pleased that the Devonians were not fed up with us yet.

We thought that the choice of production — "Patience" by Gilbert and Sullivan, would cause a marked drop in our ticket sales over the 1974 tour, since it was relatively less-known than the all-time favourites "Trial by Jury" & "HMS Pinafore". Fortunately over 2000 people came to see us — a 91% sellout!

The production was not traditional but set in the 1920's. An interesting re-arrangement in the final act brought the curtain down with a show-stopping Charleston! — the audience loved it.

We had booked our weather for the fortnight and the sun

shone almost continually (during the day) which helped the usual tennis tournament to actually be completed even though the beach put in a strong challenge this year.

On our one whole day off most people deserted Budleigh for the charms of Dartmoor and other beauty spots — ensuring that they got back to the local in time for the Opsoc Sing-song.

Our concert in Budleigh Church went very well and made over £80 for charity. The programme included the Bach Cantata no 141 (Wachet auf) the Beethoven Symphony No 1, the Brandenburg Concerto No 4 and some madrigals with voices from the cast, orchestra, stage-crew and front of house staff taking part. We followed the concert with the Tour Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Exmouth.

All in all everyone really enjoyed this year's tour and we hope that 1967 will be as successful and enjoyable.

### NOTICE

The Bar Committee regrets to inform that due to increased costs in the college bars, it is necessary to increase prices, to take effect on Wednesday 29th October.

This will mean an increase of approximately 1p on most drinks in Southside, College block and Union bars.

## 'Cocktail'

After nearly a year of graphic silence we return with "Cocktail". A decision is being made this week about our workshop but we hope we will be publishing many more prints this session.

*Don't pay anymore society subscriptions* until you see what you can make with us. You owe it to yourself.

Our future now secure, we need a larger membership. Not for you? Well, do you like our poster? If yes then come along and see what it's all about. I'm sorry if you think "Cocktail" is a waste of paper or it doesn't look nice, but why don't you come and tell me, perhaps you could influence the looks of the next Graffiti poster or even produce it yourself.

Our facilities stretch enough

to allow the design and production of stickers, transfers and 'T' shirts as well as posters.

Have you got an idea? Why not try it out? If not we can give you a title and carte blanche though assistance is always at hand.

Come along to the meeting on Tues 28th in the Bio Common Room at 1.00pm.

If you'd like to see some screen prints you could go to the *Thumb Gallery in D'arblay Street, W1*, where the works of Metka Krasovec are on display till November 1st.

## ICWA debate on abortion

The sad lack of an IC Debating Society is being compensated for by a series of debates organised by ICWA. The first of these took place on Tuesday in the ICWA lounge. The subject of the debate was "Abortion is every woman's right".

The first speaker for the motion was Karen Gadd. Ms Gadd, in spite of wallowing in her own brand of bigotry about women, produced a very convincing case.

The first speaker for the opposition was Janusz Fiedler. Mr Fiedler's argument rested on the belief that abortion would automatically lead to euthanasia and men could treat women badly and irresponsibly if they believed that these women could obtain abortions.

The next speaker for the proposition, Nick Payne, considered abortion within the framework of our society, dismissing the idea that abortion could not exist. He talked about the horrors of back street abortion and the good sense of legalised abortion. He refuted the opposition's claim that abortion was murder by citing the case of test-tube babies.

The final speaker was Ms Christine Hands who used the biological argument by con-

sidering the structure of the fertilised egg. Ms Hands' speech was well thought out and thoroughly researched.

The chairperson, Ms Dot Griffiths, then opened the debate to the floor. An amicable and surprisingly calm discussion ensued but unfortunately few people discussed the points raised in the debate and used it as an opportunity to air their own particular prejudices on abortion.

The motion was overwhelmingly carried.

It seems a pity that more occasions of this kind are not organised at this college. The people who attended Tuesday's debate all asked when the next would be. There certainly seems to be a strong case for setting up an IC Debating Society. The series of debates organised by ICWA this term should establish this point beyond doubt. It would certainly be pleasant to see more events of this kind.

## Rifle Club

ICRPC is run by eight volunteers for those interested in 0.22 target shooting. For rifle shooters there is a choice of six excellent target rifles; for pistol shooters there are two semi-automatics. Standing and kneeling rifle shooting is also taught.

There is an inter-union competition run annually between teams selected from club members. Day trips to the National Rifle Association ranges at Bisley Camp are organised for 7.62mm Nato rifle shooting. Members who show good progress may find themselves shooting for IC against other UL colleges or perhaps shooting for UL. There

is also an annual rifle and pistol competition for the coveted Clothworkers & Skinners Cup, the Huntingdon Cup and the club Championship.

ICRPC is open all weekday lunchtimes and all Wednesday afternoon/early evening. Ammunition may be bought at the range, which is situated in the Southside Sports Complex, for 35p per 50 rounds. Annual subscription is £1.80.

Anyone just interested or wishing to join is welcome to come and have a chat with either myself or one of the Committee members at the range any lunchtime and Wednesday afternoon.

VLC Phillips



# The Refectory price syndrome.

## TRUST is needed

If there are two heads which ought to be mercilessly smashed together at the present time, then those heads belong to Peter Teague, the Union President, and Victor Mooney, the College Refectory manager. Whilst the refectionary price situation at IC seems to get worse, these two key figures, who could if they really tried ease the situation somewhat, seem content to just watch the opportunity disintegrate like a dead sausage.

The fact that Mr Mooney expected to put up prices by 40% without increasing the quality of the meats served in Southside clearly indicates that he is a total loony. The fact that Mr Teague is encouraging the students to eat elsewhere thus doing harm to the College's refectionary account and thus ensuring that the prices increase at Christmas will probably be double what they were first expected to be indicate's that he too is a total loony.

"It's the UGC's fault with their self-balancing catering rules!" they scream indignantly in an improbable incestuous unison, "The buck stops there, not with us." "Meatballs," I murmur, sotto voce. (Naive hysterical catcalls broach my train of thought: "Come on then, nitwit! So what's your solution then, eh??" I unsuccessfully try to stifle a snigger and manage to purr "Glad you asked".

Here goes:-

- \* Boycotting the refectionaries or encouraging students to eat elsewhere is crass stupidity: it simply perpetuates the loss on the College refectionary account thus provoking further price increases.
- \* The cost of a refectionary item is essentially in two parts: A. the basic cost of the item; B. the cost of preparation plus staff wages, plus overheads.
- \* If part A cannot be altered, what can be done about part B? Answer: Get more students to eat at the refectionaries to increase the turnover and thus produce a refectionary profit which can be used to keep the prices down.
- \* How can you do that? Answer: SERVE BETTER PREPARED FOOD. Once the quality is established, IC Union can play its part by vigorously campaigning for students to support the College and eat in the refectionaries as much as possible.

\* Too many students are exasperated at being unable to do anything constructive about refectionary prices. This plan would at least give students the opportunity to do something about it.

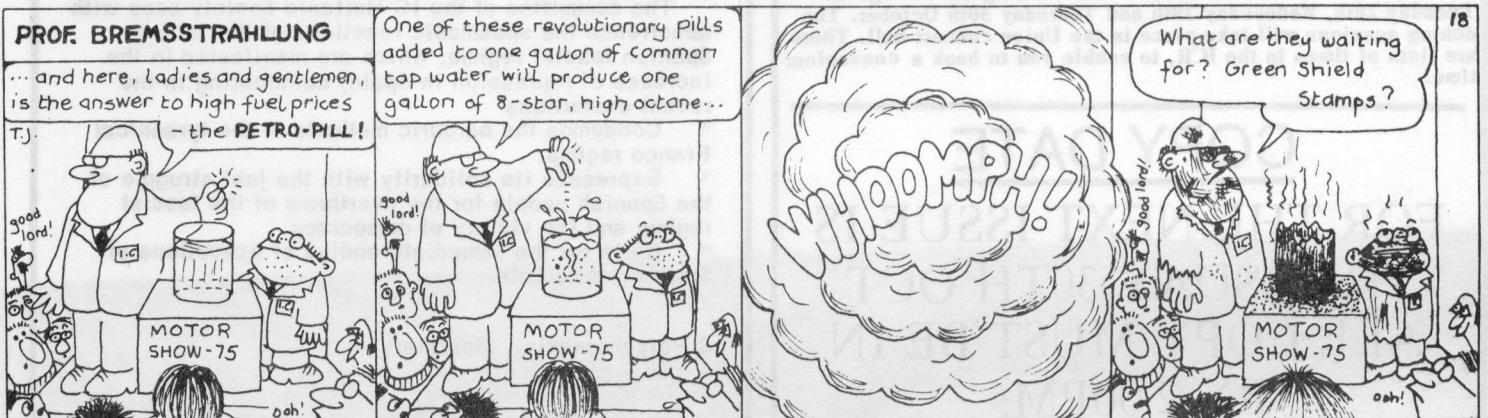
This is a plan which calls for TRUST: The Union would have to TRUST Mr Mooney to maintain the high quality of food and service which he would initially undertake to reach, Mr Mooney would have to TRUST the Union to keep its part of the bargain and get students to fill the refectionaries. If arbitration could help, then maybe the Rector should be asked to step in.

Doubtless the smug little cynics on both sides of the fence will point to the difficulties involved in monitoring fairly the "quality of the food"; will quote Union policy which might preclude such a plan. May I be the first to metaphorically spit in their eyes. This "plan" is a roughly hewn principle; no-one is denying that the College and Union bureaucrats would have to work overtime, to determine the necessary details which make up a proposition viable to both the Union and the College. Difficulties CAN be overcome; Union policy CAN be changed at a single UGM; all it needs is painstaking commonsense and the belief that it can work.

Don't you think it would be worth all the effort? If it worked, the goal of good quality food optimally priced would be realistically attainable, not just a figment of our already exasperated imaginings. Not only that, but it would be a storming victory for diplomacy, trust and common sense in a situation that was crying out for it.

PLEASE MR MOONEY, MR TEAGUE AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES (AND THAT INCLUDES ALL 4,000 IC STUDENTS) GIVE THIS IDEA FAIR CONSIDERATION WHEN DETERMINING YOUR ATTITUDES ON REFECTIONARY PRICES. IT CAN WORK. IF YOU DISAGREE, PLEASE WRITE TO FELIX AND TELL US WHY.

MIKE WILLIAMS





# City & Guilds SILLY SPORTS

Last Saturday saw the unveiling of Guilds athletic powers, as the Super Guildsmen competed in the Annual Silly Sports, outside Harrods. Here is a run down of the meeting: 09.30: The athletes met in the Guilds Union Office, and started their pre-event warm ups, name doing press ups, some touching toes, some smoking and some sleeping.

10.00: Super Guilds net out, the first event being the n-legged race down to the wrme, sending a Boomalaha outside southside on the way.

10.15: The athletes arrive outside Harrods, to find the place deserted, which is good for the rag collecting.

11.00: The events are well under way, however some competitions have succumbed to the easy life, preferring to hold collecting cans, rather than exert themselves in the events. Collecting is going a little better, a profitable sideline being charging people to take photo's of Bo.

11.30: The last race! A marathan leap frog around Knightsbridge. The marathan set out, with shoppers stopping to stare at the rippling muscles of the Super Guildsmen.

11.35: The rippling muscles giving way to ragging flab, and with several shoppers picking themselves up off the floor, the marathon came to an end.

12.00: The competition and collections reture to that haven of good piss water - The Ennismme Arms.

13.00: The money was counted, and after much argument, the total was set at around £100.



*Boys will be boys!*

Photographs by Nigel Williams



*Bottoms up!*



*The End*

## Blood Doning

There will be a blood transfusion unit visiting the college on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October. The doning sessions will take place in the Union concert hall. There are lists of times in the ICR, to enable you to book a convenient time.

## COPY DATE

FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS  
THURSDAY 30TH OCT.  
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The committee of the IC Hellenic Society, at its meeting on 7 October 1975 passed the following resolution:

The committee of the IC Hellenic Society sees with abhorrence the spasmodic reactions of the falling Spanish fascist regime, which are manifested in the increase of repression in Spain, culminating in the recent executions.

\* Condemns the barbaric methods of the tyrannical Franco regime.

\* Expresses its solidarity with the just struggle of the Spanish people for the overthrow of the fascist regime and the victory of democracy.

\* Calls for the immediate ending of executions of Spanish democrats.

S Polychronakis (Secretary)



# What is wrong with abortion?

This was the title of a lecture given at Imperial College recently, by JJ Scarisbrick, Professor of History, and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick.

Professor Scarisbrick commenced his talk with a series of very emotive slides, showing fetuses aborted in a number of different ways. One of the most shocking of these was the 'vacuum aspiration' method, in which the foetus is sucked down a tube into a disposable jar. In the process the body is shredded by a set of blades in the tube.

The talk continued with a number of very persuasively couched arguments, the broad theme of these being, 'Is murder morally acceptable?' Professor Scarisbrick argued that a just society was one that secures equality before the law, for all its members, regardless of race, creed, and size. However he omitted to point out that a just society should also look to the plight of the pregnant mother and child once it is born, and that abortion facilitates this.

Merely because an unborn child is uneducated, and

unsocialised this was no reason to treat him or her as a second class citizen. In fact it could be argued that an apartheid system operates between the born and unborn, as a result of the total vulnerability of the foetus.

If carried to its logical conclusion this criterion formed a very dangerous threat to our society, since we would then be bounded to consider children, and handicapped people as similar, second class citizens.

The talk, which was arranged by IC Catholic society, ended with a question session, which lamentably produced no real discussion between the pro and anti abortion factions. Pro: But despite this the occasion was undoubtedly very stimulating to those considering abortion for the first time, as well as being very searching to those who already had opinions on the matter.

by Nick Payne

## RFC Bonfire Dance

at Harlington Sunday November 2nd  
Tickets from Pam in the Union  
£1 in advance £1.20 on night  
Bonfire - Disco - Food - Free Transport  
Fireworks

# Letters

## Knock all extremism

Sir - Having just read the circular of the combined group of the Socialist Worker and Hammersmith Hospital shop Stewards, we were appalled at the lack of insight and totally bigotted views put forward by the said organisations. We are not politically motivated, however, we abhor the twisted and distorted ideas of these uncelebrated gentlemen.

Why do we not see them campaigning against other extremist organisations such as those who support the IRA (eg the communists)? It is also a well publicised fact that, rather than the National Front, it is the marxists and communists who are the main causes of industrial strife today.

Why point to one group of extremists when there is an equally great if not worse threat from other political wing.

Yours faithfully,  
I Huntingdon,  
JG Turzynski,  
R Hasler,  
BV Speed,  
Civil Engineering II

## Refectory campaign

Sir - Congratulations for your campaign for a better refectory service. I have one suggestion about these services, which I think ought to be aired. On Tuesday (Oct 8th), I had a meal in Southside, of cod and chips, followed by apple pie. The cod was marked-up as 35p and the piece of apple pie as 11p. The chips had no price marked, but let us estimate their value at a nominal 4p. Now, my mathematics states that this should total 50p, but the lady on the till reckoned it to be 41p. Being particularly short on cash that evening, I was very grateful, but the refectory made a loss of 18% on that meal. Perhaps this might be their "slight mismanagement problem" that leads to the £78,000 deficit, and that because of this, the 40% increase was more than necessary.

With regards to prices, I have sampled a reasonable meal at a Teacher Training College in South London, for 30p. This consisted of soup (with roll and butter), fish and chips and a piece of cake. This is perhaps not exactly very nutritional, but was good value for 30p. Perhaps, if our refectories were more efficient, then we might have a meal for a comparable price.

Best of luck for the future.

Yours faithfully,  
Anon (1st year Aero).

# PG AFFAIRS CORNER

## Tom Abraham

This is the first PG affairs corner of the term. Articles from PG students on any aspect of postgraduate life at IC would be welcome. Although there were a number of contributions from rank and file PG's last year, we could do with quite a few more since there are supposed to be some 1500 PG's at this College.

Pete Teague and I went to see the Registrar, Peter Mee, to discuss the position of postgraduate students who over-run their three year research period. As far as those who are registered as 'writing-up' are concerned, they are allowed to do a certain amount of experimental research work which is related to the writing-up of the thesis. The sort of work involved would be either calibrating a system or checking out experimental results or even doing minor experiments to verify theories formulated to explain certain observations. While this is satisfactory, we also raised the question of the exemption from tuition fees, of students who over-run their research period due to circumstances beyond their control. The students who would come under this category are:

1. those who have experienced long delays in the delivery of materials and/or equipment.
2. those who have had to change their project because the original one was non-viable and
3. those who have been subject to bad supervision.

The college is quite aware of these sort of problems, and would if the individual students department so recommended, react favourably to any application for exemption from tuition fees. However it is not possible to lay down any definitive guidelines and each case would be looked at on its own merits.

We welcome the open-minded attitude adopted by the college on this matter, since we believe that it is impossible to limit research work to a predetermined rigid time period.

If any postgraduates are experiencing difficulties because they have to stay on, please get in touch with either, Pete Teague or my and we will see what can be done.

## Council meetings

Sir, - Surely your information about the 'Shortest Council meeting ever held at IC' is incorrect. There was a meeting last session which is recorded as opening at 6.00pm and closing at 8.40pm - which appears to equal the time of last weeks Council. Indeed it



The rector's comment that he did not feel that the union was catering for the post-graduates at IC is most welcome. Most of the PG's would agree with the rector wholeheartedly. The IC postgraduate group was set up specifically to cater for postgraduates. It was meant to function within the Union structure. However the Union has not tried to integrate the group into the Union structure. This can only be done if ICPGG is given full representational rights with regard to PG's. It could only operate if there was specific postgraduate representation both on college and union committees. In addition certain minimal facilities should be accorded to the group and its officers. I would reject criticism that we are being elitist in making these demands and state that it is time the union recognised the very different nature of PG work.

Karl Ibrilian? resigned as PGAO because he felt that he could not cater for the needs of the postgraduate students under circumstances which made it very difficult to carry out that job. It would be pointless for him to spend all his time fighting for the basic demands detailed above. I sympathise with him and I would find it difficult to recommend the job to anyone unless the union is prepared to discuss our demands. I would however add that Pete Teague's efforts on behalf of the PG's is very much appreciated. But Pete Teague although being president, is not the IC Union. It is the union which will have to make fundamental changes if it actually wants to represent the postgraduates at IC.

Yours faithfully,  
Jacqui Gerrard



# National Abortion Campaign

The National Abortion Campaign was set up in March 1975, specifically aimed at defeating the James White Abortion (Amendment) Bill, legislation which was then going through Parliament, seeking to restrict the 1967 Abortion Act.

Since that initial meeting, NAC has attracted thousands of women and men to support it. Its philosophy has widened, and the campaign has developed. NUS has supported NAC since its inception; many Students Unions are active around the demands of NAC, a situation that arose very much out of the prioritisation of the Emergency Motion at Llandudno Conference on the James White Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

NAC itself has come a long way since March. The demonstration on 21st June was far larger than even the most optimistic predictions (25,000) and before and since that major event much activity has gone up and down the country.

The NAC Conference on the 18/19 October at Imperial College saw a positive turning point for NAC. This was the first occasion that all the many local groups have had the opportunity to get together

and discuss the future direction of the campaign. The slogan, *Abortion on Demand; A Woman's Right to Choose* was adopted as the central focus of the campaign. NAC has now moved on from being a campaign which grew out of the need for a coherent opposition to the James White Bill, into a campaign which is seeking to put forward a positive position on actually achieving a situation where women have the right to choose whether or not to have a child. NAC has very much gone on the offensive.

NUS will continue to support the initiatives of NAC, but our support efforts will only bear fruit if support is given by individual colleges. That is where the campaign has to be taken up in NUS.

**Penny Cooper,**  
**NUS Executive member.**

# SPUC-an extremist group

An opinion by Karen Gadd,  
Sue Tanner and J Sweet

In these times of economic unrest repressive, extremist groups are emerging such as the National Front, SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) and Life. All are intent on the repression of individual rights, which they claim is for the good of our society. To a certain extent these groups are interconnected. The National Front is proud to affiliate itself with SPUC, but as yet SPUC has given no official encouragement to its members to join the National Front.

In spite of their denial of basic human rights to women, all these groups have women members. At the head of these "anti-women" movements is SPUC, a powerful and dangerous organisation. It has the backing and financial support of many respected members of our society. It also has the support of many religious organisations including the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

Many influential people sit on the SPUC executive and their chairman is the bachelor Viscount Barrington, an ex-Eton, Royal Artillery and Diplomatic Service lord in his sixties. They receive extensive publicity and are frequently quoted, but this has not always been to their advantage as they have an apparent disregard for accuracy.

Their statistics are so wildly inaccurate that only the extremely ignorant or gullible could possibly believe them. Two SPUC supporters have claimed that the birth rate has fallen by 99% since the 1967 Act! Dr Margaret White, vice-president of SPUC and an ardent supporter of SPUC, is quoted as saying, "*Unborn babies have no votes and they are to be sacrificed to placate extreme left-wing members of the Party who are restive about the slaughter in Vietnam and the wage freeze*". Prof Hugh McClaren, who is a member of the SPUC executive claims that "*Most women seeking abortions are blondes, quite healthy, with cars...*".

SPUC pursue a purely emotive and sentimental line of argument against abortion and accompany talks and seminars with explicit (and in our opinion obscene) slides showing the gory details of a simple operation. They specialise in blown-up photographs of fetuses showing their human characteristics. These fetuses are invariably thought of as males.

It is thus that they seek to protect the unborn child even at the expense of the mother.

*The views expressed in this article are solely those of the authors and are not those of the FELIX Editorial Board.*

# Abortions - not that simple

Abortion is an emotive issue, it involves basic human rights. The operation can be one of the most unpleasant: it has long term physical and psychological effects. It is important, therefore, that the practical aims of interested bodies and the real effects of legislation are fully understood.

Too many people have reduced the situation to a pro/ann abortion fight. It is not so simple. Opposition to restrictive legislation is based on a campaign that is struggling for research into safer, free contraception and general education/counselling on both contraception and abortion. Contraception has to be an integral part of any such issue. However, the focus of publicity remains on abortion because it is abortion that is under discussion and threat of legislation.

No-one can believe in abortion as an end in itself. But it is unrealistic to imagine that making it illegal will prevent those women who cannot, for some reason, face having a child, from taking steps to remove it as best they can. Abortion is a very big decision. There is nothing casual about a woman who sees it as the only course of action.

In 1971, the Lane Committee was set up to investigate the workings of the 1967 Act. Offences of procuring illegal abortion known to the police have dropped from 314 in 1967 to 36 in 1973. Deaths attributable to illegal abortion have fallen from 28 in 1967 to 5 in 1974.

Late abortions are difficult, dangerous and ethically dubious. It is obvious that if abortion must take place, it should do so as early as possible. The National Abortion Campaign is therefore fighting for out-patient abortion clinics

to be set up in all regions, thus reducing the delay between abortion referral by a GP and appointment with a gynaecologist to a few days. At present 40% of NHS patients have to wait 2 to 5 weeks. The clinics would also have a sound economic advantage for the struggling NHS, according to the medical journal 'Pulse', which quotes a saving of one million pounds a year if all abortions currently performed on the NHS were to be performed in out-patient clinics.

In 1973 the Lane Committee report concluded that the advantages of the 1967 Act far outweighed the disadvantages and it recommended administrative action to prevent abuses. The Government took no action. In June, 356 out of 360 local medical committees asked the BMA to oppose the White Bill. In September, the 1975 Annual Congress of the TUC and the Labour Party Conference, both called for abortion on request on the NHS. But nothing will be done without continued pressure.

The National Abortion Campaign therefore calls for free contraception and research into safer methods, counselling centres on contraception and abortion, and finally free abortion on demand in out-patient clinics within the NHS so that women can obtain early, legal abortions if forced to such a course of action.

**Erica Graham**

## Nightline needs Volunteers

### Who are the volunteers

Ordinary students from all the colleges in the area, scientists, musicians and artists. There are probably some in your department. It is impossible to describe a typical volunteer because each is so different. One thing they share is an interest in people.

### What do they do?

Talk to people, (as you do with your owlfriends) either on the phone or in the flat. This involves finding information from our files on legal advice, emergency accommodation, local hospitals, late night shops etc. Often people just want a chance to put their ideas in perspective. It can help to talk confidentially with someone outside their immediate circle of friends about a problem they have with any kind of relationship.

### How do they do it?

About once a fortnight they spend the whole evening and night in the flat in South Kensington. They have a comfortable flat with beds, kitchen unit, bathroom and at least three volunteers.

### How can you find out about getting involved?

Phone 581 2468 after 6 and arrange to meet a volunteer and talk more about it. Then come on our introductory weekend 24th October in Sussex.



# ABORTION-the issues involved

The abortion issue has been much debated in and around IC recently with the Life lecture, the NAC conference and the ICWA debate. These debates whilst serving to clarify the views and aims of each of the camps involved has not involved a wide audience. Thus, FELIX presents on these pages the various aspects of the abortion debate.

The passing of the 1967 Act helped to focus attention on the need for better contraception, for more and improved sex education, and for safer abortion techniques. The Act also exposed many of the problems faced by contemporary women, and the services provided under the Act helped to alleviate these problems. By legalising abortion, much individual suffering was relieved.

Unfortunately, sufficient provision was not allowed for the Act — with the result that considerable strain was imposed on the NHS. This has led to marked inequalities over the country in the provision of services for legal abortion as illustrated by our own Health Centre.

Due to the fact that the services provided by the NHS have been inadequate, profit-making practices have flourished, which for sufficient money will provide abortion on demand.

However, the report from the committee on the Abortion Act shows that abuse of the act has been limited.

The James White (Amendment) Bill (which lapses at the end of this parliamentary session) is an attempt to limit abuse of the 1967 Act, but it seems to have failed to do so.

The present law allows a woman an abortion if two doctors agree that

- (a) continuing the pregnancy involves greater risk to her life; or
- (b) continuing the pregnancy involves greater risk to injury to her physical or mental health of than an abortion; or
- (c) continuing the pregnancy involves a greater risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the existing children in the family than an abortion; or
- (d) there is a substantial risk that the child will be born seriously deformed.

Clause (b) is known as the "social clause".

The amendment bill would alter (a), (b) and (c) so that abortion would be justified if —

- (i) continuing the pregnancy meant *Grave Risk* to the woman's life; or
- (ii) continuing the pregnancy meant a risk of *serious injury* to the woman's mental or physical health; or
- (iii) continuing the pregnancy meant a risk of *serious injury* to the mental or physical health of the existing children.

These restrictions will seriously reduce the legal grounds for abortion. Experts from both the pro and anti-abortion lobbies have estimated that *legal* abortions would be reduced by nearly 80,000 a year. Among these 80,000 unable to get abortions under the new law would be rape victims, unmarried or unsupported mothers, women who have to give up their careers to have babies and women whose marriages are threatened by pregnancy. The bill also contains several retrogressive clauses — for instance, girls under 16 years of age cannot be *advised* on abortion unless in the presence of their parents — information pamphlets on abortion would become illegal.

The bill, which lapses at the end of this parliamentary session, will probably be re-introduced in the next session. It is expected that it will be more refined than the crude bill presented by James White.

In the meantime the Government has accepted, in principle, the nine recommendations of the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill. Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, has also promised that a motion to reestablish the select committee will be tabled early in the next parliamentary session.

Karen Gadd

Paul Ekpenyong

## Life - A fate worse than death?

A rather melodramatic title I will admit, but is this not the question we drum ourselves fit to answer for the unwanted child? It is considered better to kill a foetus rather than allow him or her to become a possibly disadvantaged child. We, in our so-called 'civilized' society, have assumed the right to dispose of 'unwanted' fellow human beings, because they have not yet passed through the incident in their life known as birth.

Of course, opponents of this point of view would maintain that the foetus is not a fellow human, but is, rather, some collection of cells, to be removed, like a cancerous growth, for the benefit of a severely distressed mother. However, for a foetus whose heart beats at 25 days and whose brain waves can be detected at 6 weeks after conception, I can see no point at which the continuous process of its development can be considered to make the transition between non-life and the human life so demonstrably visible after birth. Therefore, as the fertilized ovum is already living and genetically unique, I feel it is only reasonable to consider this conception as having human life. Moreover I deem it a gross assumption to continue removing foetuses from the womb until such time as it has been proved that what is killed is definitely *not* a human being, which proof has yet to be produced.

However, we must also show compassion for the terrible position of the mother in the case of an unwanted pregnancy. Indeed, any society which sees abortion as the only way out of her predicament must be a very callous and lazy one. Would it not be better to give the woman the 'right to choose' by providing a viable alternative; put as much finance and effort into providing more effective and readily available forms of contraception and, also, help for the term of the pregnancy and if necessary, thereafter.

For example, we could try to remedy the situation whereby 40% of our homeless are one parent families. One reason for saying this is that abortion, although a fairly swift operation, is by no means on a par with a tonsilectomy, and can result in various physical after-effects including sterility, future miscarriages, severe period pains and so on. Most of these are caused by the basic nature of abortion in truncating gestation; during pregnancy a woman's body is geared to camping the child, both physically and metabolically and, thus, any premature termination of the pregnancy is likely to cause these physical difficulties as well as many severe and long-lasting psychological guilt problems. These factors lead me to the conclusion that abortion — far from being the only way out of an 'unwanted' pregnancy, is not even one of the better ones, even from the mother's point of view.

Moreover, returning to the foetus, it can readily be seen that abortion is not the best solution for him or her, as it leaves him (her) with no opportunity for any choice but rather imposes a most barbaric form of capital punishment on a vulnerable, innocent human being whose only crime is that of being socially inconvenient. What price a society which makes social inconvenience a capital offence within its civil law?

Tony Fitzgerald

## NOTICE

Yet Again . . . .  
Although sports articles are much in demand for FELIX in future articles will be rejected unless

1. They are written on alternate lines
2. Proper names, place names, technical words are written in capitals
3. That the writing is LEGIBLE.

These conditions are to aid editing and to help the varitypist when she comes to type the article. Help in these matters would be appreciated.

Sports Editor

### MEETING

Britain's Economic Crisis — Cause and Cure  
Speaker:-

George Matthews  
— National Executive Member,  
Communist Party  
Tuesday October 28th 1.00pm  
Mech. Eng. 664

### HORSE-RIDING

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## REVIEWS

## BOOKS

### Ten Years After Ivan Denisovich by Zhores Medvedev (Penguin Books)

If Alexander Solzhenitsyn had not suddenly become extremely fashionable to read, such a book would never have been published. It is a symptom of the publishers' desire to cash in on the boom. Anything vaguely related to the great man (and I am not denying the fact that Solzhenitsyn is a great novelist) will sell, so publish and con the public. I wonder how many people having bought this inverted book will have managed to plough through the minutiae of detail of Soviet literary life. It reads like one long whimpering cry that the world is not a fair place, which is hardly a dramatic revelation. It also tends to reinforce the preconceived notions of the USSR which we in the West possess. This is a bad thing to stem from the book in itself since like all preconceived notions they are nothing like the truth. The idea tends to be implied that nothing like that could ever happen in the West but that in itself is demonstrably untrue.

Some words must be said about the style and content of the book. The book chronicles the progress of Soviet literature from 1962 onwards. It is written from the viewpoint of the author with an excessive use of phrases such as, 'I did this', 'I met him' and continuous references to obscure journals.

If you are taking a degree in Russian literature then by all means buy this book but if you just happen to be vaguely interested in the literature and have been moved by the novels of Solzhenitsyn such as '*Cancer Ward*', '*The First Circle*' and '*A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*' do not get conned.

### The Private Future by Martin Pawley (Pan Books)

Martin Pawley's first book not related to architecture consists of a closely reasoned analysis of the trends in consumer society. It hits home as he argues that community in the West is gone leaving only a linear pattern of supply and consumption. He demonstrates how people

are withdrawing into their private heavens, buttressed by consumer durables and mesmerised by the media. The book shows how this withdrawal is visibly reflected in Politics sport and entertainment. Further, he argues that such life has led to the acceptance of a preferred media-induced reality as opposed to the primary reality. As the logic proceeds one feels that not only may such a situation exist for the faceless public, but also for oneself. At this point it becomes a profoundly disturbing book and one looks, in vain for a solution to be offered.

It is written in a readable manner despite the sprinkling of sociological jargon. The book is full of phrases that are compelling, for example, '*alone in a centrally heated, air conditioned capsule, drugged, fed with music and erotic imagery, the private citizen of the future will have become one with the end of effort and the triumph of sensation*'. The index seems both useless and pointless, but this is only a small point and overall I would recommend it as a compelling, if disturbing book.

DBH

## Concerts

Ian Morse

### Horslips/ Jonathan Kelly

Saturday night's concert in the Great Hall was really the story of an audience (or at least a manic section of it) taking over a gig as far as sheer spectacle goes, the band on stage merely providing the necessary spark to set off their fanatical followers on the road to what seemed, must eventually lead to their ultimate self-destruction.

A contingent of particularly volatile Horslips fans had made the journey from Manchester especially to see their heroes perform. It was quite clear after the first few bars of the band's set that these people were out to make the gig into an event. Spurred on by obvious intoxication, the scene was more reminiscent of say, the Eton Wall game — bodies falling everywhere, groups of fans forming themselves into rugby scrums and

charging into each other with all the ferocity of an All Black pack — all amazingly carried out in the greatest of humour. It came as no surprise that the bass-player of the band appealed for a little calm, stating that the life-expectancy up front was about one minute! All this and we were only into the third number. So it went on, by the fifth song most of the audience were up on their feet, caught up with Horslip's particular brand of jig-rock, the Mancunians in front of the stage seeming to have some sort of lemming complex, relentless in their quest to self-destruct.

The overall atmosphere of the event was further enhanced by the fellow who thoughtfully chundered by the exit door — so providing an ideal skid-trap for the unfortunates who took that particular path, and there were many. It must have accounted for at least a dozen people.

Although their music is capable of

much subtlety which they tried to expound with a few slower numbers, Horslips' attempt to vary what was always going to be a breakneck pace, was an abortive one. So they gave the punters what they wanted — the well proven formula of jigs/reels and rock equal success, the musicians being brought back for two encores.

Earlier, Jonathan Kelly was given a generally warm reception. Having dispensed with his backing band Outside, which on the one occasion I saw them perform together, seemed to get in each others way Kelly is fully capable of holding an audience by himself, with his slightly whimsical offerings. Familiar Kelly songs like '*Madalaine*', '*The Curse of Anna Store*' and '*Stoned Junkies*' were very well received, Kelly's performance enhancing his reputation as one of the countries most underrated folk singers.

### Van Der Graaf Generator — Great Hall

There have been occasions in the past when I found the Stark solemnity of Van Der Graaf Generator's music little short of overpowering. The relentless violent force portrayed in their music was previously countered by tongue-in-cheek renditions of, for instance, '*Dambusters March*' or '*Theme One*', the signature tune of Radio One. Judging by the performance given by the new MKII Generator last Tuesday night, it would seem that they have forsaken this sometimes relieving part of their personia, instead treating the audience to two and a quarter hours of some of the most incessant musical

violence heard since Magma last invaded these isles.

Playing mostly new songs from the '*Godbluff*' album (*Undercover Man*, *Scorched Earth*, *Larrossa*), plus some vintage violence courtesy of '*Angels Savours*', '*Refugees*', '*Lemmings*' and '*Black Room*', the band interpreted them with great conviction. Peter Hammill's distinctive voice piercing the melee of Mahler — inspired signatures laid down by Hugh Banton on keyboards and drummer Guy Evans, whilst Dave Jackson with his array of electric reeds (looking for all the world like a battery-powered Action Man) adding a much needed top to the

arrangements.

Throughout the set, Generator's intensity level was not allowed to slacken for a moment, each number as vehement as the last, showing all the subtleties of a division of Panzer tanks. Although at their best hypnotically stimulating, this complete lack of musical dynamics will, in my opinion be the main reason why the group will always fail to win mass acceptance like others of their genre.

At the end of the performance Generator were brought back for an encore by a generally ecstatic audience, although for me, two and a quarter hours of walking the same high voltage tension wire can lead to positive overkill.

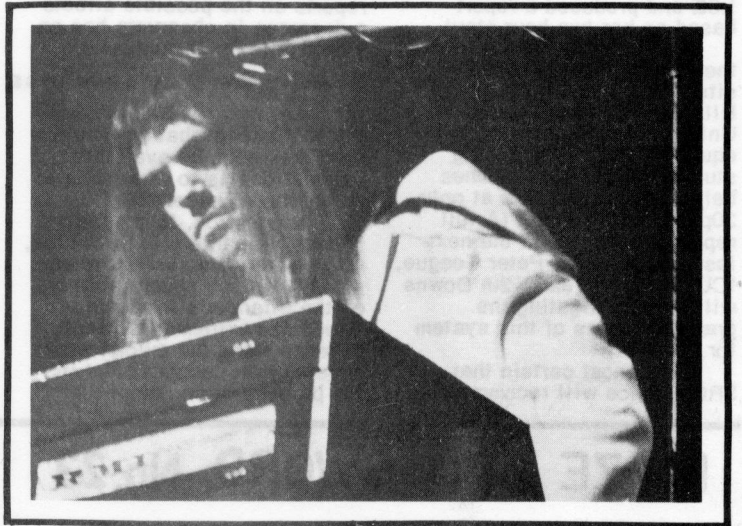
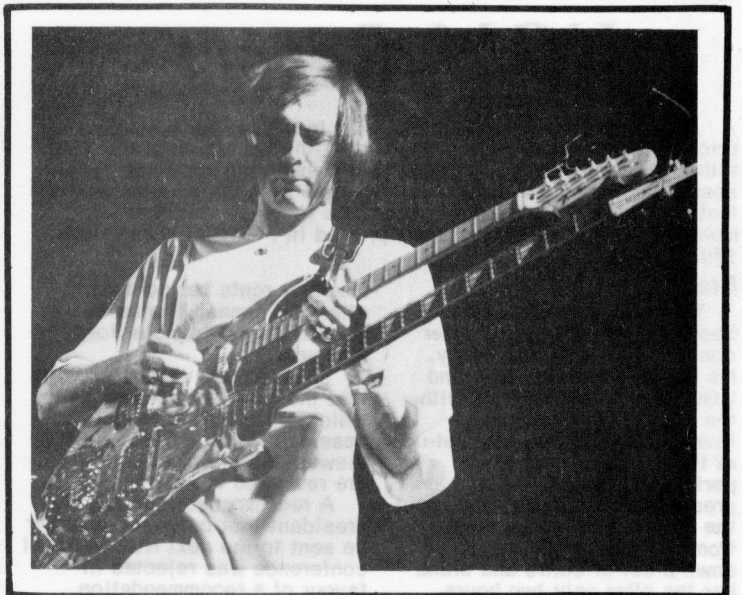
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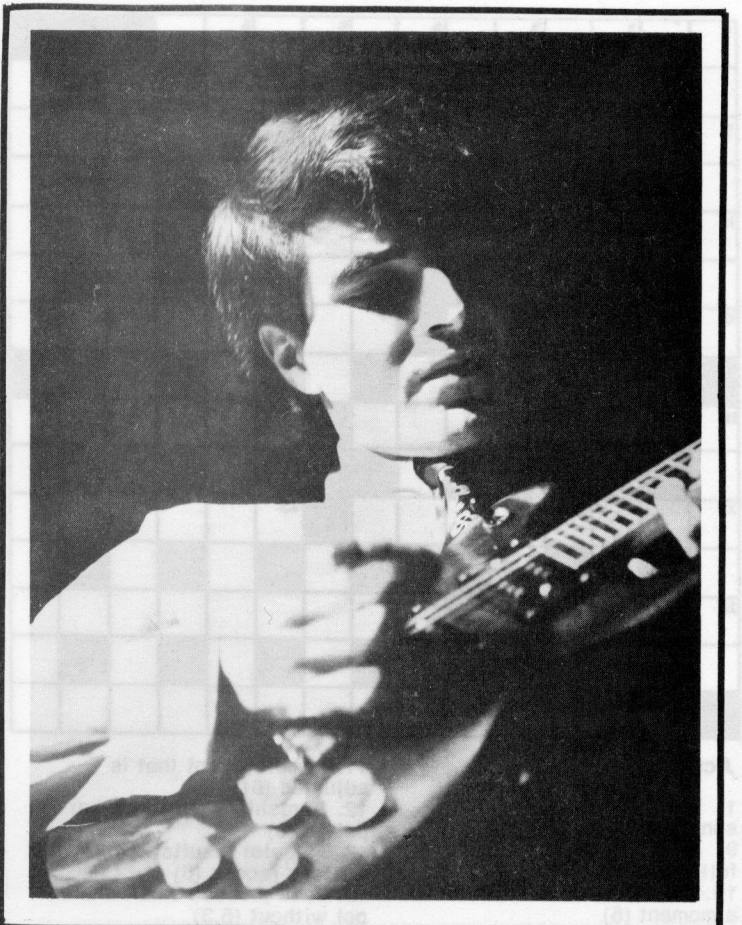
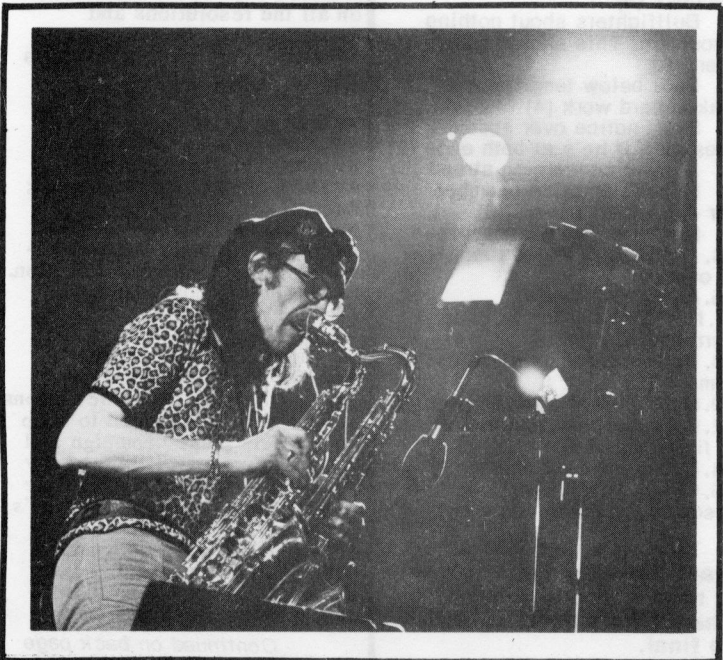
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**VAN DER GRAAF GENERATOR**

Photographs by  
Phil Dean





# UGM Report

A Union General Meeting was held last Tuesday lunchtime, prior to the demonstration organised by the SE region of the TUC, although the question of cuts in public spending were not specifically discussed. No matters arose from the minutes of the last UGM, and the only correspondence received was that mentioned in the Council Report printed in FELICITY on Friday 17th October.

## President's report

Formal dinner prices have been revised downwards after consultation with Mr Mooney. Ms Cowell, from the DES and UGC, will be approached with the idea that she comes to investigate the refectory set-up at IC. However, due to her performance at LSE, the president expressed doubt about the outcome of such a visit from her. She apparently fell down a set of stairs and broke her leg after only two hours going round the refectory at LSE and produced a report based on her two hour stay!

The president also informed the meeting of a developing situation at QEC (Queen Elizabeth College) where the Union there had hired catering equipment and were paying students to produce lunches being sold to students at only 20p per main course. (A full report will appear in the next issue of FELIX.) Peter Teague, ICU president, and John Downs will be investigating the practicabilities of this system for IC.

It is almost certain that SRC finance will recommend

that hall rents be increased after Christmas. The halls made a heavy financial loss last year.

This led to a recommendation that the meeting reaffirm the Union's opposition to mid-session price increases in view of the fact that grants are reviewed annually.

A recommendation from the president that only one observer be sent to the next NUS national conference was rejected in favour of a recommendation that the delegation leader reports on the possible effects a decrease in observers has on a delegation's performance.

## Honorary Secretary's business

There was little of general interest except that an IC slop-shirt may soon be available. Suggestions as to what should go on it are welcomed.

A suggestion, to combat illegal car-parkers in Southside, was put forward. This involves putting 10 inch square stickers on the offender's windscreen. These are extremely difficult to remove and the culprit would hopefully be caught whilst in the process of so doing.

## Deputy President's business

The theme of the DP's business, for the second successive UGM, was discipline. People leaving posters up in the Union Building for more than two days after an event will be liable to a fine and may suffer more severe disciplinary measures if they continue flouting this rule. Mr Shakir was not pleased to see that sellotape was still being used to put up posters - blue tack is supplied for this purpose. He will also be challenging people in the Union to produce their registration cards without which they could be evicted. Refusal to leave would be a disciplinary offence. However, this part of the DP's report proved contentious and was referred back.

## Elections

Elections for four rep and one ordinary member of UFC were held. The candidates and their proposers were called on to speak. Mr M Kessler (proposed by Mr K Ahlers), Mr R Mills (proposed by Mr J White) and Mr T Shanks (proposed by Mr P Ekpenyong) were the candidates for floor rep. Mr A Potter (proposed by Mr D Everett) and Mr R Genner (proposed by Mr M Wright) contested the post for UFC. The results of these elections will be announced in the next issue of FELIX. Several uncontested posts were also ratified.

There being no AOB the meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Andrew Walker

# NAC Conference

It was decided by IC council last year to show support for the National Abortion Campaign by offering free use of facilities for a two day conference, in place of money. The offer was accepted and an open, national conference took place the weekend before last.

During the summer, the NAC and its supporting groups had found the campaign at a low ebb. There was no definite policy in view, and different factions had become isolated. The conference was held in order to unify support; to define, discuss and decide on the

structure, aims and future actions of the NAC.

Until now, the administration has been dealt with by an ad hoc committee of about fifteen women, called the Steering Committee, who were prepared to organise publicity, meetings, advice and in general to build the kind of the Kernel of the NAC. This committee had produced a series of resolutions regarding policy, which were put before the conference as a basis for discussion, to be amended and finally adopted by a majority vote.

Saturday morning was used to put forward new resolutions amendments submitted by the various groups. In the afternoon, discussion groups were organised, of about 30 people each, in order to debate the issues so that individuals could clarify their ideas.

Sunday was designated decision day. Votes were taken on all the resolutions and important amendments put forward by the various sections and the steering committee.

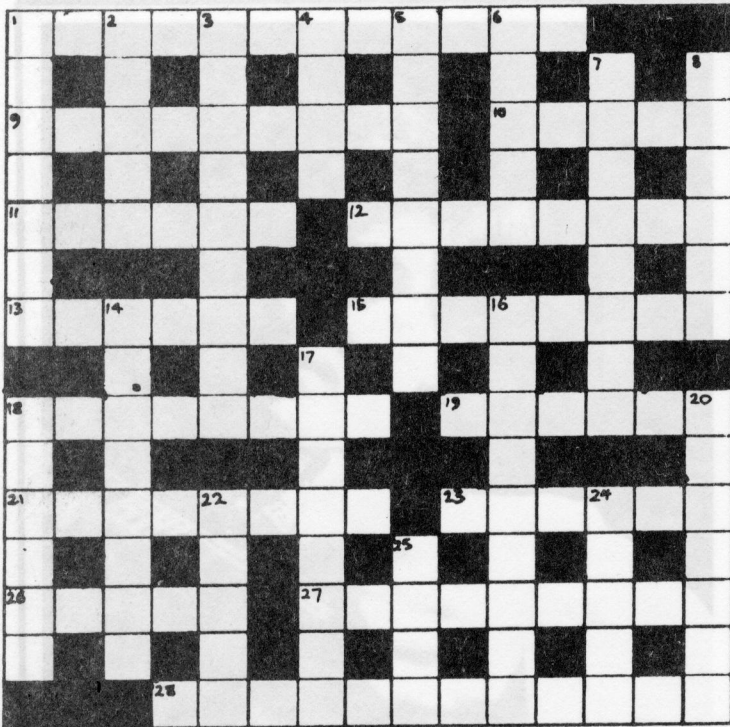
Most urgent was a motion calling for a mass walk out of the conference to picket the simultaneous SPUC demonstration. It was defeated, being deemed bad policy to present a puny, impromptu NAC handful in comparison with the organisation of the SPUC demonstration. Unfortunately, supporters of the motion decided to attend the demonstration regardless.

Other decisions taken referred to the organisation of the NAC and its future actions. It was generally agreed to keep to a single issue campaign and not therefore to affiliate to any other groups. The slogan 'Free Abortion on Demand, A Woman's Right to Choose' was adopted. It was decided that it was too short notice to arrange a mass demonstration by Dec 6th but that a date will be agreed on

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## PRIZE CROSSWORD No.23

MEG



### Across

- Sold the torch broken for a song (3,4,5)
- Dancer from troubled Neria following Ball (9)
- Father takes us East; Wait a moment (5)

- Complete rent that is adjusted (6)
- Lordship's wife from her pelvis (8)
- Disquiet results from United Nations recess (6)
- Mass produce small church pot without (5,3)

- Iron mine after 1001. Very ladylike (8)
- We love Latin! (6)
- Bean up for second place (6-2)
- Helps to balance one's outgoings (16)
- Proportion of rodent and one duck (5)
- Audit loan with alterations, love (9)
- Go through line-up again for work force

### Down

- Picture of gold under table (7)
- New car is a brilliant success (5)
- Bullfighters shout nothing about sin. This should cure them (9)
- Fuel below temperature makes hard work (4)
- Short notice over account gives pain if he's at both ends (8)
- Answer concerning strand (5)
- Expand practice chamber for Artic sled drivers (8)
- Master of the French vessel (6)
- Spirit in blended tea; chew it over (8)
- Aquae Sulis (5,4)
- Nurture baby fox in innate surroundings (8)
- Pelt with rock and cause rumpus (6)
- Mute SRN resets the bone (7)
- Call forth agreeable response in first lady (5)
- Duck quick under tree (5)
- Quiet classy car. Does this describe the noise it makes? (4)

The £1 winner will be drawn from the Editor's Hat at noon Wednesday 5th Nov. The Editor's decision will be final.



# FELIX SPORT

## CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday, 15 October, we ran against the LSE on our home course at Petersham and totally annihilated them. Owing to R Allinson's F...ting about during the race, (as well as before it) The surprise winner was the "new" (ie fit) Ian Ellis, who just failed to complete the course in under 30 mins (a cherished club honour.) This was mainly due to the ignorance of some sheep who did not seem to realise that we wanted to organise a race, and were busily feeding themselves on our starting line. Consequently the course was extended, Ian was robbed, and the sheep became the target of much abuse. A close second was D Rosen with S Webb third. C Dale in his first race for the club ran well to finish fourteenth.

On the following Saturday, the club had to honour two fixtures, one at Brighton the other at Bristol. The latter was a league race and so we had to send most of our star members, who did the club proud in finishing as one of the top clubs. R Allinson ran a great race and came a very commendable fifth. The remaining members - all proven superstars. PA's - travelled to Brighton to race against Sussex and Hasting's AC.

For the race IC was forced

to merge with the LSE, whose shares were suffering from lack of support. However the merger turned out to be an unprofitable one and the team finished a good third. The highlight of the day was when M 'Wilf' Welford whose overwhelming enthusiasm, (which is an example to us all) had caused him to run an extra three-quarters of a mile, finally finished. All the modest lad could say was 'I got Lost'.

### UC Relay - Sat. 21 Oct.

IC 1st - 14th		IC 2nd - 34th	
Alf Garnett	8.52	Andy Davey	9.36
Ian Ellis	8.37	Pete Johnson	10.03
John Shearer	9.57	Pad Donnelly	12.57
Paul Clarke	8.58	Colin Dale	10.01
Rob Allinson	8.18	Martin Tarrowski	10.18
Dave Jones	9.31		63.36
	54.13		

This 6 x 1 3/4 mile relay was run on an unusually dry Parliament Hill course, the monsoons being delayed for another occasion. The first lap hurtled off at breakneck speed and even Andy Davey could not avoid breaking ten minutes. The first team finished a creditable 14th, thanks to fine runs from Rob, Ian and Granny, and with a fully fit team we might well have finished in the first ten.

The progress of the second team was abruptly slowed by Pad Donnelly, whose temporary return from Essam's (esorted by his wife) produced very little glory in breaking 13 minutes. Owing to the unsporting action of a couple of teams at the back, who dropped out halfway through the race, Mike Welford was left with the unwelcome task of preserving IC's honour and not finishing last. Even

more unwelcome was the uphill sprint which enabled us to finish last but one. It was learnt afterwards, from the official UC results, that Mike had been credited with a time of 9.13, which was surprisingly looked on with much humour and hilarity. The evening was spent sampling real ale at the City University Beer Festival.

by Mike Welford

## SPORTING MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The final "Bemsee" club meeting was held two Saturdays ago at Brands Hatch. Unfortunately the College racer developed a bent right front fork, so we had to cancel our two entries. Nevertheless a hardy group of members left Southside at 10.30am to brave cold winds and heavy showers to spectate and/or marshal. The marshalls were kept busy

by a more than average number of accidents due to the wet weather and deteriorating light; none of the riders however, received injuries more serious than bruises. As regards the racer, we shall try and let as many new members as possible have a ride during the winter in readiness for next season.

by Steve Wilks

## WATER POLO

IC Water Polo Club took a great step towards winning their first major honour of the year when, on Monday 6th October they won the first leg of the Winter Handicap KO Cup Final. For those of you who haven't been following this competition avidly (OK hands up) this is last year's winter, which has been somewhat delayed. The match was the home leg against Hatfield and we started 0 - 5 down on handicap. However for once we roared off to a great start with Cliff Spooner scoring three early goals, only

to recapture our more accustomed style and concede two soft goals before the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter we made further inroads into the Hatfield lead with a goal each from Pete McCartney and Cliff, however it was the third quarter which proved decisive. With Hatfield tiring five goals were banged in, Cliff and Pete each scoring another and Mike McCartney and Nick with two goals putting themselves on the score sheet. Thus at the start of the last quarter we held a commanding 10 - 7 lead. This was stretched further by yet another goal from Cliff and one from Rory Lewis before we conceded a late penalty to make the final score 12 - 8. Thus we go into the second game at Hatfield on 24 October confident of achieving our first ever win in the competition, though we are again under the handicap of a five goal deficit.

Meanwhile back in the Middlesex League Division 2, a weakened IC side met a weakened Isleworth side on Friday 10 October. The match proved to be a very tight affair up to half time when we were actually losing 1 - 2 but from then on our superior fitness took its toll and we strolled in for an astonishing 9 - 2 victory. Goals came from Rory 'Ignor' Lewis 4, Pete McCartney 2, Andy Smith, Paul Frieze and Nick.

So don't forget if you think you can put up with at least one of the following (a) water, (b) yellow balls, (c) Stan's bar, (d) friendly Irishman, (e) friendly Welshman, then please come along to the pool on a Monday or Friday at 7pm and we'll get the other four points sorted out.

by Andy Smith

## BOAT CLUB

Dodging the pleasure cruisers on the river at Putney can often be seen members of the Boat Club and here is a report of them from MR Jones.

So far this term we have been concerned mainly with sorting crews into eights and trying to negotiate some fixtures. At present we have Ladies eight, three Novice crews and three Senior crews (The difference between the last two categories is based upon the number of regattas won).

The novices have been put into 'clicker' boats and are beginning to understand basic points such as which end of the oar to hold. Although they are lighter than last years Novice eight, this should not affect their performance and many good races are anticipated.

The women are running at least one eight this year and already have one win to their credit. A week last Saturday Gerry Taplin in a four won a

pint pot at the Thames Scratch regatta.

A smaller number of people than usual turned up for the first trial. However we are running three eights of a general quality above average for this time of year (some eights of members have confessed to having run during the summer vac.). The first eight has been split into fours and is training for a fours competition on November 1st which is steered coxless and results in an erratic course down the river. The training has taken its toll, with people walking round like robots for a week or so afterwards.

This term is used mainly for technique training so we compete in no regattas other than the UL Winter Eights, the Vesta Eights and of course Morphy Day. So watch this space for details.

## COPY DEADLINE

All sports reports must be in by 2.00pm on Thursday 30th October except for matches played on Saturday 1st November which should be in by 2.00pm on Monday 3rd November



# FELIX SPORT 2

## HOCKEY

Imperial College 2 Brunel 2

On Wednesday IC 1sts entertained Brunel University at Harlington and after a hard fought match, the honours ended even at 2 - 2. IC started well and looked like taking control of the middle, until a poor clearance from defence set up the Brunel forwards who promptly scored. IC pulled back and although generally on top, the Brunel forwards looked very sharp on the break. Just before half-time IC equalised when Trev Futu latched onto a through ball, beat two defenders and pushed the ball through the advancing goalkeepers legs. In the second half the play was very even, IC with more of the ball but Brunel dangerous and more mobile. John Latter put IC into the lead with a goal from close in midway through the half and it looked as though the 1st XI was on the way to its first win. However slack marking at the back allowed Brunel to equalise towards the end of the game.

St Marys College 0 IC 3

Saturday saw the start of the league programme, with an away match against St Marys College on an all weather pitch. After waiting for the

opposition to arrive, the game finally got under way and after 15 minutes IC were 3 goals up, Trev Futu scoring two and Nigel Woodhouse collecting his first goal of the season. At this point it looked as though a massacre was imminent but St Marys changed their style to stopping the man at any cost. Using these tactics, the game degenerated tempers were lost and the standard of hockey fell. No more goals were scored in either half although Boodie Middleton did hit the post with a glancing shot. This was a satisfactory result, as it was the first win and the first league match of the season. Special mention should be made of Charlie Brown, whose kicking was a definite improvement on the previous Wednesday. (Anyone finding John Andrew's pension book should return it to him as soon as possible.)

Team Wednesday:- C. Brown, J Cook, J Marshall Capt, M Lauiless, I Hodgson, A Brown, J Latter, B Middleton, T Futu, J Andrews, N Woodhouse.

Team Sunday:- C Brown, K Holden, J Marshall Capt, M Lauiless, I Hodgson, A Brown, J Latter, B Middleton, T Futu, J Andres, N Woodhouse.

(Please excuse any mistakes in this article especially names, as the writing is illegible.)

IC2nd XI Hockey vs. Egham 2 XI.

O, what rogues and peasant slaves are we!  
Is it not monstrous that these players here  
But in a fight, a screaming of eleven to one,  
Could force the ball so to our defeat?  
That for all our working, all our visages wanned,  
Tears in our eyes, blood spilt on't field—  
And all for nothing!  
For Egham, dull, muddy-mettled rascals  
Upon our property and most dear life a damned  
Defeat did make. Are we cowards?  
Pluck off their beards! deal them blows in the face—  
Tweak them by the nose — The game's the thing  
However, wherein the ball never got so far as our wing.

Team:- N. Harrison, R Vaz, J Huckle, T Sethi, C Hardy (Capt.)  
B Speed, R Fatania, S Lee, J Brownridge, B Orlean (Plagiarist).  
PS They lost 11 - 1 (Ed.)

IIIrd XI Match Report.

Wan that Octobre, with it's shoures soote,  
The winde fierce haddle pierced us to the roote,  
Those brave knightes who nombred ten plus one,  
fought for life and soul, atte Harlingtonne.  
Jasper the Jester saved the daye,  
Whenne he missed the firste team, thanks to British Railwaye;  
For hadde he noight, we would have been downe one,  
Which, saith he, "Wouldna be much fun!"  
As for the match, tho th'oppositione was rapt in awe,  
The result, allack, endede in a drawe.  
Goales, one each, hadde we scored,  
But none, by no means, were at alle bored.  
To and fro the balle did flye through th'aire,  
Muche helpeted by the captain, Christophere.  
Many effortes were made to put up the balle,  
But whenne it was there, nought happened atte alle!  
Allas my badde tale muste come to an ende,  
So we ajourned to the barre, for dartes with Effende;

Team:- N Harrison, M Cullun, JJ Cook, C Parker (Capt.), A Ross, E Reed, E Rahman, D Carlile, S Lea, S Golding, B Orlean ('Poet').

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Saturday 18 October: IC 4 Goldsmiths 7

The fact that IC could only muster 6 females mad enough to play hockey on this sunny autumn afternoon did not deter them from facing up to a full team of 11 daunting Goldsmiths players. However as the match was only a 'friendly' (and a friendly one at that) Goldsmiths agreed to loan 2 players to help swell the ranks of the brave IC team. Another player dropped out to umpire, and so the teams bullied off at 8 - a-side.

Goldsmiths immediately launched into attack, but our gallant 'I'll try anything once' goalie played well to prevent any stray balls getting into the back of the net. But, alas, after about 20 mins Goldsmiths got 2 rapid goals, and while IC recovered from the shock, one of our borrowed players made it 2 - 1 and spurred on by this it was soon 2 - 2, although by half time Goldsmiths had snatched another to make it 3 - 2.

Refreshed by dainty marsels of orange, goals came in quick succession to both teams, although IC never quite managed

to take the lead. Some fast moving play followed but as the match drew to a close IC were struggling again and a final flourish by Goldsmiths (while IC stood and watched!) gave them yet another goal leaving the score 7 - 4 at the final whistle. On the whole however it was not a bad performance from IC and shows promise for the future.

Team:- Eileen Sproates, Jacqueline Hawson, Chris Forsyth, Ruth White, Sarah Horn, Diana Mounsey (capt), and two borrowed from Goldsmiths. Goals:- D Mounsey (2), and Goldsmiths players (2).

## MIXED HOCKEY

IC 2 Guinness 0 by KP Houlden

The IC team arrived early at the Guinness ground - a change from the previous week when the team "got lost" on the way to Harlington and did not arrive until after 3 o'clock! Anyhow the game started promptly with, it was noticed, the Guinness team having the unfair advantage of 7 blokes in the side instead of the normal maximum of 6. The game turned out to be close in fact, with IC perhaps having the upper hand and although there were several scoring chances at both ends of the pitch the score was 0 - 0 at half-time:

The second half started similarly but as time went on IC began to co-ordinate better as a team. IC in fact had more and more of the play, and Chris Parker in goal spent a large proportion of the second half sitting down admiring the view. About half-way through the second half IC took a short corner and the resulting shot by Jim Marshall was saved by a defender's foot and so a penalty flick was awarded. The ball was put in the back of the net by Kim Houlden and a goal was duly awarded.

The second goal came from a fine individual display by

Diana on the right wing, beating two defenders and then leaving the goalkeeper wrong-footed with a superb shot.

The score remained at 2 - 0 until the final whistle and congratulations must go to all members of the side for such a fine performance. Thanks must also go to Dave Balderstone for such capable umpiring which kept the game well under control from beginning to end.

Team:- Chris Parker, Kim Houlden, John Huckle, Christine, Pete Nowell, Ruth, Diana, Jim Marshall, Tina Pearson, Chas Hardy, Sarah Horn; umpire Dave Balderstone.

## ORIENTEERING

Down in the forest, something stirred. Was it a deer? No - it was a member of the newly formed Imperial College Orienteering Club!

Last weekend, four members travelled to Lower Bourne Forest, near Farnham, to take part in a National Badge Event. Alan Leaky did well to achieve a Silver standard on the 6 mile course, and Tony Warwick also ran well on the shorter Under-21 course.

For those of you who still think orienteering is something to do with the Far East, let me explain. It consists of cross-country walking or running, using a map and compass to navigate between a set of checkpoints. Events are usually held on

Sundays and normally take place in forests. It is suitable for people of all ages and abilities as there is always a range of courses to choose from, varying from 2 miles to 8 miles in length. One can treat it as a stroll, or as a highly competitive race, and of course it is not usually the fastest runner that wins - navigational skill is just as important as speed.

If you are interested in taking part, contact David Rosen, Astronomy Dept. (int. 4463) or look on the club's noticeboard in the Union Entrance Hall.



# FELIX SPORT 3

## RUGBY

Imperial College A's: 4  
Chelsea College 1st XV: 0

The A's boarded their coach on Saturday emanating an air of confidence. They had won the previous week (44 - 0) against Middlesex Hospital, RCS had thrashed Chelsea College the previous year.

Alas, any thought of an easy victory was swept away by Chelsea's trick of fielding fifteen fit men, totally unlike those who confronted RCS last year.

Every IC player threw himself desperately into the fray. Hugh Duncan abandoned the newspaper he had brought to read in the anticipated quieter moments. Lynne Davies, on the wing, thought it wiser to remove his bassoon to the sidelines.

The first half was uneventful but energetic, and at half time IC were unlucky not to be in the lead. Slowly things started to swing in IC's favour in the second half. Jon Pitcher came close to scoring, and afterwards gave many reasons for not doing so, each of them totally convincing. IC were under pressure a few times but the forwards held their own, the line being cleared by Hugh Duncan after the inevitable penalty.

During the whole of the second half the backs tackled extremely well prevented Chelsea getting into their stride. Rod Edney - out of position - played well and gave no anxious moments. It was the last ten minutes and then IC's fitness began to tell as John Fishburn had predicted. A good pass from a Chelsea line-out

found the IC backs ready and waiting. Bob Leeson broke through feeding the ball to Chris Becque who gave a simple scoring pass to Jon Pitcher, and Jon was so close to the line that even he couldn't fumble it. John Fishburn narrowly missed with the conversion (the fourth best kick of the game) but IC had won anyway.

It was a fine victory and everybody played their part well, but a special word of thanks must go to Tony Fitzgerald who was dragged, literally, out of bed to fill a gap in the team.

Many thanks to all who turned out.

4 Edney, J Pitcher, B Leeson, C Becque, L Davies, I-Harery, M Duncan, M Zawarotco, T Fitzgerald, B Budd, C Cuthbertson, R Porter, J Fishburn, R Jenner, N Willshire.

### Rugby Extras 1st XV by Paul Jeffs

The day started unusually for the extra's with fifteen players turning up as planned. Events continued to go well throughout the afternoon with beneficial factors ranging from a slightly weakened QMC 2nd XV to the sunny weather. The QMC captains call of "edge" proved correct at the coin tossing and they played with the wind for the first half. This restricted the score to 12 - 0

at half time, with the IC pack skillfully demonstrating how to be twice as heavy as the opposition, but still lose possession.

Matters improved slightly in the second half but there were still some identification problems within the new team; Keith Lipscombe was seen still pushing IC players off the ball 5 minutes after the QMC forwards had been removed from the maul.

The final score after an impressive last 20 minutes was 46 nil, with Steve Sharpe, Dave Buckley and Andy Whiteside running in one try each, Steve Jenkins and (surprisingly) Rob

Doyle falling over the line twice each, and Nigel Gibbs sidestepping over for a hat-trick. Dave Turner capped a solid display at full back by kicking over five conversions from seven attempts.

The team, every member of which deserves mention (especially John Smith) was: Andy Whiteside, Paul Chisnell, Rob Doyle, Keith Lipscombe, Paul Jeffs, Terry Griffiths, Dave Buckley, John Smith, Neil Rust, Nigel Bass, Gerry Molloy, Nigel Gibbs, Steve Sharpe, Steve Jenkins, Dave Turner.

## At least it's mixed!!

by Dave Balderstone

Ever got lost on the way to your home ground? Try asking a bus driver how to get to Harlington. (Our opposition arrived before we did!)

Ever had half your team arrested for practicing in a bus station? You haven't played IC mixed hockey team.

Ever seen a low flying Greenline bus? Ask Mr Teague

IC (10 players) 0 QEC (11) 1

A single goal from a short corner decided an otherwise very level and enjoyable game. Our ladies "did us proud",

### IC 1st 22 LSE 14

by Chris Cuthbertson

IC played their second game of the season on Wednesday, 15th October against their great rivals LSE. The game started with IC playing with the wind and without anything resembling rugby. Within a few minutes LSE had scored a try after the ball somehow slipped out of X's hands into the hands of an LSE player.

However, IC at last began to wake-up and play rugby as a team. The forwards, especially were much improved and rucked and mauled well, with John Smith outstanding in this respect. After two well taken tries by M West and A Gregory, and a try by LSE, Steve Aspden finished off a forward move in which Iain MacLain, Phil Turley and Paul Robins were all involved, with a fine try. At half-time the score was 16 - 8. After the break, despite fine team play from IC, with Nigel Gibbs making a most impressive

debut in the centre, LSE used the wind advantage to reduce the leeway to two points.

However, IC came right back at them, and from a scrum on the LSE line, Any Devaney picked up a fine try to restore the 8 point lead. Despite a strong late challenge by LSE, IC held out well to chalk up a good win; 22 - 14.

Team:- IC 1st XV - A Williams, A Gregory, N Gibbs, J Gilbert, M West, A Devaney, M Calter, I MacLain, R Austin, B Andrews, S Aspden, S Booth, J Smith, P Turley and P Robins.

## LACROSSE

### Kenton 'A' v Imperial (or If Six Was Nine We'd Still be one short)

On Saturday 11th October The Imperial College Men's Lacrosse Club played it's first match of the season. The match was against Kenton, at Kenton and should have been a league fixture. However due to lack of support on the part of the members of Imperial College, we only managed to collect a grand total of six players (It should have been ten), so we borrowed two of Kenton's players and played a friendly match.

As the weather was fairly warm, an enjoyable 80 minutes ensued. It was an end to end game, in which even the goalkeepers managed to get into the opposition's half and much running about was enjoyed by all. In the middle of all this phrenetic activity one or two goals were scored, even some by Imperial, so by half time the score was 6 - 4 in Kenton's favour.

The second half was similar to the first, but by now some of the cobwebs had been removed from the coordinating centres of the Imperial College players. For example, Mike Burke demonstrated his ability to run about all over the place (and very well he did it too.), and should be a permanent fixture in the midfield. Tony, The Happy Hacker, gave an object lesson in how to miss a barn door from five feet, but did make up for it with his five jammy goals. Our new recruit, Phil Varght, played very well seeing as he hadn't played before Saturday. With a bit of practice and encouragement he should make a useful player. Our defense, Paul Jepson and Bill Jackson both worked very hard and did a good job of trying to make themselves look like four people whenever Kenton

attacked, for which our goalkeeper and Captain (me) was duly grateful. Modesty of course forbids me to mention all the incredible saves our goalkeeper made, or what a good job our captain did giving much encouragement and moral support; so I won't.

In closing I would like to thank Kenton for lending us two players, one of whom scored two of our goals, and for giving us an enjoyable start to the season. The final score was 9 - 7 in Kenton's favour (sob, sob)

Team:- Bob Strangeway (Capt.), Phil Varght, Paul Jepson, "The Happy Hacker", Bill Jackson, Mike Burke and Two Guest Players from Kenton.

Commercial Break:- Anybody interested in learning how to win friends and influence people, get a bit of exercise at least once a week, wander around London on Saturdays, and generally have a good laugh (well you'd laugh if you saw us playing!) should contact the following:-

Bob Strangeway Physics PG  
Bill Jackson Chemistry II  
Paul Jepson Zoology III  
Mike Burke Physics III

No Experience necessary, just a willingness to learn.

penetrating crosses from Sarah, mesmeric dribbling from Janet, devastating runs from Tina and magical tackling from Chris. Excellent umpiring from Chris Parker and hard work from all the men made this a superb all round performance.

Our troubles on the return journey were few, but a

suggestion that we might get caught in a tube train, miles from anywhere, brought the comment, "At least it's mixed!"

Rag Week Events

14th to 15th November



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by the Steering Committee. Some kind of demonstration will be organised for International Women's Day on March 6th. National planning meetings will take place at least every two months, and the Steering Committee will meet twice a month, both being open to any interested persons. NAC aims were established as being to make it a woman's decision to have an abortion, in practice as well as in law. To that end, to make abortion free of charge and to set up centres which would provide counselling on all aspects of abortion and contraceptives, through the NHS.

The conference made it clear that many political and social groups were trying to use the NAC as a spring board towards their own ends. In particular, the Women's Voice group, who see the campaign as a class issue. Without solidarity the campaign seems unlikely to have the consistency required to achieve its own realistic aims. It is to be hoped that all factions will now work in support of the Steering Committee, towards the aims of the NAC.

**Ricky**

### ERROR

In the 'Wotzon' column, IC Folk Club do not have 'Backhurst' as shown but 'Fraser Nimmo'.

# Treble overseas students' fees says MP

DR KEITH HAMPSON, Conservative MP for Ripon and secretary of the Conservative backbench Education Committee, told a meeting at Leicester Polytechnic last Friday that there was no case for subsidising foreign students at the present rate and we should work towards doubling or tripling overseas students' fees.

"The economic situation is currently not one which can allow us to be over-romantic. Harsh reality necessitates the raising of more money if our prized standards are to be maintained", he told the meeting. A realistic scale of fees had to be established. Certain groups of overseas students could then be subsidized, either by the Ministry of Overseas Development or by various forms of Government scholarship, aid, or help.

The increase in numbers of overseas students, especially post-graduate overseas students, together with a

decline in British post-graduate numbers was a terrible indictment. In 1971 two thirds of the post-graduate civil engineers were British but today one quarter were.

This call for the increasing of overseas students' fees follows the CVCP's suggestion that overseas students should pay more.

At Imperial College over 35% of all students are overseas students and they form nearly 50% of the post-graduates in the College. If overseas students' fees were trebled immediately IC

would receive a sum in excess of £750,000.

Trevor Phillips, ULU president and NUS Exec member responsible for Overseas Students, commented yesterday: "We oppose discrimination in the provision of education. The increasing discrimination in fees and other ways has meant that overseas students who are not independently wealthy, or backed by business or government are being denied the opportunity for higher education. Three quarters of all overseas students are self-financed either by family support or by personal savings. Exclusion of those people would make a mockery of the Government's position that education for overseas students is a form of overseas aid".

### RONEO DEMOS

Roneo demonstrations are being held today and on Thursday, 30th October commencing at 1.00pm. All clubs and societies should

ensure that at least one person from their organisation knows how to use the Roneo duplicators. Apologies to those people who attended the last demonstration which unfortunately did not take place.

### STOIC

Filmtalk with Barry Humphries next Tuesday 4th November at 1.00pm in Southside, JCR and Union Building.

# 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 £2127. This rises after training to

£2853 and then can rise to £3474 and above by promotion. The highest grades earn up to £9609. Probation officers working in the London area receive additional remuneration. For more information about the Probation & After-Care Service as a career please get in touch with your local Chief Probation Officer whose address and telephone number are in the telephone book or send your name and address on a postcard to the Home Office, Probation and After-Care Department ( ) Room 446, Romney House, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DY.

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