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FREE!

Not so bright man

Ex-RCSU President Steve Brightman escaped unhurt when his car crashed into the Mechanical Engineering building last Friday night.

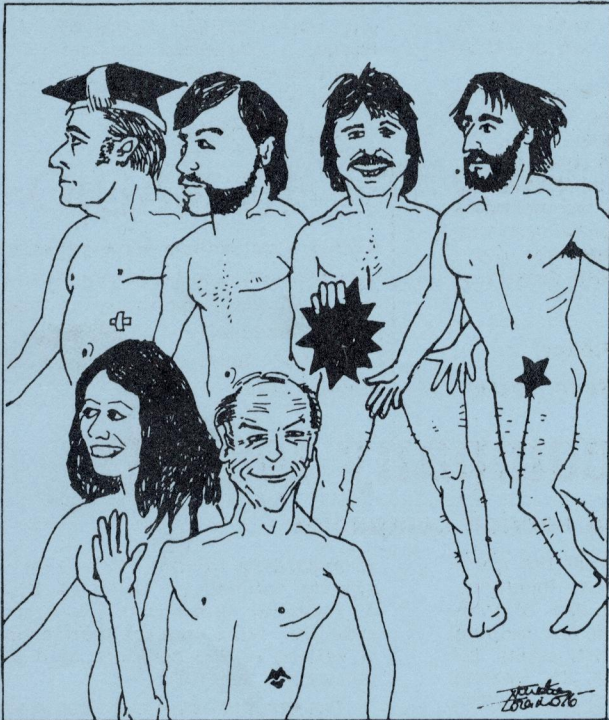
The accident happened at around 11.30pm, when Mr Brightman's yellow Dolomite Sprint was travelling from the Sherfield Building towards Mechanical Engineering. The car failed to negotiate the right hand bend at Mech Eng.

It struck the kerb, turned on its side and then ploughed into three windows on level one of the engineering building.

There was no fire, and the occupants of the car, Mr Brightman and Dave Nickson, emerged uninjured but shaken from the battered vehicle.

Estimates vary greatly as to the cost of the damage to the car and building.

Mines President Paul Kurowski this week refused to streak around the Albert Hall to raise Rag funds. He said it lowers the image of RSM. Perhaps some others, who could raise the standard should accompany him.



RCS Rag totals up

RCS Union this week surpassed their last year's total for money collected for Rag. They did so whilst selling Rag Mags to those on Wednesday's NUS/TUC 'Fight the Cuts' march.

RCSU have now collected £1,583 for Rag this year, £80 greater than last year's total. £100 of the total came from Rag Mag sales on Wednesday.

The march was the biggest industrial demonstration in London in recent times. Over 40,000 people attended, including some 35 or so from IC Union. Demonstrators

reacted quite well to the Rag Mag sellers, although ex-IC President Trevor Phillips jested 'Why don't you come into line with the rest of us'.

Mascots

The University College mascot Phineas was returned by Guilds to UC at the C&GU bar night on Sunday.

The mascot was transferred at about 10pm, although UC students arrived at the Union bar by 8pm. They joined, but were unsuccessful, in the Guilds bar night festivities.

Procession on despite squabbles

Rag off? -No way!

This year's Rag Procession is to go ahead as announced in last week's FELIX. This was agreed, after much intra-CCU squabbling and petty recriminations, at a Carnival Committee meeting on Wednesday evening.

The Procession will be waved off by the Rector and Lady Flowers tomorrow morning.

Although an affirmative decision was reached, at one stage a section of the meeting almost swung opinion to the contrary.

Lack of arrangements

Led by Chris Morrel, RCSU President, this conclave complained bitterly about the arrangements made for the Procession and the fact that only two twenty-foot lorries were available to carry four floats on the Procession.

'With only two lorries we're going to be the laughing stock of Kensington,' Miss Morrel claimed. John Kearns, last year's Rag Chairman, answered her by pointing out that Queen Elizabeth College, only had three lorries on their (very successful) Rag Procession last year.

The RCSU disappointment was heightened since they have gone to great lengths to obtain float that led the Lord Mayor's Procession last Saturday. This features a large robin, a memento to Sir Robin Gillet the new Lord Mayor.

RCSU later urged everyone to get as many vehicles and people as possible dressed up and out on the Procession.

The meeting began degenerating, due to lack of positive chairing by Martin Judkins, the Rag Chairman. It took a rallying call of 'Let's do the best with what we've got' by John White, ICU Hon Sec, to restore order to the meeting and sympathy to this year's Procession arrangements.

Rag Felix

More wrangling ensued over the question of a special Rag edition of FELIX. The idea was given the go-ahead and the CCU Presidents will be responsible for selling this special issue of FELIX which is published on December 3rd. It will cost 5p and all the money collected shall go to Rag.

Rag Week '76 itself began last night with the Rag and Drag Queen Competition, compered by John Downs, ICU Hon Sec 1975-76. This evening, the Three-Legged Pub Crawl (start Stan's Bar, 7.00pm) carries on the festivities.

Erratum

The RCS Smoking Concert, advertised as beginning at 7.00pm next Thursday, in fact, begins at 8.00pm. The day, though was correct.

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PG Affairs Corner

Thesis going cheap...only £170

I just knew that I should not have mentioned sentence shuffling in my previous literary masterpiece. No sooner had the words been lovingly coerced from this relic of a typewriter, than the editor and his subordinates ruthlessly mutilated this onslaught. Just to be on the safe side this is paragraph one.

And so to para two. Doubtless everyone has been harassing Mr Dewey to ask him where the world famous PG piece was last week; (strangely no - Ed) well you can let him up now. My typewriter is back from its five thousand mistake service, so I can tell you what's been happening. A very reduced PG committee met a couple of weeks ago, despite its size, useful discussion ensued helped along by a drop of sherry.

One amazing fact which I was able to bring to the notice of the committee was a rough figure for the cost of producing a thesis for PhD work. This comes to around £170, although considerable fluctuations can be expected depending on size and content. I rang the NERC, at their request, to give them this figure and took the opportunity to ask their views on this matter.

Faceless excuse

The faceless voice at the other end told me that the official view was that a proportion of the cost was secreted in the maintenance grant each year and the student was supposed to save this up. When asked if he believed this the voice sounded less than convinced. I went on to suggest that the amount ought to be reclaimable in the same way as travel expenditure. The voice noted this with the telephonic equivalent of interest, and went off to refer the matter to his committee. I intend to make similar suggestions to the SRC and DES. Meanwhile I shall be looking into other ways of alleviating this burden within College.

Social evening going cheap

The other important matter arising

from the meeting was that a social event should be held on the evening of the 25th of November, that's a Thursday. It will take the form of a cheese and wine evening costing only 75p a ticket and starting at 6.45pm. The venue is as not yet fixed, but watch for posters for further details. Tickets should be available soon from our departmental contacts. It is hoped to provide a disco and a bar.

My Public Service bit

One disturbing thing about IC is just how easy it is for someone to walk in and steal things. Obviously we don't want security checks on all entrances so it's up to us to watch out and be sensible. The thefts involve masses of personal belongings and money belonging to students as well as office and lab equipment. Several simple things can be done to reduce these thefts: 1) Never leave cheque books, cash, or credit cards in your office, except in locked drawers or cupboards; 2) Whenever possible lock all labs and offices when they are unattended even if only for a few minutes; 3) Lock away all small pieces of valuable equipment when not in use (cameras, calculators, etc). When in use ensure that calculators are in locked bench frames. 4) Question anyone that you are not familiar with who is wandering in or near your lab or office area.

I hope that we can thus reduce the cost and inconvenience of thefts both to the college and individuals.

And thus in fact ends the article. ULU PG Committee will be discussing the effects of the proposed fee increases on London PGs and I shall be reporting on this soon. In the meantime don't forget to watch out for more details of the great PG Party.

Rick Parker

PG Affairs Officer

ICWA

Since there has been a lack of support and a number of complaints about the difficulty of the treasure hunt I'll give a further (and final) hint that the capital in question is not escudoes ...I will allow a further weeks grace for answers. Anybody who has sent in an answer and now feels it may be incorrect, can send in a second attempt. However, the second answer will be counted (even if the first answer had been right).

The second clue is:-

Men and Women showing reverence to superiors or the English Archers at Agin Court perhaps.

The answers to both clues (and 20p) to reach room 98 Beit Hall by Thurs (25th) by lunchtime.

I feel I should point out that the first three clues are to help find the treasure for which the "treasure hunt" clue will be the fourth and final one. Good luck to all who enter.

Congratulations to all our newly elected committee:-

Madeleine Scott - Hon. Sec.

Pauline Day - Treasurer

Eileen McAuliffe - Life Sciences Rep.

Arlene Frances - Mines Rep

At present the only contested post is of Mr ICWA and elections for him will take place later today.

Despite rumours to the contrary there is definitely going to be a Easter Ball and it should be quite a bit cheaper than any other Balls!!! ICWA will also be having a Christmas luncheon on Tues 14th Dec which should be quite a festive event; but more details later.

Isobel Donnelly

IC RADIO

Wanted: One medium wave transmitter on loan for tests until our own transmitters are built. An opportunity to use your transmitter legally - no questions asked. Contact IC Radio via the Union office or internal 2429.

How much is YOUR company losing?

Hugh Barrett looks at the NUS service companies

An important point to bear in mind when discussing NUS Services is that they are *our* services who, through NUS conference, are accountable to us.

Travel

NUS Travel (NUST) have had considerable difficulties over the last few years, essentially due to a lack of capital. Last year they lost almost £300,000 (on a £6.5M turnover) and are set to lose over £100,000 this year.

Drastic economies and other measures have had to be introduced to combat these losses. viz 35 redundancies and the introduction of a new top management team. These measures will hopefully produce a breakeven situation in two years time, and an opportunity to pay off the accumulated deficit over the following years.

NUS will not pay any of its income from subscriptions to any service company, so cash, to tide NUST over this period, has been injected from an outside concern, the Australian NUST.

Endsleigh Insurance is in a much healthier financial position; estimated profits this year will be around £150,000.

The bulk of this stems from the great success of the 6-month car insurance scheme. This accounts for 45% of Endsleigh's income. Endsleigh are helping NUS in their financial difficulties by purchasing their tax losses. So, instead of paying corporation tax to the Government, Endsleigh are putting money into NUST. A rather cute accounting fiddle I think!

Printing

Endsleigh Printing (Photomech and Uniprint) are also in financial trouble for basically the same reasons as travel. They have a projected combined loss of £72,000. Steps are being taken to remedy this and I think that they are succeeding.

A cloud on the horizon, however, is a decision by the National Graphical Association (who form a closed shop at Photo mech) to only accept business if the artwork has been done by NGA members. Since a lot of Photomech's trade is with students and their unions, who normally do their own artwork, the company could be badly affected.

There is, though, good news from NUS Marketing, a new company, which

is expanding rapidly. This year it has already notched up sales of £200,000. A financial breakdown (!) is not yet available, but I suspect that initial cost of setting up the company, will balance this year's 'profits'.

The discount card has been a massive success. By the way if you cannot obtain a discount at a store which is listed in the discount handbook, and you have a discount card, you should write direct to NUS who will refund the amount of discount you have lost and take the matter up with the store involved.

On a happier line, John Menzies have joined the scheme and are now offering a 10% discount to students.

Following last week's open External Affairs meeting, we have submitted amendments to NUS motions on Welfare, Housing, NUS Constitution, NUS Services, Grants and Cuts and South Africa. These motions, if prioritized, will be composited and, hopefully, returned to the Union in time for them to be discussed at the UGM on December 2nd. Here we will be able to mandate our delegates to NUS Conference.



FELIX

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Rag Week

Wednesday's Carnival Committee meeting was not a happy occasion. To see respectably ranked members of the Union indulging in petty squabbles just to uphold the image of their CCU does them, Rag and ICU no good whatsoever. Let's hope we can now get down to the spirit of IC Rag and its associated socialising, without inter and intra - CCU bickering. Enjoy yourselves, Rag Week is here.

Refectory prices

Just in case you were taken in by our story ('Food prices stay constant', front page) last week or by Nick Brayshaw's Pres Cutting's (page 4) this week, refectory prices HAVE

gone up since October 1st. In fact they went up (about 2 - 5p a meal) last Friday to allow for items that have increased in price since the last refectory increase. Mr Mooney IS allowed to do this without referral to Refectory Committee.

The latter have decided not to increase prices at the present time. Hmm (pause for thought)

Overseas Students

Regarding Nick B's claim (page 4) that the idea of a new sub-committee for overseas students was his. I have it on good authority that was not. The persons concerned have threatened to write a letter to FELIX explaining all next week. Besides which if it was his idea where was he when the meeting took place?

Felix needs you

The Business Manager and I are finding it difficult to get out to see local advertisers. We would like a

few volunteers to train as Business Assistants. A desire to help FELIX and an urge to sell are the only prerequisites. Duncan Suss and I feel able to teach applicants all the necessary skills. (Aren't we damn egotists).

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Editor - Clive Dewey

Sexism re-instated

Birmingham University Students Guild has come out in favour of sexist events after a week of fierce debate.

The trouble started when the Guild's Medical Society advertised their forthcoming 'Dragperson Ball'.

Last Tuesday a heated two hour Guild's Council debate led to a motion banning such events. The ball was described as 'disgusting and degrading' by some (Guild) Councillors, who argued that 'extensive damage to Guild buildings and staff' had resulted from previous Dragperson Balls.

Their decision was reversed at an extremely well attended Guild General Meeting (equivalent to an IC UGM). Despite heated discussion the majority for sexist events was large. (Redbrick - Birmingham Univ. paper)

Social needs first

A call for a revolution in Government economic thinking was made at Tuesday's Socialist Society meeting. Tom Litteric MP proposed a revival of the allocation of investment resources according to social needs; he rejected the current trend, where 'the prices of consumer goods are determined by the capitalistic egoes of a few selfish elements.'

He thought that the use of old methods to contain unemployment and prices was pointless as they had not worked in the past. He called for the socialisation of the 'big few' who have the power to control Britain's external trade to suit their whim, so that they should be accountable for their actions to the public.

Abel to handle ICWA

Rupert Abel (Mining 2) was elected Mr ICWA on Monday. The post, makes Mr Abel the only member of ICWA.

The competition was this year judged on who could best help ICWA and not as in past years, where the winner was the man with the knobby knees.

Five competitors entered the competition, but only 2 turned up to Monday's meeting, Mr Abel and RSMU Hon Sec Steve Paterson.

Mr Abel pledged himself to promote ICWA's interests, although he's not sure how he will go about this.

MORE DISCOUNT

JOHN MENZIES, the well-known high street stationers, have joined the National Student Discount Scheme. Henceforth all NSDS card holders will get a 10% discount on goods bought at their stores.

If you haven't bought your Discount Card yet then IC Union has just obtained a fresh stock. These are available from the Union Office.

Sporting success

IC's David Rosen has won the premier Individual Orienteering Championship for South East England. He clinched the title at Sunday's final South Eastern Galloppen where he came second, winning four out of the seven events. Seven Galloppen, or league events are held each year.

This brought his points total for the Championship to 498 out of a possible 500. Rosen's consistent performance could well put him in line for a place in the British team at the next World Championships.

Rents freeze -thaw expected

College Hall and House rents will not be increased next term. This decision was taken last week at a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee of the College Student Residence Committee.

Recent national press reports have suggest, however, that this will not remain the situation for very much longer. An increase, in real terms, of

25% has been put forward in a confidential Department of Education and Science document leaked to The Guardian newspaper.

Bo' blow-out

Boanerges, the Guilds veteran car, suffered a tyre blow-out during Saturday's Lord Mayor's Show. Bo' was thus unable to complete the show procession.

The blow-out has left a three-quarter inch hole in the tyre, which is likely to cost £50 to repair.

Letter

Guilds reply

Dear Sir, - It was with great interest that we read the letter in last week's FELIX from Messrs Braund and Dodge entitled 'L-Plates for Lunacy'. In it they claimed that RCS 'feel that by definition, mascotry should be good humoured activity with no real violence and definitely no actions which could endanger life or limb', and added that they would continue to follow these guidelines.

It was with some surprise, therefore, that after the Elec Eng freshers dinner we found that barriers and obstacles had been placed in the road outside Civ Eng with the result that the car of our guest speaker was damaged. Furthermore, there was a trip wire across the Rector's Gate (a fact which was witnessed by the Dean of RCS) which would certainly endanger limbs.

Whilst we appreciate that one cannot control completely the actions of individual members of the Union, Mr Braund might set a better example than to invite a

member of Guilds to a stand up fist fight, in front of many impressionable freshers.

We certainly agree with RCS that mascotry should be non-violent but we just wish that they were capable of abiding by their own guidelines.

Yours sincerely,
Steve Dearing
(President C&GCU)
Dave Lord
(Vice President C&GCU)

Thoughts For Bam Lectures

'I do remember, my Vicar told me the difference once' - Chris Palmer.

'A hole's not worth an explanation mark if it's only two inches in diameter' - Duncan.

'I get undressed for duplicating, it's quite an experience' - John White.

'I do not subscribe to getting pissed out of my mind' - Paul Ekpenyong

Copy Deadline for next issue MONDAY 2PM.

Ins and outs of the Rent Act

The Rent Act is often cited as the reason for the shortage of accommodation in London. It was introduced to give more rights to the tenant, but does it help you?

There are different classes under the Act, such as resident and non-resident landlords. Firstly, I will consider the case where you have a resident landlord. As they are resident they take advantage of a special dispensation in the Act which removes your right to security of tenure unless the accommodation is a purpose built block of flats when the exemption does not necessarily apply. A lodger or tenant with a resident landlord has the right to have a rent fixed by a Rent Tribunal unless you have food provided and this forms a substantial part of the rent.

If you have a non-resident landlord it is probable that you have a regulated tenancy. However there are, of course, exemptions such as Halls of Residence. Regulated tenants have security of tenure and the rents are subject to Rent regulation, whether the property be furnished or unfurnished. As a tenant you have security of tenure even when your tenancy expires; you do not have to leave unless the courts grant an order of possession against you.

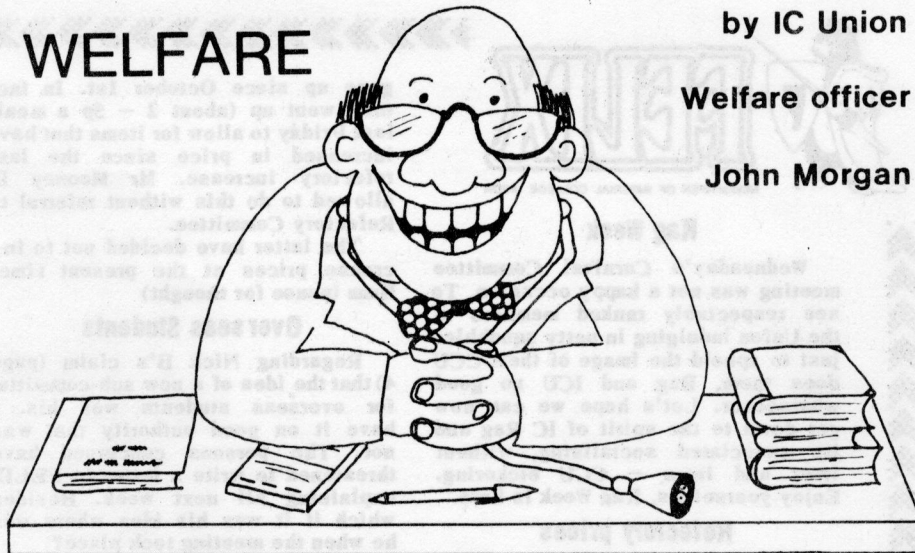
Unfortunately the Act is slightly vague so each case has to be taken on its own merits; if you have any problems with your accommodation please contact the Welfare Centre, 3rd Floor, of the Union Building.

WELFARE

by IC Union

Welfare officer

John Morgan



Suicide discussion evening

Nightline and the Union Welfare are combining to organise a discussion on Suicide. Suicide is a subject normally talked about in embarrassed, hushed whispers. It is a problem of our present society and understanding it goes a long way to its cure.

There is going to be an open meeting titled 'Suicide, to do or not to do,' on Wednesday December 1st at 19.00 hours in Mech Eng 220. The discussion will be led by Jean Burt, the joint General Secretary of the Samaritans.

It is hoped that the evening will

remove many of the myths surrounding suicide. It is also hoped that you will become aware of the problem and how you can assist.

Legal Service

The legal service on Wednesday afternoons provided by law students from the London School of Economics will next be on 1st December in the Welfare Centre (located on the third floor of the Union Building. If you have any urgent legal queries please contact the Welfare Centre any lunchtime between 12.30 and 13.30 hours as it is possible to consult a solicitor on your behalf.

Executive Mutters

Welcome once again to the literary centre-point of FELIX!! Before I delve into a couple of matters of current interest, let me say my efforts are hampered (pun) by factual inaccuracies in FELIX. Last week's issue contained three which I should like to correct:

(i) The College Refectory Committee did not decide to recommend that refectory prices remain at their present level after Christmas. What they did decide was that they would not make a recommendation until further discussion

had taken place on the Committee, and the result of that discussion will be forwarded to the Governors in December.

(ii) In the overseas students article it says that the proposals were welcomed by me. Quite true, not only were they welcomed by me, they were suggested by me after a paper given to me by Pete Teague (President ICU '75-76).

(iii) In the misinformed tome from Steve Williams concerning the Discount Card scheme he says "we will be unable to sell our cards to the students from our college because they will just go to

Imperial". What a load of bull, because we agreed quite explicitly that we would only sell the cards to members of ICU and no other colleges.

Here now is your chance to earn some money:

Cashier in the Refectory. The Union Refectory is in need of another cashier in order to reduce the queues which develop each lunchtime. The going rate is about £1/hour and the job would be a couple of hours each lunchtime, ie nearly £10 per week. Anyone interested (and honest), then come and see Nick Brayshaw in the Union.

Refectory Questionnaire. Last week I mentioned that the Union is to conduct a survey on "what the customer wants", in order to get a good response we intend paying people to stand in the refects and ask people to answer the questions, ie do a bit of market research. Rates £1/hour, free pen and clipboard supplied - see Nick Brayshaw.

No more news, but see next week's article for the next star bargains.

PRES CUTTINGS

by IC Union
President
Nick Brayshaw

ORANGE MOLE

by IC Union
Deputy President
Derrick Everett

There have recently been a number of incidents where students have conducted themselves in a less than commendable fashion. Increased rowdiness in Stan's bar is a matter on which many people have commented, and seems mostly to involve individuals banned from the Union bar.

Further to this, let me remind you that being on the Union roof, without permission from myself, is a disciplinary offence, and *drinking parties* on the roof are *most definitely not on*.

Noticeboards

Union Building

Societies noticeboards are placed:-

- (i) Outside Ents room
- (ii) outside Bar
- (iii) by telephones

General noticeboards:

- (i) 3 in lower lounge (orange material)
- (ii) outside Union Office
- (iii) by and opposite photo-booth (mostly earmarked for accommodation, lifts, jobs etc)

Official noticeboards:

- (i) Executive, Council and External Affairs Committee noticeboards; all in lower lounge. Nomination papers are posted on the Council board.
- (ii) Welfare; outside welfare centre.

Southside

Societies noticeboards in the basement

- General noticeboards,
- (i) television lounge
- (ii) board outside refectory (not posters)
- (iii) basement

Sherfield Building

General noticeboards

- (i) on walkway, glass covered
- (ii) in JCR at Battery end.

Departmental Noticeboards

- Aeo Eng: none whatsoever.
- Biochemistry and Chemistry: adjacent to lift and UG letter racks.
- Chemical Eng: Prince Consort Road entrance foyer
- Civil Eng: Concourse area, level 201.
- Electrical Eng: Main entrance, walkway level.
- Huxley Building: none whatsoever.
- Mechanical Eng: outside C&G Union office and by clock mechanism.
- Physics: by UG Letter racks
- Royal School of Mines: by letter racks, right hand side of foyer.
- Zoology and Botany: in the Biology common room adjacent to Beit archway.

Rag Week-

Tomorrow - Ralph McTell

Born in December 1944 (Sagittarius with Sagittarius Rising), Ralph McTell was brought up in post war London by his mother. He had a grammar school education prior to spending five months in the Army. He then bought his release and went to College, where he scraped a few 'O' levels, an 'A' level in Art, and purchased his first guitar. This was followed by jobs such as gardening, construction site work and as a waiter.

Then came a period of playing his guitar on the streets of Europe. In Paris 1965 he met his future wife, Nanna, who collected money whilst Ralph played the queues.

In 1966, after his return to England, he played his first professional gigs, (while also a part-time porter). About this time Ralph started song writing. In November of that year he wrote his classic 'Streets of London'. He began regular work in folk clubs during 1968 and soon emerged as a hero on the College circuit. From there he progressed to tour first America, and then Europe, selling out all the way. In 1974 he became the first one-man performer to fill the Royal Albert Hall to capacity in 14 years.

Ralph McTell's fourth Album for Warner Brothers *Right Side Up* has just been released. The tracks include 'Weather the Storm', his new single, as well as two beautiful songs from a couple of his contemporaries, John Martyn's 'May You Never', and Tom Waite's 'San Diego Serenade'.

Ralph is playing a few selected concert appearances before Christmas to promote the album. These include Imperial College on the 20th November, tickets for which are available from the IC Ents Committee Office at lunch times. Prices are £1.60 (£1.50 to IC students) in advance, and £1.70 on the door.

This promises to be one of the greatest concerts of the term.

Bill Heckley
Ents Chairman



Friday - Guilds Carnival

Always one of the highlights of IC Rag Week is the Guilds All Night Carnival, this year scheduled for Friday, 26th November.

Last year's extravaganza featured the whimsical talents of the drunken Viv Stanhall, Rodger Ruskin Spear and Andy 'Thunderclap' Newman.

This year the Guilds Ents Committee have chosen a line-up of artists that give the event a more rock oriented feel. Headlining the bill will be top Welsh band Sassafras. After gigging up and down the country at clubs, colleges and supporting major rock acts at top venues, the band have now earned a strong, healthy following. The present line-up is Terry Bennett, Ricky John Holt, Dai Shell, Ralph Evans and Bob 'Congo' Jones.

They have maintained their base in Cardiff where they began with Dai and Ralph — a long-standing guitar playing partnership — who teamed up with bass player Ricky John and former Love Sculpture drummer Congo Jones. They worked for a year, split up, and then reformed in '73, adding Bennett to their line-up.

Although basically a hard-hitting rock band, Sassafras have been influenced by the West Coast sound, and distinct references to the country bands like the Burritos and Eagles can be heard in their music. Certainly a band that you shouldn't miss.

Supporting Sassafras will be folk singer Alan White and rock band the Foster Brothers. I must admit I know little of the talents of Mr. White. However, I can tell you that the Foster Brothers are a raunchy goodtime band, that have been playing the London pub circuit for a long time under the name of Blitz. They are now concentrating more on Colleges and small halls.

There will also be a disco on throughout the evening.

As a contrast to the live music, two films will be shown during the evening. They are the brilliant 'Loot', and the much acclaimed *Take the Money and Run*, both of which should prove excellent entertainment.

To round things off, food will be provided throughout the evening and most important of all the Union Bar and Lounge will be serving drink until 3 a.m.!

All this and more can be enjoyed at the very reasonable price of £1.90 in advance (from C & G Union Office) or £2.20 on the door. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities, so why not go along and enjoy yourselves.

Thursday - Smoking Concert



Lock up your daughters, 'cause this Thursday sees the annual RCS Smoking Concert. In blunt terms it is 'a smutty version of what a college revue should be' (John White) i.e. 3 hours of filth, obscenity and bawdy wit(?). In fact it is so good that even Mines and Guildspersons pay 50p to get in.

So much for the promo; I can't tell you much more 'cause the bulk of the sketches are written the night before, a fact that greatly enhances the literary content of the show.

As you will have gathered from the graphic pictures in the RCS Handbook(?), Smoking Concert is the students' chance to get their own back on the lecturers, throw mud at the Executive (all 4 of them?—Ed) and relieve their sexual frustrations.

If you are in RCS then act in your year sketch, it's great fun and a free barrel goes to the winners. If you are in Mines or Guilds then come and watch your own execs., in their guest sketches. (Quite honestly — I think you'll — Mines and Guilds that is — be more turned on by the stripper or drag artist... depending on your fancy of course!)

Steve Braund

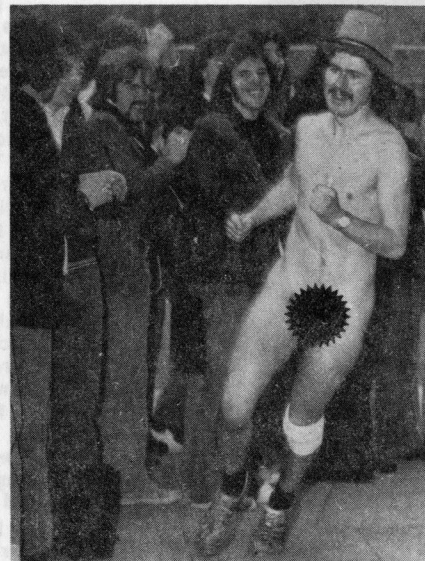
Concerts Preview

karny rooles ko?

or the fun and frolics of Rag Week



The 1975 RCS Rag procession float



Rag week is nearly upon us again. This is the one week in the year when you can forget about the lectures and problem sheets (if you haven't already) and indulge in some never to be forgotten experiences. So make the most of it!

It would be unfair to say Rag week is characterised by the frequency with which people take their clothes off but if the trends set last year continue - unlikely since Paul Korowski's cancelled his streak - we could be in for some interesting sights.

Have a good time, spend lots of money (please) and remember its all in aid of Cancer Research and Kensington Emperors Swimming Pool for the Disabled.

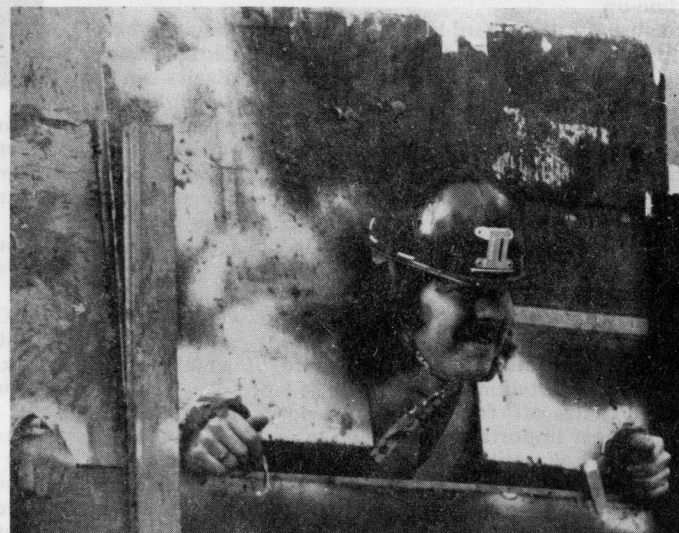
Left: 1975, Nick Brayshaw streaks around the Albert Hall; Immediate below (left): Last year's Rag Week procession was extremely friendly!; Bottom left: 1975, Nick Brayshaw pays the price of fame during the Pillory of the Executive;



Practising for tonight's 3-legged pub-crawl!



The 1975 Mines Rag procession float.



1974, Bar-b-que in the Union Quad



Martin Levy winner of last year's Drag competition



Frivolities at last year's Guilds' Carnival



1975, Morphy Day

RAG WEEK '76

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

date	event	venue	cost	comments
THURSDAY 18TH 20.00 hours	RAG & DRAG COMPETITION & DISCO	JCR, SHERFIELD BUILDING	25p	Entries on the evening
FRIDAY 19TH 19.00 hours	THREE-LEGGED PUB CRAWL	SOUTH KENSINGTON; LES ENVIRONS	0p	Meet in STAN'S BAR, Southside
SATURDAY 20TH 10.00 hours	RAG PROCESSION	ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA	0p	Meet in CCU Offices
SUNDAY 21ST 20.00 hours	SCAB EVENING	UNION BUILDING	25p	Dramsoc, Blue films, Folk Club, Blue films, Jazz Club, Blue films, Blue films. . .
MONDAY 22ND 18.00 hours	DRINK-A-PUB-DRY	A MYSTERY PUB IN GREAT BRITAIN (!)	0p	Meet in STAN'S BAR, Southside
TUESDAY 23RD 20.00 hours	BAR-B-QUE & DISCO	UNION QUAD & LOWER LOUNGE	100p	Tickets sold on the evening
WEDNESDAY 24TH 15.00 hours	MORPHY DAY - TOWPATH BATTLE	PUTNEY TOWPATH	0p	Meet in CCU Offices at 13.30 hours
THURSDAY 25TH 19.00 hours	RCS SMOKING CONCERT	UNION CONCERT HALL	50p	Includes beer, stripper and drag artist(e) (?)
FRIDAY 26TH 20.00 hours	GUILDS' CARNIVAL	UNION BUILDING	220p 190p on evening in advance	Featuring SASSAFRAS, ALAN WHITE and the FOSTER BROTHERS BAND
SATURDAY 27TH 11.00 hours	CHARIOT RACE	SPEAKER'S CORNER, MARBLE ARCH	0p	Meet in CCU Offices

Lord Mayor's Show report

.....and a good time was had by all

4.30am Saturday morning loomed early (for a change) and so I set about joining two or three other hardy individuals in the dark and freezing cold of Mines quad to polish up our (loaned) fire-engine for the Lord Mayor's Show. At 6.30, the engine gleaming like a new pin, so the crew returned to Southside for breakfast.

My thanks to Tina Pearson and Sandra for so ably doing the eggs and bacon, and also to Mssrs Hall, Reditt, Dodge, Gillett, Cox, Mattback for helping polish the engine and for working so hard helping generally with getting the show on the road.

About 7.00 we left for London Wall; it dawned as we raced past Buckingham Palace klaxon screaming, bell ringing, and all shouting "Fire". But we didn't get a 'stately two-fingers' from any of the windows.

10 minutes after we arrived at London Wall, soaking wet and freezing cold, up rode Guilds in 'Bo', looking similarly the worse for wear. In fact 'Bo' nearly got flattened by a tank transporter but fortunately the army driver missed.

About 9.00 the rest of the floats arrived and were closely followed by the RCS contingent, led by Chris Morrell and Ade Sudworth. By 10.30 we were ready for the off, and away we went (restraining Chris from attacking the Vikings on an adjacent float: 'He's got a lovely chopper!!')

I have never seen so many people in my life, everybody cheering and waving. It was an amazing sight, especially with all the kids there.

Jez (Mark II) and Bo both got excellent receptions due to the students trying to get the crowd involved in the show rather than just standing watching.

As we come up to St Paul's, 'Bo' suffered a blow-out (leaving a three-quarter inch hole in a tyre, which will cost about £50 to repair) and was unable to continue in the procession.

Just after that Nick Gillet (son of the new Lord Mayor and our own RCS TV star) managed to get interviewed by the BBC. The interviewer nearly broke his neck climbing on the engine, but that's another story.

After lunch at King's College we finished the second half of the procession (we all had 'stately-wavers elbow' by this time) and then piled back to college.

As you may have seen, were you in Southside at the time, RCS



decided to give a fire-fighting display and connected the engine up to a fire-hydrant, putting 100,000 gallons a minute on to the Hawthorn tree (This answers all the people who are wondering where the leaves went).

Again I feel special thanks must be due to RCS Motor Club for arranging the loan and Jez (Mk II) from Dennis Motors and to Nick Gillet for keeping my head above water with respect to a lot of what goes on in the Lord Mayor's Show.

Steve Braund

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RECORDS

CONCERTS

JUST FYNGYR-LYKYN'

GOOD

After four excellent studio LPs, with after a couple of dud tracks between them, it was on the cards that a live album, in the vein of a 'Best of', would be recorded, trying to capture them in their true state, (sorry) a Southern Rock Boogie Band. What an absolute gem it is too.

It speeds along at a terrific rate, opening with a rocking plug for their recording company, 'Workin for MCA', then straight into, 'I Ain't the One', slowing in pace only for such tasteful numbers as 'Tuesday's Gone', 'Sweet Home Alabama' and 'Needle and the Spoon'.

The climax to the album is the very last track, the brilliant, 'Free Bird', which starts off with the tinkling guitar from Allen Collins, and the gravel voiced vocals of Ronnie Van Zant, who is eventually swamped under by the blistering guitar work of the three lead guitarists, namely Collins, Garry Rossington and Steve Gains. The last of

these makes his recording debut on this album.

Out of the fourteen tracks on this double album, there are only three which weren't previously available on record, ie 'T for Texas', a 'Skydnerdysed' version of the country classic by Jimmie Rodgers, 'Travellin' Man' and 'Crossroads', all are destined to be Skynyrd Favourites.

The thing that makes Lynyrd Skynyrd so good, for me, is their unpretentious approach to rock; they give a rock hungry audience exactly what it wants, raunchy, hard hitting numbers, that make you wan'na move your feet, and sing along. This album gives you exactly that. I've seen them live three times, and this is the closest recording to how Skynyrd really are - mean and basic.

I thought of writing 'If you've not been turned on to Lynyrd Skynyrd yet, this is the album to do it. It doesn't make the previous LPs obsolete because there are so many excellent tracks not given a look in on this one. 'One more from the Road', should be in every Skynyrd fans' record collection, as I am sure it will be'. But I thought better of it. Still the LP's terrific.

Horslips at Imperial College Great Hall

I was thinking of walking out half-way through Horslips' set; but then I got bored and fell asleep. I awoke to find the band engrossed in some delightful Irish (folk) jigs.

Both the band and the capacity audience came to enjoy themselves, and neither left disappointed. Well that just goes to show how subjective a review can be.

One can't fault Horslips technically, but I found them at times rather self-indulgent, particularly during 'The First Movement of the Gaelic Symphony? Nevertheless, when they did start playing their folk/rock jigs they became terrific crowd inspirers.

The band are fairly talented, especially their violinist and keyboard player. These two give the band a very traditional Irish identity, which raises them above other bands in the foot-shuffling rock idiom.

Despite an energetic performance all-round I can remember seeing better Horslips concerts at IC. Still, they were right for a good hop at the end.

Clive Dewey

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3. Who was lead singer and founder member of Genesis?
4. What's the name of Phil Collins (of Genesis) part-time band?
5. The Split Enz concert forms part of their first ever nationwide head-lining tour, and is their only London date. But from which country do they originate?

Answers should be addressed to Tim Fowler, c/p The Ents Office, IC Union, together with your own address. These should arrive no later than Wednesday 17th November 1976) lunchtime. The winner will be chosen by Ents, whose decision is final and binding. The winner will be notified the following morning.

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 SAT. NOV.27th

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WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Disco
C Ents Disco: 8.00pm, Union Lower Refectory. 15p at door.

Club Activity
Orienteering Club: Lunchtime meeting. 12.40pm. Union Senior Common Room. Meeting & Cheap Lunch.

Gigs
The Movies play the 'Hope and Anchor' pub, Upper St (359 4510)
Babe Ruth play the Marquee Club, Wardour St (437 6603)
Racing Cars play the Nashville Rooms, North End Road (603 6071)
Jet Harris play Central London Polytechnic, Regent St (580 2020)
Strutters play the 'Rochester' pub, Stoke Newington High St.

Miscellaneous
RCA (Dept of general studies) Lecture by John Carswell on 'Body Marking and Tattooing' 2.00pm. RCA Lecture Theatre.

SATURDAY 20th

Gigs
IC Ents present a Rag Concert with Ralph McTell. 8.00pm doors open 7.30pm. Great Hall, Prince Consort Road. IC adv. £1.50, adv £1.60, on door £1.75 SU cards required for IC adv tickets.

Plummet Airlines play Gipsy Hill College Max Merritt at the 'Hope and Anchor' pub, Upper St (359 4510)
Racing Cars play the Nashville, North End Road (Just by West Ken tube).

SCAB'S BLUE EVENING

This Sunday, as in previous Rag Weeks, the clubs within SCAB will present an evenings entertainment in the Union for a nominal fee of 25p. All profits will be going to Rag. The star attraction will undoubtedly be the dirty movies but there is a strong supporting cast. Dramsoc present "After Magritte" by Tom Stoppard while Folk Club resident group "South Kensington Underground" will attempt to make you swing. Jazz Club feature the "Imperial Sound"

SUNDAY 21st

Disco
QEC Disco: 8.00pm. Union Bar, Campden Hill, W8. 20p. SU cards required. Nearest tube - High St Kensington.

Club Activity
Jazz Club present a Sunday session. 15 piece big band. and 3 piece rock band. 8.30pm. Union Refectory. Free.

Gigs
Van Der Graaf Generator play the Drury Lane Theatre (836 8108)
Greenslade/Frump/Tiger at the Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road (267 2564)

Miscellaneous
TV Programme: Report on World Orienteering Championships 8.50pm. BBC2.

MONDAY 22nd

Club Activity
WELLSOC: Debate on the future of the Nuclear Programme: Plutonium - Its worth the risk! Proposed by Dr N Franklin, Chairman, Nuclear Power Company Limited. Opposed by 'Czech' Conroy of Friends of the Earth. 7.30pm. Mech Eng 220.

Gigs
Hinkleys Heroes/Razorbacks at 100 Club, Oxford St (636 0933)
The Movies at the Nashville, North End Road (603 6071)
Vibrators at the Rock Garden, Covent Garden (240 3961)

and the Mekkers".
The evening kicks off at around 7.00pm. Bring your own plastic mac.
M.F. Vusler
SCAD Chairman.

GRAFFITI CALENDARS

Graffiti, have a limited number of desk calendars, printed in 5 colours using the latest screen printing techniques available to us in college. Covering the academic year from October 1976 to June 1977 they will initially be for sale at 20p from the Graffiti Workshop, situated in the Union Building, level 2 behind the Gym. If you would like a calendar, or wish to

TUESDAY 23rd

Club Activity
Lecture on 'Geothermal Energy in Britain' by Dr J Garnish. 5.30pm. Mining Geology Lecture Theatre (RSM.3-14) Free tea at 5pm.

Miscellaneous
Hall Dinner: 7.00 for 7.30pm. Sheffield Building. £2.55p. All applications to Pat by Noon today.

Gigs
Shakin Stevens at the 'Hope and Anchor' pub, Upper St (359 4510)
Hinkleys Heroes/Razorbacks at the Marquee, Wardour St. Linda Ronstadt at the New Victoria Theatre (834 0671).

Miscellaneous
STOIC programme featuring an interview with The Rector 1.00pm
JCR Sheffield Building, Union, Southside.
Guilds Union Meeting. 1.00pm. Eng Mech 342.

WEDNESDAY 24th

Folk
IC Folk Club: Singer: Shep Wooley. 8.00pm. IC Union Lower Refectory.

Club Activity
The Lombard RAC Rally Forum. 6.30pm. Great Hall. Guilds Motor Club members 50p. Others £1.00. Club membership is 50p. Drivers and co-drivers meeting before the 1976 RAC Rally. Films, interviews and rally cars to look at throughout the evening. Tickets available in C & G Union Office.
Introductory Orienteering Event 2.00 - 2.30pm. Hampstead Heath 20p. See Orienteering Notice Board on ground floor Union Building for further details.

enquire about any aspect of poster, T shirt or ticket design and production, come up any lunchtime. The easiest way to the workshop is by the back staircase, from behind the Union Refectory.

FOR SALE

Lewis Leathes Motorcycle Jacket, dark blue, size 40". Excellent condition. New cost £40, offers around £25. Contact Colin Skellett, Physics II.

WANTED

Almost any SLR camera, preferably very broken and without lens. Prepared to pay as little as possible, will accept gifts! Contact Colin Skellett Physics 2.

THURSDAY 25th

Film
Ents present: 'Tommy' (with the Who). 6.30pm. Mezzo 15p.

Club Activity
Socialist Society: Public meeting: Joan Lester, MP on Education cuts. 1.00pm. Maths 340.
IC Islamic Society: Talk on Islam. 1.30pm. 002 Sheffield.
IC Christian Union Lecture: 'Adam and the Ape - A Christian approach to the theory of Evolution' by Prof R.J. Berry. 1.30pm. Lecture Theatre B, Sheffield Building.

Miscellaneous
STOIC programme 'Lunchbreak' 1.00pm JCR Sheffield Building, Southside, Union. Rounding up the more unusual aspects of IC. Aerosol paper darts competition (for RAG Week) 12.30pm. Union Roof. 10p per first throw, 5p thereafter. 1st prize - half the takings.
STOIC 'Lunchbreak' programme. 18.00 hours Union Southside only.

FRIDAY 26th

Gigs
Guilds Carnival. See page 5 for details.

Miscellaneous
RCA (Dept of general studies) Lecture by John Carswell: 'Travelling Talent' 2.00pm RCA Lecture theatre.

SATURDAY 27th

Disco
(Mines) Fanny's amazing Disco at Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, WC1. Tickets 50p, including supper. Please note Canterbury Hall is a FEMALE Hall.

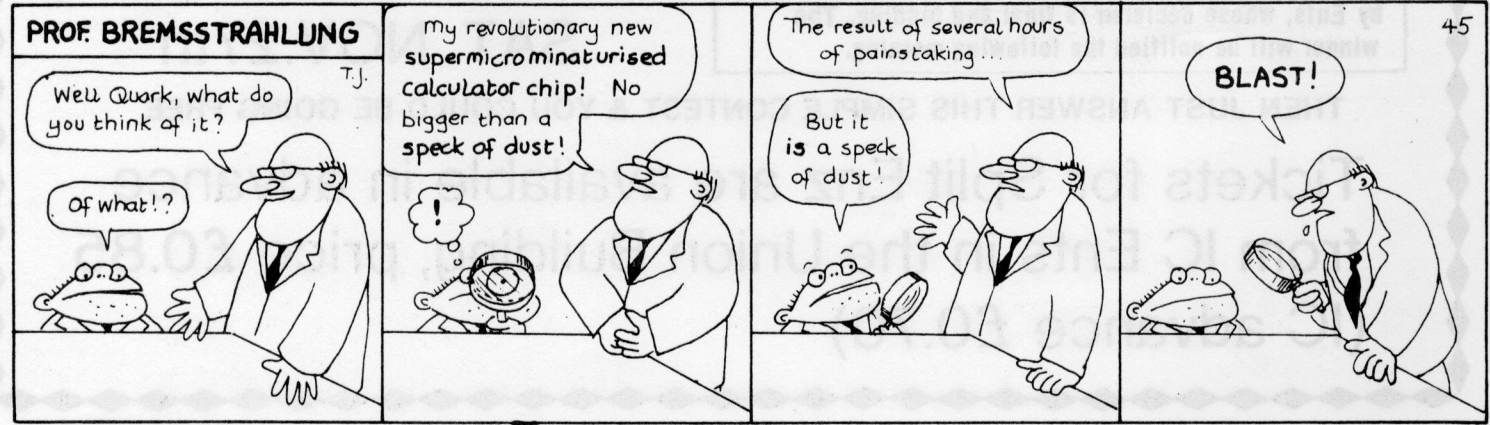
Britain's Own Boiler House

The Geophysical Society presents a lecture on Geothermal Energy in the UK by Dr JD Garnish of Harwell Nov 23rd 5.30pm. Mining Geology lecture Theatre (RSM 3.14).

FREE TEA AT 5P.M.

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FELIX SPORT

Hockey

Dastardly tactics take IC to top

Medhurst 0 IC 1

A 3-phase plan was the Captain's latest idea for overwhelming the opposition when IC travelled to Medhurst to play the league leaders.

The first stage was to send the forwards off in one car with scant directions to the venue, and take the rest of the team in the minivan. This resulted with the game starting 10 minutes before the forwards arrived.

This lead on to stage two of his dastardly plot: tire out the opposition by getting his players to hit the ball in random fashion all over the field and leave the opposition to fetch it.

On to stage 3: The opposition were already disheartened by their inability to penetrate seven men and were rocked further back on their heels as a further four players arrived. However, after some initial tottering, Medhurst regained their balance and began to play like the league leaders they were.

They attacked with gusto, using the breadth of the field, but the IC defence played well and all their scoring chances were thwarted by demon play from Charlie Brown in goal.

Between these bouts of pressure the forwards were not only admiring the abilities of the de-

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fence, but were actively engaged in trying to score goals. They, in turn, were aided in this endeavour by tenacious and visionary play from midfield, which provided a constant stream of balls to the front.

The forwards tried hard but were often foiled by a lack of cool-headedness in front of goal. However one attack did produce a score. Mike Isles' snapshot sent the ball sauntering towards their

Mixed Hockey

Early birds forget the worms & guzzle Guinness

IC Mixed XI 0 Guinness 2

In our usual well-organised way we arrived at the opposition ground at about 1.15pm only to find that the place was deserted and that the match was not due to start until 3.00pm.

Guinness were 'unfortunately' unable to find enough women for their team and so played 7 men and 4 women. They were also unable to supply an umpire, so our bronchitic captain, Chas Hardy, was volunteered the job. He continually cursed the fact that he was doing more running about than the players themselves.

Missed chances

The game was fairly even with quite a lot of end-to-end

goal. The goalkeeper, flummoxed by the insouciant attitude of the ball, could only let it rebound off his pads to where Trevor Tutu, acting with alacrity far beyond any he had shown previously, deposited it in the back of the net.

This one goal advantage was preserved to give IC its sixth consecutive win taking us to the top of the league - a suitable reflection on the new attitude and spirit of the side.

play. Both teams had quite a few scoring chances. Defensive errors from IC enabled Guinness to put home two of these. In contrast IC were unable to score even from a range of 10 yards.

The match was enjoyed by all and the serious part of the afternoon came when free Guinness and Harp Lager was supplied (in fair quantity) after the game.

Our team of alcoholics were:-

Roger Hutson, John Huckle, Kim Houlden, Chris Forsyth, Chris Parker, Rosalind Baker, Janet Coxage, Jim Marshall, Debra Bean, Pete Vowell and Diana Mounsey.

K.P. Houlden

Boat Club

Coxes needed for repeat success story

Well, here it is, the first Boat Club report! Though little publicised, Imperial College Boat Club is one of the College's most successful clubs with a long string of victories at all levels to its name. Last year we won 20 events in VIII's, IV's and sculls. We put two crews in for Henley Royal Regatta (in July), and set a new IC record by losing only to the eventual victors, Harvard (in the Thames Cup competition).

We are currently running two VIIIs and a lightweight IV. The selection for 1st and 2nd VIIIs has not yet been made and if any oarsmen, who haven't come down yet, would like to on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon they will be more than welcome. Any coxes, or people who would like to learn how to cox, are also much sought after.

The lightweight IV is going for International selection in the famous carbon-fibre four, having already beaten crews of current British Internationals.

We hope to have another successful year and bring glory to IC's name once more so why not join in?

PS Women are always welcome, my address is

Water-polo

IC 'otters' clinch title

IC 10 Otter 2

The IC Water-polo team clinched the Middlesex League First Division Championship last Friday night with a draw to gain the first division title, but gave their home 'crowd' something to shout when their goals tally ran into double figures. The IC team was only promoted to the first division last year.

Otter score first

As the first quarter got underway there was no indication from IC of the goal-scoring spree to follow. Indeed, it was the Otter team who scored their two goals first, although Rory did pull one back before the second quarter.

In the second quarter IC pulled level with a penalty taken by Peter McCartney. Then goals from Paul Hindle, Michael McCartney and Cliff Spooner set IC on the road to victory. Otter continued to play their fair share of

attacking water-polo, but Ian Bales, in goal for IC, was equal to any shot they could produce.

Hat-trick

It was in the third quarter, however, that IC really showed their superiority. The referee, perhaps feeling a little sorry for Otter, twice sent out IC players. In both cases IC replied, while being a man down, with goals from Cliff and Rory. Shortly afterwards Cliff completed his hat-trick.

For the final quarter Dave Lowther was brought into action, because Cliff was judged to have inflicted enough punishment on the opposition. Nevertheless, IC extended their lead with another from Michael.

To their credit Otter fought to the very end and forced Ian to produce some dynamic goalkeeping. Finally Andy Smith marked his return to the team by rounding off the score for IC.

Riding Club

LAST & FIRST

Riding Club has competed in two University of London League matches this term. Both matches took place at Park Farm Stables in Northwood and consisted of a simple dressage test BHS No. 6 for the knowledgeable followed by a showjumping course.

The first of these, (October 27th) was against Northwood Riding Club and Royal Veterinary College First. Here, despite a lot of hard work by Nickie on the Vicar, Imperial came third.

A fortnight later and IC were in Northwood again, competing against Kings

College and Wye College. This time we did a little better, bearing both of them; the jumping was the major factor in this decision!

The result for these two matches were:-

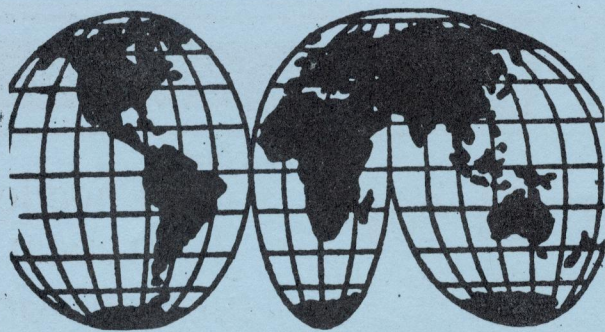
- Wednesday 27th October**
 1. Northwood Riding Club
 2. Royal Veterinary College 1sts
 3. Imperial College.

- Wednesday 10th November**
 1. Imperial College
 2. Wye College
 3. Kings College

IC Team:- Linda Hepburn, Janet Browne, Nicola Whitehead, Steve Jackson, Adam Rawicz-Szczerbo.

Cox wanted

2 persons: Sex: Male
 Height: Uncertain
 Weight: 9 stone (or less)
 Character: Determined
 Crime: to cox Novice squad of ICBC
 Reward: Pewter Tankards (and beer)
 Any knowledge as to the whereabouts of these miscreants will be gratefully received. Contact Roger Hale Mech Eng III.



STUDENT WORLD

Fee Fight

Lancaster's lead in opposing the Government's proposed rise in tuition fees for 1977 (see last week's *Student World*) has been followed this week by the senates of Southampton and Leicester, and the Council at Aston. Their main concern was for students whose fees increased mid-course. (THES)

T.U. Bid Fails

Aberystwyth's Court last week voted overwhelmingly against the bid to put four TUC representatives on its 'security council' (see last week's *Student World*), but Sir Tuc may still be admitted to the 200 strong court of King Aber.

The Foreign Quarter

Four of the five London polytechnics have defended the giving of quarter (of their places) to the 'foreign quarter' by defying an ILEA directive to keep their overseas student numbers at the same level as last year.

They are the Polytechnic of North London, the City of London Polytechnic, Central London Polytechnic, and the Polytechnic of the South Bank. The only dissident is Thames. The aim of the directive is to reduce overseas numbers from 25% to 10% by 1982 - that is, from 8,400 to 3,400.

Contrary to the directive, PNL has increased its over-

seas intake by 50, PCL by 46, and there have been comparable increases at City and South Bank.

Defending the defiance, Professor Yarwood of PCL said he regarded the education of overseas students as a substantial contribution to the overseas aid programme. (McGarel)

Leeds Union Purge

Two members of the University Union Executive Committee at Leeds were thrown out of office this month.

A motion of no confidence was passed against Alison Young, the House Secretary, Liz Colvin, the Education Secretary.

President Brian Smith, prosecuting, said that the two secretaries had 'neglected all their responsibilities': defending, Ms Young said that they had been ill, and suggested that the motion was in retaliation for an earlier motion by herself. (Leeds Student)

Leeds Rag in shreds

With less than a fortnight to go before Rag Week, Leeds' rag organization has been split at the seams by the resignation of three senior rag officers in protest at the chairman's incompetence. (Leeds Student)

Sheffield 'Sinking Ship'

Over the past week, eight Executive Committee members have resigned in disillusionment, at Sheffield Union. (Dart)

Andrew Evans

Rugby

Bad tempers and excitement

London School of Economics 12 : 22 IC

Imperial College went to New Malden on Wednesday to take on the LSE 1st XV and continue their fine form of recent weeks. It was a game full of incident and excitement and one which saw some spirited rugby from both sides.

LSE were delighted to score two tries within fifteen minutes. The first came from their right winger, who beat the defence with some elusive running and the second followed good support work that created an overlap on the left. Both were converted.

IC strike back

IC rallied and were rewarded by a beautifully struck penalty from Cotter. Two minutes later the forwards worked the ball back from a maul and Gibbs unselfishly put Gregory in for a try.

The game at this stage was open and fluid, with some commendable tackling and covering.

Later on a spate of good line-out play enabled Robins and Turely to take the ball to within a yard of the line. The ensuing ruck was fast and ferocious. The LSE back row tried to kill the ball, but the half-backs were able to handle quickly and enabled Gilbert dive over for his first score of the season.

Instead of consolidating their position, IC lost concentration, something which has caused problems in the past, and the lead was snatched away from them as LSE scored a try on the stroke of half time.

After the interval Robins - troubled by an ankle injury - was forced to leave the field. This, and some extraordinary decisions - or rather lack of them - concerning infringements at both ruck and maul, introduced a degree of frustration into the game. Several punches were thrown and much

of the play was bad-tempered during this period.

Marching Orders

Matters came to a head, however, when the IC 2nd row Steve Aspden, was seen raking an LSE player at a ruck. His instant dismissal to the dressing room made him the first Imperial College 1st XV player to be sent off in five years.

The final thirty minutes were an enormous test of character for the team. The forwards drove themselves and fought for every ball, contesting both scrummage and line-out, with conviction. Having withstood intense pressure, IC broke out of defence and from a badly mis-cued 25 yard drop out Heath chipped ahead, Gibbs gathered the ball and Gregory fought through a tackle and squeezed over in the corner for a tremendous try.

This was truly the turning point of the game, it encouraged the pack to battle on, and Cotter kicked another penalty before further pressure on the LSE line produced a try for West on the left wing. The final whistle was blown immediately after the conversion attempt faded past the left hand upright.

Earned reputation

In winning by 22-12 IC have provided themselves with the platform needed for the fixtures to come against some of the best club sides in London. They showed a measure of the fire and motivation, too, which has earned the rugby club a reputation as one of the top teams in the University.

Team:- Cotter, Gregory, Gilbert, Gibbs, West, Devaney, Price-Stephens, Mclean, Heath, Pullan, Porter, Aspden, Turley (Capt) Robins, Siomiak.

Ian McLean

Fencing

Promising start

Imperial College v's Kings College

CLASS	Matches Won
	IC KINGS
Epee	2 7
Sabre	6 3
Beginners' Foil	7 2
Ladies Foil	4 5
Foil 1st Team	4 5

strong side. Special mention must be made of Andy Meusch whose refreshingly unusual tactics proved effective against fencers who had been drilled in orthodox methods. Similar tactics proved to be effective at Epee.

The final score, apart from the excellent performance of the Sabre team, does not look too promising until one calculates the total number of matches won - IC 23 and Kings 22. Now it is just a matter of winning the matches at the right time.

Mark Holbrook (Captain)

IC. PGs

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