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# FELIX

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FELIX WISHES ALL ITS  
READERS A HAPPY  
XMAS & A MERRY  
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FREE!



(L to R) Spanner and Bolt capture Daye Dodge, Martin Watson, Martin Kessler and Steve Braund one minute after taking the mascots.

The execution of a cunning mascot plan saw RCS Union this week become the proud 'owners' of Spanner and Bolt, the C&G Union mascots.

This is the first time that Bolt has been captured by another college; the last time Spanner was lost was in 1973/4 to RSM.

RCS Union gained the mascots on Tuesday lunchtime when Jerry Cummin (Mech Eng 2) transferred them from his car to that of Martin Watson (Physics I) in a South London mews; Spanner and Bolt were on their way to the Guilds Christmas Union meeting. Herein lies the crux of the plan; ever since the Elec Eng Fresher's dinner six weeks ago Martin Watson had posed as his namesake in Chem Eng 1.

He had gone on Guilds Rag stunts, their Union meetings and was frequently in the C&G Union office. By last week he was trusted by John Elkin, Jerry Cummin and Dave Lord as a reliable Guildsman.

By that time he had offered to help bring Spanner and Bolt to Guilds functions in his Allegro car. His offer was accepted and he was briefed to bring the mascots into the Guilds meeting on Tuesday. For the event RCS hired Mr Watson an Allegro which he drove to appointed rendez-vous in South London on Tuesday.

From there the plan was simple; instead of taking the mascots to IC Martin drove them around the corner to the awaiting RCS J4 van. Photos including the one above, were then taken before RCS whisked their new treasures to an unstated destination.

According to RCS not only did C&G give them Spanner and Bolt but all their (C&GU's) ideas on where Theta was and how they were going to steal it.

RCS intend organising a treasure hunt for the mascots' return, similar to that done by Guilds for the return of Theta - captured by Guilds 2 years ago. The first clue should arrive at Guilds within the next few days.

It is expected that the trial of 'people responsible for the mascots' loss' will be held by Guilds next term.

## New records for RCS

For the second year running RCS Union have collected over £1,000 on their Year Collections. They did so last Saturday when Maths I created a new record for the amount of money collected by one year in a day. They raised £362.27½ whilst 'climbing the Brompton Road outside Harrods'.

Behind them came Physics I, who amassed £243.20½ Carol singing, and Life Science I who used an inflatable dinghy to attract £163.87½ into Rag's coffers.

Nigel Simpson and Steve Brooker got their names in the record book for the most money collected by one person in a day. Each brought home £85.07½

According to the ecstatic Steve Braund (RCS VP) this now put the term's RCS Rag total at about £3,200, 'a cool £1,000 ahead of Guilds and about £1,500 ahead of Mines'. He claims the RCS total is already twice that of last year.

## Pub. Board meeting 'solves' Felix troubles

# Felix crisis avoided

by David Crabbe, News Editor

The crisis which has been looming within FELIX over the past term, was resolved, to some degree, at an emergency meeting of the Publications Board on Monday night, 13th December. The crisis came to a head with the circulation last Friday of a petition calling for an Extraordinary General meeting on 14th December to debate the state of FELIX and to move for a 'vote of no-confidence' in the Editor, Clive Dewey.

The petition, drawn up by Duncan Suss (Business Manager of FELIX) Derrick Everett (ICUDP) and Paul Ekpenyong (ex-ed FELIX) had 186 signatures - 130 are needed to call a EGM. It was presented to Derrick Everett (ICUDP); both Nick Brayshaw and John White (ICU Pres. and Hon. Sec respectively) were attending NUS conference at Blackpool.

The petition was prompted by both the serious financial situation of FELIX and also by difficulties caused by Mr Dewey's handling of staff.

Mr Dewey claimed that he had never been officially informed of the petition and had only heard by hear say over the weekend. He urged that the executive should be informed and that this would not happen in future.

### 'Airing dirty Linen'

The emergency Pub. Board meeting was called by James Sinclair (STOIC) to inquire into the reasons for such a drastic move on the part of Mr Suss. He observed that at a 4½ hour meeting last week the FELIX situation was not even mentioned let alone discussed. Mr Sinclair felt that an EGM in this case would only result in 'people airing their dirty linen in public'.

Furthermore, he said, a formal meeting such as Pub Board was what was required. Public discussion would only do great damage to FELIX; 'in fact', he said, 'I do not wish to appear sentimental, but this

kind of thing destroys the whole philosophy of the Union'.

John Allen, Publications Board Chairman, confirmed that there was no constitutional need for a quorate petition to be discussed in committee but agreed that in this case there was a moral need.

Mr Suss pointed out that FELIX finances were Union finances and as such were the Union as a whole.

Financially, the most optimistic predictions (up to and including 28 Nov 1976) envisage FELIX in the red to the tune of £300 by the end of the summer term. Lack of full capitalisation on advertising potential has been a major cause of this situation.

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1977. Articles through  
the post during the hols  
will be welcomed.

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# Letters to the editor

## PG AFFAIRS CORNER Parkers PG padlings

### India Soc. reply

Dear Sir, - With reference to Mr Ramendra Guha's letter printed on 3rd Dec '76, I feel his accusations about India Society are completely baseless. He has only managed to display his ignorance.

He accuses the Society for putting up posters, 'here and there; but they are few and far between'. He doesn't know that this is exactly what union rules require us to do. Furthermore this is an establishment for very intelligent people, so I believe reading one poster with sufficient information should well suffice his requirements. I cannot see why Mr Guha wants to see, say, 16 similar posters stuck on a wall saying the same thing. In a big place like IC no less than 50 posters were put up for India Soc's film show and the freshers' party.

For the same function, individual letters were sent out by our secretary to all the members - Mr Guha is one. If 121 other members received it, I fail to see how Mr Guha was missed on three occasions.

He also says 'after all it costs nothing' (to send out individual letters to club members). This is absolutely ridiculous. We have spent about £35.00 alone on publicity so far, most of it on paper. In addition a lot of personal effort goes into making these posters and addressing to ALL MEMBERS.

In my 8 years work with various social organisations, I've come across many people like Mr Guha who like to sit back and criticize. I have appealed on various occasions for a second publicity officer. If Mr Guha feels he can do a better job, I have one waiting for him. I always welcome enthusiastic members who like to see a better society. I can be contacted via Mech Eng letter rack or in person at Room 806 Mech Eng (internal 3619).

NIP SHAH  
Chairman India Soc  
9 December 1976

### PG common room

Dear Sir, - In answer to Mr Guha, (FELIX 3rd Dec) and for the interest of other PGs reading the magazine, the IC postgraduate group is at present investigating the possibility of obtaining a common-room for PGs. The first step is to find out if such a room is wanted by the majority of PGs at IC. So if anyone is interested, could they please contact either myself (on Int 2263) or their own departmental reps as soon as possible and make their views known.

Yours faithfully  
KATE DUCIE  
ICUPGG Secretary



### Exec. Nutterings

Dear Sir, - I appreciate that in certain circumstances it is not within your privilege to fundamentally alter articles. However, I feel that publishing two paragraphs written by different members of the Executive, both entitled 'NUS Referendum' (last week's issue,) when they are in direct opposition is perhaps indiscreet.

In point of fact it is interesting that 2 sabbaticals obviously do not consult each other before putting pen to paper.

I would be grateful if someone would inform me when I will be able to exercise my democratic rights.

Yours sincerely,  
DAVE DODGE,  
RCSU

### Malicious attack on Mary A

Dear Sir, - The motion which was to be proposed by P Ide at the last UGM was a flagrant attack on the right of all ICU members to take an active part in running their union.

I am amazed that the Union Executive distributed copies of this motion around the College, appalled that Mary Attenborough was - the subject of the motion - was not informed beforehand that the motion had been proposed.

The inclusion of this motion, whether it is seen as a malicious attack on one member of ICU or as a sick joke, is clearly not conducive to serious Union debate.

It is not coincidental that the motion attacked a woman student of IC; and the motion's implication is clear: that women are not expected to put forward arguments as clearly and forcefully as Mary Attenborough does.

From this P Ida has drawn the conclusion that women who do stand up for their beliefs,

### Chinese Society

Dear Sir, - I would like to draw the attention of Chinese Society members to the recent unexpected cancellation of Cambridge trip previously scheduled for 11th Dec. It was then claimed to be the consequence of 'poor response' from the members.

Let's face the facts, there were no posters, and only a few lines written down somewhere in the corner of the previous society circular; that's all. Though we were offered a few names to contact, these people - who were supposed to be responsible for selling tickets - did not even know they had been picked for the job.

I would also like to remind you that whilst other Chinese Societies in the University were zealously preparing for LUCSCS (London University Chinese Society Cultural Section) versus Manchester University CU game (held on 11th Dec in Manchester) we did nothing. Is it true that as a founder member of LUCSCS, we have actually disaffiliated from LUCSCS? So far this year nothing has been said about LUCSCS.

With no collaboration with LUCSCS is Chinese Society honestly doing enough for its members under the favourite conditions - such as vast support from members & substantial finance at IC. Surely I am not the only one who feels this way.

Happy Xmas.  
C.K. CHEN  
Physics PG.

must be in some way deficient as women. Such attitudes must change if the college is to encourage more women to take up courses at IC.

Yours sincerely,  
DEIRDRE LIVINGSTONE  
Maths I  
13th December 1976

I just realised that this illustrious publication is coming out on Thursday next week on account of all these undergrads flaking out and running off home to mum's Christmas puddings. So, if I am to wish anyone a happy Christmas, it will have to be done very rapidly before I go off to paddle at Blackpool. Another NUS conference is with us, and with their overdraft looking almost as bad as mine, at £91,000, it should be a very interesting one.

The PG Cheese and Wine party came and went. Turn out was a little disappointing at around 60 people, but those that did manage to resist the temptation to go to 'Tommy' or Smoking Concert seemed to enjoy the evening. I must thank Jamie for the good vibes, and Pat and Andy for running the bar. Suggestions for future socials would be greatly appreciated. Two departments have already taken advantage of our offers of financial aid to promote events at departmental level. Council, in its benign generosity, gave £120 to Mines Union to promote PG activities - any offers to spend it for them should be flung in the direction of the RSMU office.

### Fees protests

You will all know by now that fees for PGs are to rise next year to £750 (£850 for overseas PGs). The Friday before last I helped to deliver around 1,400 letters from this college protesting against these proposals. They were laid in the hallway of Mrs Shirley Williams' house at 8.00am on a very cold morning. We were later able to see Mrs Williams over coffee and discuss our grievances. She was sympathetic but conceded very little. I'd like to thank all those who signed letters, and I hope you will all be prepared to put pen to ink again next year. I would particularly like to hear from any PGs who anticipate real difficulties when the new fees are enforced.

The Pearson report on PG Education in IC is still on the table for discussion: I hope that the PG Group will be setting up a small study group to look into it in the New Year. Departmental discussion of the report should also be taking place in all departments - make sure that PG opinions are expressed.

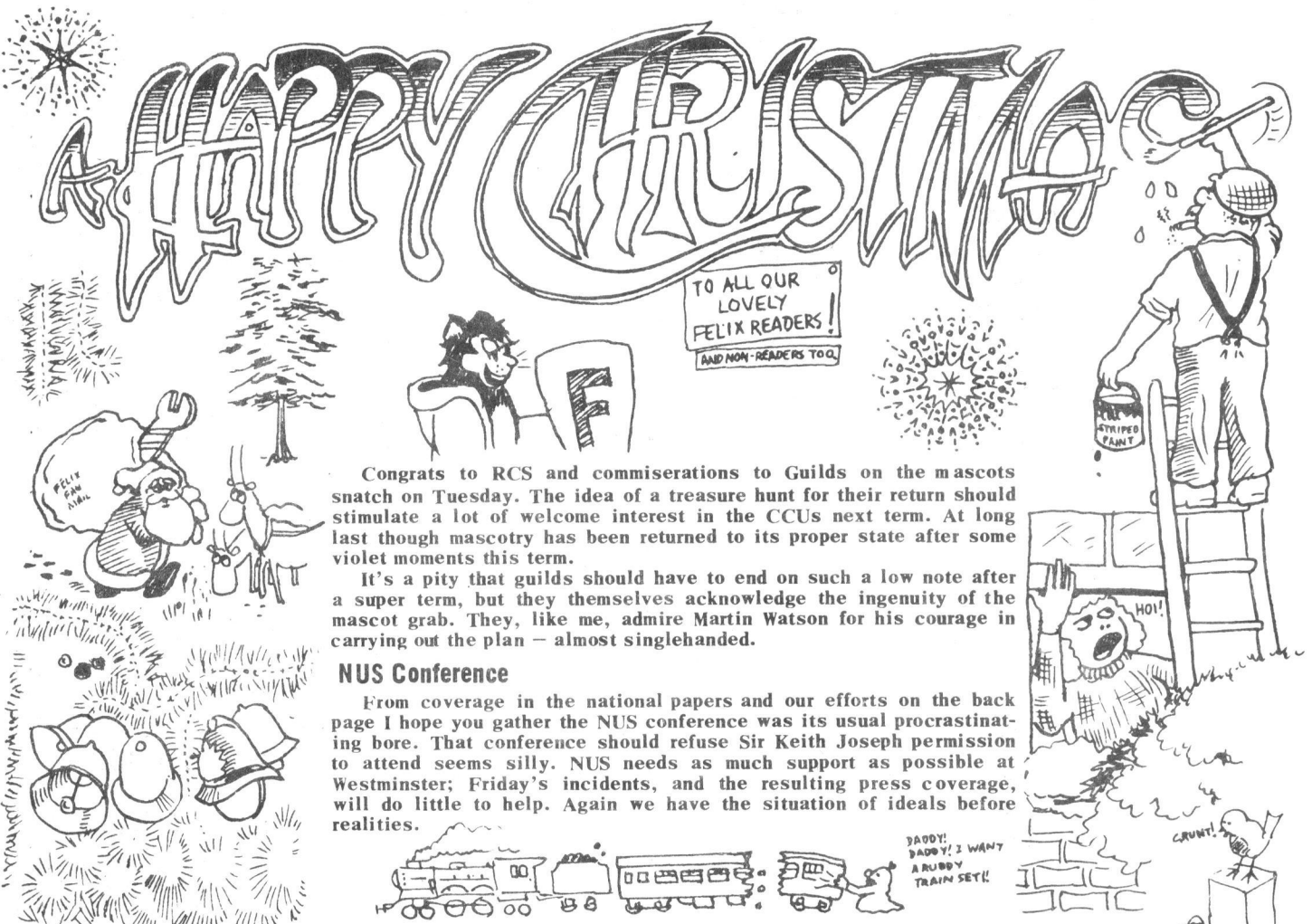
Well it's time to wander up the Golden Mile. My bucket and spade are all ready but I must remember to get a packet of little flags to put on the sand castles. I'm taking a big spade for the 'bury Charles Clarke' competition.

Rick Parker  
PGG Chairman



# HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OUR LOVELY FELIX READERS!  
(AND NON-READERS TOO)



Congrats to RCS and commiserations to Guilds on the mascots snatch on Tuesday. The idea of a treasure hunt for their return should stimulate a lot of welcome interest in the CCUs next term. At long last though mascotry has been returned to its proper state after some violet moments this term.

It's a pity that guilds should have to end on such a low note after a super term, but they themselves acknowledge the ingenuity of the mascot grab. They, like me, admire Martin Watson for his courage in carrying out the plan - almost singlehanded.

### NUS Conference

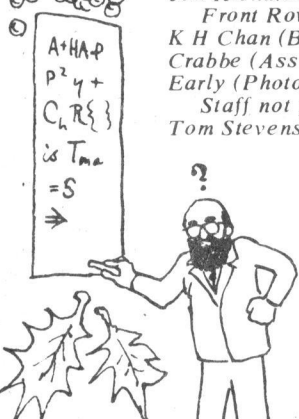
From coverage in the national papers and our efforts on the back page I hope you gather the NUS conference was its usual procrastinating bore. That conference should refuse Sir Keith Joseph permission to attend seems silly. NUS needs as much support as possible at Westminster; Friday's incidents, and the resulting press coverage, will do little to help. Again we have the situation of ideals before realities.



**FELIX STAFF 1976:** (Back row - L to R): Dave Hopkins (Editorial), Phillip Utting (Photographer), Mukozoke (News), Paul Ekpenyong (Film Editor), Ian Morse (Honorary Production Editor), Gillian McConway (Honorary Production Editor), Mike Slone Murphy (Cartoonist), Jon Loraine (Cartoonist), Jim Richardson (Technical/Paste Up), Trevor Poole (Photographer).  
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 Staff not present: Tony Jones (Cartoonist), Terry Westoby (Paste-up), Dick Hope (Photographer), Tom Stevenson (Theatre Editor), Eric Stovell (Play/Film reviewer), H/C (Record reviewer).



ALKA-SELTZER



# WHITE LIES SPECIAL

by John White  
IC Union Hon.Sec.

## RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP

Seeing as you will all shortly be toddling off to Bermuda or St Moritz-under-Lymè for your Christmas Hols, this had better be *le fin* in articles as IF'ers would say.

Somewhere in this FELIX, hopefully below this article, you will find a list of Colleges and Universities with whom IC Union has a Reciprocal Membership Agreement. This agreement is such that we can use their facilities and vice versa whenever either be in the locality, if you see what I mean.

Anyway, what it boils down to is that if you look through the list and discover the Wolfgang J. Flywheel College of Physical Education for young ladies which just happens to back onto your country retreat - then you can use this agreement and go and have a swill in their bar or join their Hatha Rugby Club.

All you have to do is say "You're Chalky White of the Daily Mirror and I claim my £5", no, ho, no I mean "I'm a Reciprocal Member of your Union and I would like to use your facilities". Don't, however, whatever you do, forget to bring your *authorised* IC Union Card with you.

ICU has Reciprocal Membership Agreements with the following Student Unions of Universities, Colleges, Polytechnics, etc:

### Within London.

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Bedford College, UL.  
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Borough Road College.  
Brentwood CE.  
Byam Shaw College.  
Central London Poly.  
Central School of Art & Design.  
Chelsea College, UL.  
City of London Poly.  
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Courtauld Inst.  
Croydon College of Design & Tech.  
Froebel Institute.  
Furzedown CE.  
Heythrop College.  
Highbury Tech.  
Institute of Education.  
Institut Francais.  
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Kingsway-Princeton College.  
Kingston Poly.  
London College of Dance & Drama.  
London College of Furniture.  
London College of Printing.  
LSE, UL.  
NE London Poly.

N London Poly.  
Queen Elizabeth College, UL.  
Royal College of Art.  
Royal College of Music.  
Royal Holloway College, UL.  
St. Nicholas Training College.  
SW London College.  
Stockwell CE.  
Thames Poly.  
University College Hospital, UL.  
Wandsworth Tech.  
Westfield College, UL.  
Westminster College.  
Whitlands CE.  
Wye College, UL.

### Outside London

Aberdeen Uni.  
Aberystwyth Uni.  
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Askam Bryan College.  
Balls Park College.  
Bangor Uni.  
Barry CE.  
Bath Uni.  
Bingley CE.  
Birmingham Uni.  
Bradford School of Physiotherapy.  
Bradford Uni.  
Brighton Poly.  
Bristol Poly.  
Bristol Uni.  
Bulmershe College.  
Caerleon CE.  
Camborne School of Mines.  
Cardiff Medical & Dental School.  
Cartrefe CE.  
Craiglockhart CE.  
Dartington College of Art.  
De La Salle CE.  
Derby College of Art & Tech.  
Dundee College of Tech.  
Durham Tech.  
East Anglia Uni.  
Edinburgh Uni.  
Elizabeth Gaskell CE.  
Exeter Uni.  
Falmouth School of Art.  
Glasgow College of Tech.  
Gloucs. College of Art & Design.  
Gloucs. CE.  
Havering Tech.  
Henley College.  
Hitchin CFE.  
Houghall Agricultural College.  
Hull Uni.  
Institute of Park Admin.  
Keele Uni.  
Kent Uni.  
Kidderminster CFE.  
Kitson College of Tech.  
Lady Spencer Churchill CE, Oxford.  
Lanchester Poly.  
Leeds Poly.  
Leicester Poly.  
Leicester Uni.  
Lincoln College of Art.  
Liverpool Uni.  
Lowestoft CE.  
Luton College of Tech.  
Mabel Fletcher College of Tech.  
Manchester Poly.  
Manchester Uni.  
Mather CE.  
Margaret McMillan CE.  
Mid Essex Tech.  
Napier College.  
National College of Architecture and Cranfield Inst of Technology.  
Nene College.  
Newbattle Abbey College.  
Newcastle upon Tyne Poly.  
Newcastle upon Tyne Uni.  
Norfolk College of Art & Tech.  
Nottingham Uni.  
Oldham College of Tech.  
Open University.  
Padgate CE.  
Paisley College of Tech.  
Park Lane CFE.  
Pembrokeshire Tech.  
Peoples CFE.  
Plymouth CFE.  
Plymouth Poly.  
Preston Poly.  
Queens Uni., Belfast.  
Reading Uni.

Robert Gordon's Inst. of Tech.  
Rumney College.  
St. Alban's CFE and  
Herts College of Building.  
St. Andrew's Uni.  
St. David's Uni. College, Lampeter.  
St. John's College, Manchester.  
St. Joyn's College, York.  
St. Mark and St. John's College, Plymouth.  
St. Michael's College, Llandaff.  
Salford College of Tech.  
Salford Uni.  
Sedgely Park College.  
Sheffield City CE.  
South Cheshire CE.  
Southampton College.  
Southampton Uni.  
SE Berks CFE.  
Stockport College of Tech.  
Strathclyde Uni.  
Sunderland Poly.  
Surrey Uni.  
Sutton Bonington College.  
Swansea CFE.  
TACT (The Assoc. of Commerce & Tech.)  
Trinity College, Cambridge Uni.  
United Theological College.  
University College Cardiff.  
UMIST.  
UWIST.  
Wigston CFE.  
Wolverhampton Poly.  
Yeovil College.  
York School of Occupational Therapy.  
York Uni.

In the above list UL University of London, CE College of Education, CFE College of Further Education.

Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and so long.

## Nightline open throughout Xmas

We hope that all overseas students have heard about the possibility offered by the British Council to spend Christmas with an English family. It is well worth doing this as there is little you can do on your own in London around Christmas. Christmas is something the English people celebrate completely within the family, so why not join in.

The address of the British Council is: 11 Portland Place, London W1, telephone: 636 6888. Ask for the British Council Student Centre. Commonwealth students can also try the Victoria League Students Centre, 54 Leicester Square, London W2, telephone: 229 3961, (you had better hurry up if you want to use the Victoria League.)

**NIGHTLINE 581-2468  
INTERNAL 2468**

**6pm - 9am Every Day**

**Someone to talk to...**

**...and information**

If on the other hand you do not feel like spending Christmas with an English family, or for some reason or another you have not been able to reply, Nightline will be staying open all Christmas. If enough people turn up during the Christmas days we might even have a small party with a Christmas tree, food and drinks.

There is no need to tell anyone in advance that you are coming and everybody is welcome any day of the holiday (or after) between 6pm and 9am. The address is: 10 Princes Gardens, SW7. The telephone number is: 581 2468. You can of course also ring or come round for a more personal talk.

Please take care that you do not end up all alone over Christmas, and whatever you do to celebrate Christmas we hope you have a very happy one and a happy New Year.

*The Rector and Lady  
Flowers wish everyone  
a happy Christmas  
and good luck in 1977*





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# FELIX

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No. 1 of a limited edition of 1

Clive says Thursday (16th) but we think Friday's more likely

Costly!

Poor brewery supplies force Bar to switch to reliable ale source

## Watneys take over Union Bar

### South face climb reduced to closing-time stroll

Earlier this week, news reached us that a strong team of Imperial climbers have finally overcome one of the last of the great problems of the locality. Late last Tuesday evening, a small dedicated band of mountaineers reduced this difficult route (the traverse of the South Face of Beit Building, eastwards from the Union Arch) to a mere closing-time stroll.

One of their more prominent members has kindly provided the following details of the expedition:

*"The climb began by scaling the wrought iron gate and transferring to the masonry of the archway, from where we dropped down to the narrow sill outside the 'Guard Box'. Moving cautiously to our right we stepped across to the Varitype Ledge.*

*"The next stage was a careful shuffle along the Printing*

*Room sill to the difficult Rose Window, which has proved a thorn in the side of previous attempts. However, high spirits within the team carried us easily across to the smallest ledge of the traverse, after which comes the previously 'Impossible Corner'.*

*"This was turned after a few close shaves when members of the expedition lost their footing. Using a hitherto untried technique, our leader finally gained the relative safety of the of the next eastward ledge.*

*"The team followed his example and the final stage past the Botany Entrance proved a mere formality."*

Our staff expert on climbing matters, Ms Virginia Creeper, has raised grave doubts as to the new method used to crack the "Impossible Corner". She suspects illicit use of a bar stool.

### Stop Press

### SAMBotage

Recently, in a stunningly swift attack, our Political correspondent was seriously wounded in a most sensitive area. After recent exposure in the popular press, the king of the LSO had suffered continual harassment and had decided to fade from the public eye.

However this terrorist

action is bound to produce some countermeasures from his close associates while he is incapacitated.

Security Forces do have one lead in this very strange affair and have issued the following warning. Avoid all suspicious persons wearing blonde wigs and showing a good set of teeth. When confronted you are advised to remain seated and not be confused by the pidgin.

Rumours have been circulating college during the past week that, following a visit by the Watney's representative, a different brewery will be supplying the Union Bar in the New Year. At present it has not been possible to track down either confirmation or a firm denial but certainly there has been a strong reaction from some members of the Union closely involved with bar activities.

#### Stunned reactions

Any move to change to a different brewery would come as no surprise to those people conversant with recent failures on the part of the present suppliers. During the past few weeks the draught lemonade tap has been removed after Schweppes proved inefficient in supplying sufficient stocks to keep pace with sales. They are not alone in failing to meet promised delivery dates, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries have also consistently failed to produce the goods on time.

Having heard the rumour that Watney-Mann were being called upon to supply us, our correspondent went out to gauge reaction. No one would confirm or deny the rumours but many well known regulars were quite vocal about the matter. Paul Kurowski, Chris Morrell and Adrian Sudworth could manage little more than a stunned, "What!", whilst Steve Dearing of City and Guilds was somewhat more forthcoming: "It's \*\*\*\*\* what!" Nick Brayshaw was not available to comment but Mr John White seemed unconcerned, pausing only to comment that "It doesn't make any difference to me". The official(?) ICU line appears to come from Derrick Everett (Bar Committee Chairman), who would only say that the choice of beers "is up to Brendan (Bar Manager)" and he thought the changes were "a malicious rumour".

#### Guinness unaffected

Further investigations, including staff interviews, served only to clarify the rumours. It would appear the Watney's are being asked to supply real ale (going under the trade name of "Fined Ale"), but that supplies of present extras, such as cider and Guinness (draught and bottled), should remain unaffected.

The bar manager, Mr Brendan Clements, a confirmed Guinness drinker, appeared unperturbed by the whole affair. "I'll work for any one who pays me" he said in answer to our reporter's questions. Perhaps Mr Clements is unaware of the detrimental effect on trade that this change could have. Many people have expressed support for the idea of a boycott of the bar if these measures come into force and 'Squaddie' Patterson, Hon Sec of RSMU, was certainly not alone when he said, "I'll go and drink elsewhere."

#### Nothing but harm

So it would seem that the general consensus of opinion amongst students is that the proposed change to Watneys will do nothing but harm to the conviviality of the Union Bar. "No beer is better than Watneys!" could well be a battle cry heard in the near future. Perhaps college ought to rethink the whole matter in view of the fact that the Union Bar supports the refectories to a great extent and an organised boycott of the bar could have serious consequences to the financial stability of this side of college affairs.

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## Editor for No. 10

By the time this reaches you it may have been cut, edited, call it what you will. This will of course have been done in such a way that it does not alter the sense of any article, it merely removes it altogether. The necessity for this was ensured by sweeping absurdities covering the staff of FELIX, IC Union, and FELIX Editor, but then what else is this paper for I ask myself (well you weren't going to ask me were you? No! quite). Laughter is the best medicine, especially if it is at someone else, so why not put it in print and cheer up the whole college (except for a minority who don't know how to laugh, can't read, or find themselves mentioned somewhere in this drivel). Perhaps the editor ought to slip along to No. 10 and give Jim a hand to make a nonsense of less sporting activities.

Basically we published all the articles we received by the copy date plus a

minute or two. (To tell the truth we wrote it all and committed the rest to the waste-paper basket). Unfortunately the IF Only column was censored (we think!) It was last seen in the hands of TP's minions with mutterings of hand grenade earrings and perforated midrifts (303 size) emanating from their office. Apologies to Anne-Marie for not publishing it, maybe after our courtmarshal (or Commemoration Day 1977) we will manage it.

As you can see with such important articles as editorials, space gets a bit cramped and so we must sign off now.

The Editorial Board,  
Drop-out Supplement,  
Kampala FPO 207.

Published by 207 Publications Incorporated on behalf of the Editor of FELIX on behalf of the Imperial College Union Publications Board.

Political Advisor: T.P.  
Censorship: None we hope.

## De drop in supplement

You have seen pull-outs, fold-outs, spread-outs, and rip-off sheets (5p). Now here you have a drop-out supplement. FELIX has been readable for most of this term but so empty as to be useless for more than a few minutes of first lecture. So under the direction of de Pres' here is a demonstration (?) of how to produce a student newsheet.

This move must, as Clive believes, be the right step. After the Alternative Prospectus what better than an alternative FELIX? We do not aim to confine news and interesting material to one page per week but with all the other drivel and very little news what do you expect. Let us hope that next term this need not be a viable proposition.

## Executive Mutterers

## PRESS CUTTINGS

Er um ... I think I'll come back on this one next week ...

Now let me think.

## WHITE LIES

### Nus Discount Scheme

This new scheme, run by the NUS Executive, has the objective of discounting rumours concerning the aforementioned Executive. The Executive hope that these rumours can be discounted to such an extent as to render them worthless. However the success of this venture must be open to doubt; perhaps the results of the scheme will be seen at the NUS conference this week.

### British Rail Discount Cards

These cards which are now only available from British Rail, certify the holder to be a British Rail Student. The benefits of this are uncertain except that British Rail Students are treated like children on the trains and given half price fares. I suppose it's one way to take years off your life.

### Vacancies

There are currently two seats available in the committee room opposite the ICWA lounge in the Union Building. This has come about due to the previous occupants of the seats having finished their business in the committee room. They have now graciously vacated these seats so that others may use the facilities available. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of these facilities should come and see me very soon before their situation gets too desperate.

### Parking

It has been brought to my notice that a number of cars are being parked in College without Parking Permits. The Motor Club has kindly suggested dismantling them for spares but I feel it would solve the problem quicker by setting fire to them. Friday lunchtimes has provisionally been set aside for burning cars.

### Gestetner Demos

A demonstration by the duplicating machines will be held next Monday in the Beit Quad. The machines are protesting against the proposed paper cuts, the poor quality of the finished articles and overwork. The demonstration involves about twenty machines and is likely to bring chaos to the Quad and restrict access to the Refectory and Bar areas.

Take care and all the best,

## ORANGE MOLE

Over the last two years, if not for a much longer period, IC Union has been looking very critically at itself. Having studied ourselves very carefully we are now looking for some one else to examine equally closely.

### Noticeboards

Please respect the Union notice boards, both old and new. Any contravening of the Publicity Rules will result in the offending Club/Society being immediately disbanded plus a fine of £50 per poster. Individuals breaking the rules will have their hands severed. Just to clear up any misunderstanding, I will outline these rules below:

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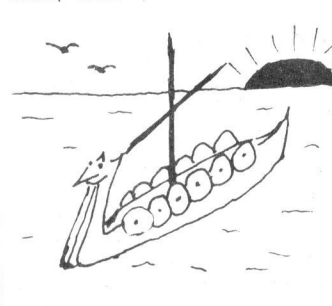
### SVELT HELDEGRASP



HELLO FELLOW STUDENTS  
I COME FROM SWEDEN  
BY N.U.S. TRAVEL ...



AND WHAT HAPPENS? THEY  
GO BROKE AND THE RECIEVER  
GRABS THE SAIL FROM THE  
LONG BOAT!



I'M NOT SATISFIED, NO RAPE  
(THIS YEAR!) AND PILAGE AND  
NOW NO RETURN TO SWEDEN  
SAUNAS AND  
BLONDES





# De Overseas Studes bit

— YES FOLKS THE TP COLLUM IS BACK AT LAST

Here I y'am agin, de mighty Pres. committin' de words o' wisdom an' de deep politercal unnerstandin' fo' de likes o' you. I not usually in de habit o' pamprin' to de wishes o' de readers but I noticin' de amazin' Julia Ross shootin' de mouf off agin concernin' mah priceless prose wot I bagin' out till mah fingers flat at de ends f'om de keys.

Dis pubberlick insult needin' sortin' out first off. I pointin' out dere am no connection between de appearence o' de IF Only collum an' de Presidential Collum other dan mah continuin' strif fo' de litt'ry perfection an' I noticin' lars' year dat de standard o' tex' in de IF bit bin droppin'. Now I dun de warnin', I commin' roun' t' sort dem out. De Michelin Radiums goin' t' be squeelin' down de Cromwel Muse as I arrivin' to nail her 'ead t' de floor.

Natcherly, yo' wund'r'in', why am de grate TP not bin hamm'r'in out de nerve shatt'r'in prose recently. Fact is, dat since lars' term de right hand litt'ry adviser bugg'r'in' off back to de Black Country leavin' yo's truely to figger out de punctwation an' de spellin' all bah mahself.

So here I sittin', shovin' de affairs o' de LSO an' de NUS on one side, an' cobblin' together annuther artikal fo' you to study an' discuss in de JCR in between mouf fulls o' de soggy chips an' de bake meat rolls. As certain memmers o' dis college recallin', de lars' time I committin' de great brane to print I sayin' it goin' t' de finnal ishue I bangin' out on de amazin' typeriter. Natcherly, things aint turnin' out like wot I figgerin', an' de Clive Dewey item rushin' roun' to de Malet Street pad an' informin' me "It no good, yo' majesty, we needin' de artikals in de Felics as well as yo' pussonnal appearance at de Union Meetin' on Thurs. week." Dis all on account o' yo' uppitty buggers at IC wantin' outta de LSO. I tellin' yo' lars' time de Andrew Previn an' his Banjo Band needin' all de support he can git.

Anyway, I arrivin' fo' de Union Meetin', an' blow nummer one... It am quorate. We never had dis trubble when I runnin' dis outfit, to many studes an' dey start questionin' what de exec want to change an' yo' findin' de two hunnered Pounds proposed fo' de continuin' fight aginst de Right Wing oppreshun in Chile gittin' amended down to three half empty marvel tins an' de seckertarys stamp collecation.

Blow nummer two, de berks in dis years exec omittin' to inform me who de honkey proposin' de motion called, natcherly, I couldnt think o' anythin' deemed polite to call him, an' when I hearin' all de cobblers dat fallin' outta hiss gob I tryin' to git de record strate but each time ah open de mouf an sayin', "Yo' don' unnerstand" dey shoutin de heads off, an' I gittin' de Webberly stuck in de Y fronts so natcherly I a bit reluctant to go lettin' off de bullets an' such like.

I now turnin' to de print cos it's easier dan shoutin' over yo' lot in de mass meetin's. Here am de red hot words o' wisdom on de dissatisfaction matter wid de NUS an' de LSO, wot I aimin' on controllin' both soon. De member colleges dwindlin' to de vanishin' point. Dere no point beatin' up de bush when de chips are down. De cash flow dryin' up fast an' we already liquidised de NUS Travel an' de Printin' an' forgin' dept.. Yo' goin' t' have to go elsewhere fo' de forged Brit. Passports at twenty quid a go.

De harassin' o' de Chas Clerke gittin' pretty tuff. Soon he an' I goin' to be sprayin' de Lef. Wing pollitercal arguments outta de office letterbox wid de amazin' Thompson machine item, shortly before he clearin' de pusonal Webberly wot suddenly goin' off bang an' shootin' him in de back. In delight o' dis deep tradgedy I steppin' into de lead an' mergin' de NUS an' LSO. Likewise, any

move by yo' buggers at IC to leave goin' to be met by de tragic unforseen accident leavin' mos' o' de Union exec. outta commision an' dere no way out but to invite de author roun' to take control. Life pretty good on three sabaticals.

T.P.

Ed's note: Trevor Phillips was ICU President in 1974/5 and University of London Union sabbatical President in 1975/6. He is now sabbatical Secretary to the London Students Organisation and a Vice President of NUS.

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# FELIX SPORT

## Bank takes the lead!

Rumours of a student starving to death in the Nat West Bank queue appear to be true. At first it was strongly denied, but when a body was found some two hours after closing time people began calling for an immediate enquiry.

In connection with this, refectory queues seem to be getting out of hand. Mr Mooney's refectories, which used to hold the record for the longest time wasters, are now falling behind the aforesaid Bank, which has recently be enlarged to accommodate longer queues.

In the refectory class, the Union Refec is currently the winner with peak time crocodiles just managing a second lap of the Union foyer as well as three sides of the refectory. Running a close second, but unfortunately falling behind each day, is College Block Refec. Here a double queue of 80 yards is quite usual.

A neck and neck battle between the Buttery's hot and cold queues is proving most interesting, especially when minority factions are holding book stalls in the way. Bringing up the rear is South Side, with an amazingly short wait for an equally amazing portion of an even more amazing substance.

This week's tip for the punters is surely the Ents Film queue which recently shocked all observers by stretching from Mech Eng 220 along the Mech Eng foyer, past the lefts, faltering slightly past a naughty poster on the noticeboard, after which it cut a close line past the messengers desk to the steps. Here, hardly pausing at the incline, it sped round the clock and out of the rear doors of Mech Eng to an end some 95 yards along the walkway. With a sustained effort, this could prove to be the year's winner.

## SMALL ADS

### LIFT WANTED

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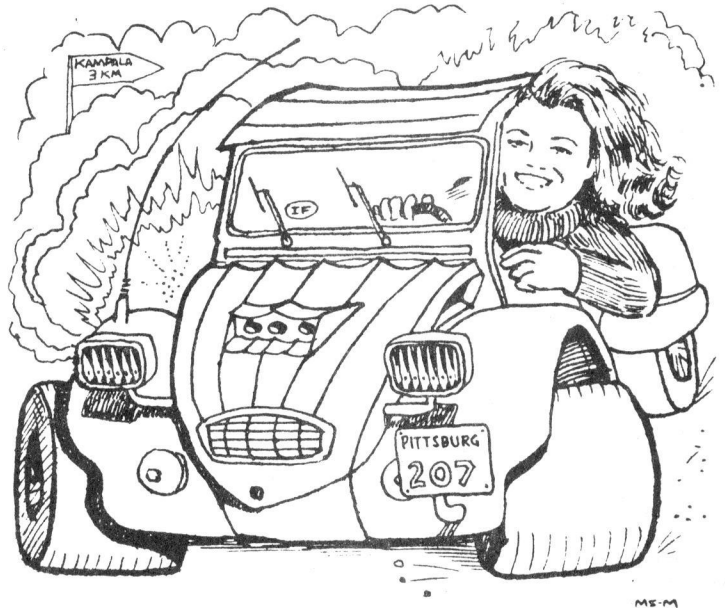
### VACANCY

Wanted - One friendly pussy to join friendly, helpful Editor in student newspaper. Guaranteed Front Page publicity - Must have short easily spelt name. Apply in person to: The EDITOR, FELIX.

There are a number of cars parked in college with no Parking Permits. Anyone wanting spare parts for BMW's, Mercedes, Ford Granadas, Renaults, Large Triumphs or Alfa Romeos may help themselves.

if only .....

The Editorial Board wish to Apologise for this missing copy We hope normal service will be resumed as soon as permitted. (see editorial).



"if only ... " if only .....

*I did" I didn't"*



# PLAYS

**IC Dramsoc: "The Flies" by Jean-Paul Sartre (directed by Sallyann Kronbergs).**

The choice of this play for Dramsoc to perform is suspect, for 'The Flies' is nothing less than a vehicle for the author's existentialist theories which tend to throw argument and reason to the four winds in favour of total commitment to personally contrived ethics. Presenting one's own ideas through the medium of a play is, of course, perfectly legitimate, but where as at an open debate on the subject one can heckle and oppose to one's heart's content, a play requires polite silence to be observed.

The facile plot is that young Orestes has returned home after a fifteen year absence; defying religion and morality - as represented by Zeus, - he proceeds to assassinate the usurping monarch (his father's murder) and his consorting mother; all without feeling a trace of remorse.

Incredible? Just a bit. Written in 1943 when France was overrun by Germany, it fashionably embodied the partisan spirit of French resistance and it was inevitably suppressed by the occupying forces.

## Only a glimmer of existentialism

Historically inaccurate, the play is strategically made uncomplicated so that the existentialism of Orestes, a straightforward ethics revisionist, can shine brightly through. I only saw a glimmer of it.

As Orestes, Andy Middleton had a difficult and demanding task. All credit to him for managing so well. His voice carried, but physically he appeared too stiff and too static. In the scene where he has just killed Aegistheus and asks Electra where his mother's room is - so that he can kill her as well - he sounded like someone out for a drink, asking where the next pub was.

As Orestes' tutor, Manu Duggal seemed again unconvincing as our anti-hero's aging mentor. Eric Stovell, as Zeus, gave

# Dramsoc has talent & direction - all it needs is the right play

a forceful interpretation of the play's chief moralist who ends up outwitted by cleverly presented existentialist tactics. This man's talent is beyond doubt: his lines delivered in various bold cadences emphasised his part as king of the gods and echoed his masterful presence on stage.

## Julia's becoming Wardrobe

Electra, Orestes' sister, was played by IF newcomer Julia Neale. She was a pleasure to watch and brought some badly needed life to the play. Her costume in Act I was highly becoming (not to mention her costume in Acts II and III!), so much so that at one point I almost want to climb in there with her. Her varied delivery, expressions and reactions make her a must for future productions.

As Clytemnestra, Sarah James seemed a little strained at times. During her first meeting with Orestes, whom she did not recognise as her son, the irony of her questions about his mother was not seized at all. And when mother and daughter (Clytemnestra and Electra) argued in Act I, I felt no tension, no anxiety. This was no generation-gap acrimony; it was almost a polite buntfight.

## Superb vignettes

Peter Ed had a very commanding presence as the usurper King Aegistheus. On the whole an excellent performance from him

apart from one or two fluffs of lines. He "died" extremely competently. Special mention must be made of Robert Buck, who at first played an idiot and later played 2nd soldier. Frankly I think his characterisations were absolutely superb vignettes. His stance and animation brought vigour and vitality to an often grey continuum of monotone.

The scenery was generally of a very high standard. I felt that the stage in Act I would have benefitted from some steps and / or a bench because in all only two characters actually sat down during the whole play. The columns on the mountain terrace looked superb - a pity that they swayed when people ascended the steps between them. The costumes were, as usual, first class. (I'm tempted to say more about Electra's, but I'd only be branded a lecher.)

## No lazy mannerisms

Once again then, the choice of play must come under fire and, inevitably, its director, Sallyann Kronbergs. It stands as testimony to the direction that not one player folded his arms, put his hands on his hips, put a palm to his head but instead largely stood upright with his arms dangling like useless, faccid appendages. The pity of it all is that with the likes of Stovell, Neale, Ed, Buck and others, the raw talent is there. It just needs the right play.

J.L.

# CONCERTS

**Imperial College Choir, conducted by Eric Brown. (Friday 10th December)**

The task of the critic is always two-fold. Firstly he has a duty to inform his readers; this must always be his prime function since he is an employee of the newspaper and not of the performers. Secondly, if the performers are amongst his readers, then he may try to give them helpful criticism. The events that a critic is asked to report on also fall into two categories: those which occur only once, and those which are repeated and which, of course, the readers will have a chance to see. In the latter case the critic should fashion his review in such a way that the reader may make an informed decision.

Last Friday's concert is a particularly tricky case since I am not in a position to advise readers to go to the concert; neither am I well-enough qualified to provide any constructive criticism of the performance. By its very nature the Choir absorbs all the musical talent in the College, leaving a humble admirer who just likes to hear a good sound. To those of you who feel like turning to the cross-country report at this point may I advise you to go to the next concert on 18th March and hear the Choir yourself. They are excellently trained by Eric Brown and make a splendid noise. The Special Orchestra and Soloists are also a great pleasure to listen to.

The concert opened, not with the choir, orchestra or soloists, but with a number of pistol shots to test the acoustics of the

# Emotional Kodaly livens up Choir's acoustic battle

hall, with the audience as guinea pigs providing the necessary acoustical surface for the experiment. No doubt something will now begin to be done about the appalling acoustics of the Great Hall, which makes you feel as though you need to have your ears syringed.

Battling against the hall the choir had chosen a pretty dull selection of pieces. Some years ago an *Icon* critic made the choir perform some livelier music. Last year they did so but this year's programme seems to have taken them back to the old days. That is not to say that dull music is bad per se, merely that too much dull music is a bad thing.

The programme began with a particularly unmemorable piece from Haydn's *The Seasons*, appropriately *Winter*, which left me yearning for a rousing spring. The highlight of the evening was Kodaly's *Psalmus Hungaricus* with a fine tenor soloist in Alan Woodrow. The setting is of Psalm 55, which provides admirable material, from the psalmist's despair under his oppression to the joy in the thought of God's power to save him. All the emotions were well put over by the choir.

The second half contained what I suppose would have been described as Rossini's

answer to the Verdi *Requiem* had it not been written first. The work is the *Stabat Mater*, a very operatic setting of a religious work. As an Opera the action might have brightened things up, however there were a few thrills in the work, particularly in the closing fugue, which unfortunately contained an uncontrolled sibilant.

Thomas Stevenson

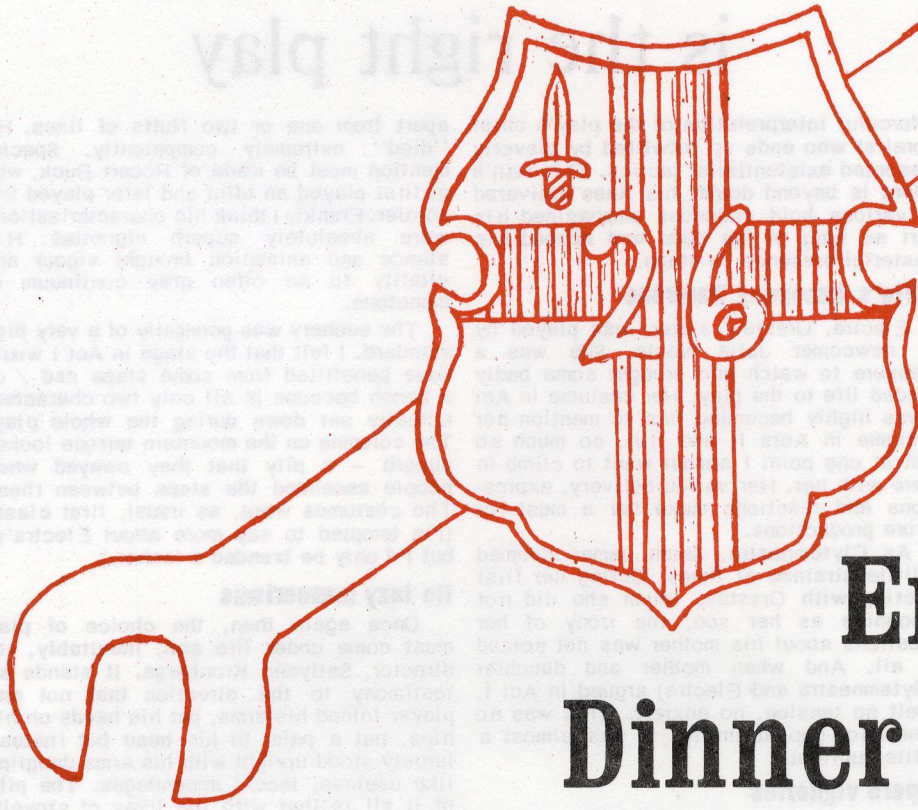
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# FELIX SPORT

## Tenpin Bowling

### Inconsistent quality dampens early annihilation

Last Saturday amidst comments about dinosaurs and spanners, Imperial C and Brunel U took to the bowling lanes to thrash out any differences at the Airport Bowl, home ground to both teams.

After 20 minutes of bowling Brunel looked as if they were to be annihilated by Imperial. Each team won their first game; but only the 1st carried on at this standard, finishing 155 pins ahead. Danny Lau, our newest star, bowled 595 including a 232 in one game; truly outstanding play.

The 2nds and 3rds whilst took their first game but did not maintain their quality in the rest of the match. This, together with the lack of ladies, cost Imperial the match. The result 2-8 could easily have been reversed. Lousia Chan, the

only lady, bowled very well for the 3rds with a 388 series, since we were unable to field a Ladies Team.

In repetition to last year it seems that a lack of ladies and inconsistent bowling by the men has cost the club many points this term. With only one league match left to bowl (against Brunel again), a good turnout and a determined effort to win may lead us to a much better result.

**Simon Spurrier (Captain)**

The Captain of Imperial College Orienteering Club, David Rosen, is on the short list of probables for the team for the World Orienteering Championships to be held in 1978.

IAN ALVEY

## Ladies Boat Club

### Novices make up for 'A' team's ill luck

One cold and frosty morning (last Saturday 11th Dec) IC ladies Boat Club arrived en masse at UL Boathouse in Chiswick. After waiting ½ hour for our opponents the UL Winter IV's began. First to race were our novice 'A' team who won their heat by 2 lengths to get through to their semifinal. Our college 'B' crew were next to boat but unfortunately went out to Queen Mary College.

After a quick changeover of boats the College 'A' crew just lost to University College's who were then disqualified as they weren't all novice! So, both our novice crews were through to the semifinals, and the college 'A' crew to the finals. Our novice 'A' crew beat Barts II easily, and the novice 'B' crew narrowly lost to QMC.

After a break for lunch, during which we tried to hide our nerves the novices rowed first and took the lead from the start to beat QMC by 3 lengths. Unfortu-

nately the college final did not go so well with the college 'A' crew beating QMC but lagging behind UC by 2 lengths at the finish. It is perhaps a pity that able coxing by Nigel Williams and Gary Nolan did not achieve better results.

#### Crews:

College 'A' Bow S James  
2 S Smith  
3 J Downes  
Stroke G Taplin  
Cox G Nolan

College 'B' Bow G Tiemay  
2 N Jones  
3 C Oldfield  
Stroke S Massie  
Cox G Nolan

Novice 'A' Bow A Burt  
2 A Willcock  
3 Hilary  
Stroke H Martin  
Cox N Williams

Novice 'B' Bow I Hendricks  
2 S Gray  
3 A Roberts  
4 M Smith  
Cox N Williams

## BUMPER XMAS X-WORD BY ALICE

### Across

1. Imagine the comic at stake for a view sent home (7,8).
7. Back in the States for a french one (4).
9. Mostly one downtrodden foreign foot; has in fact two though (5).
12. Oxidize mainly (7).
13. Brings into existence when sees hair about. (8)
14. A call about Eric? Only to do with the office (8).
17. Circumstantial handling before IC, war manoeuvre? (6).
19. Do around fifty? Nothing new (3).
21. The helpers and I come from the helicopters for somewhere to sleep (3)
22. I'm out to gain in directing (6).
23. Hear's between these knighted heads for animal vessel. (3,3).
25. Almost Noon, and it still shines bright (4).
26. Still back in the substitute yeast? (3).
27. Ham Minus NS. Not state of Alice over this 'en (13).
31. Flat voltage either side of one (3) ...
33. ... Sounds like what we need for power (4).
35. Est. (6).
36. Last hope is on the back street on the continent (6).
39. Contacted 20 down
40. For the non-amateur (3).
41. Cette corde est (en Angleterre) entre le fin de celle-la et le commencement de sejour (6).
42. GRSON (8).

43. On the whole it indicates differentiation's opposite (8).
  45. Seeing's changed in the beginning (7).
  47. New thought in the formulae discussed (4).
  48. Too wise either side we hear, and full faith with our reversed as quantum precedes ones name (15).
- Down**
1. Constant start; as support for German place (15).
  2. Dish getting most chilly? (This clue's rather silly!) (8).
  3. Hymn; or alternately the idle mummy. (2,4)
  4. Such French is a let down. (3).
  5. Us in at the end of here? Rather harsh. (7).
  6. Cos' Young slides, out, in, out, but goes, not jerkily (15).
  8. Drama performance; its very nearly healthy in this zone (6).
  9. Huxley Construction; on the bold but naive planet (5,3,5).
  10. Chat about Capital Profit Yields in ports (6).
  11. Not only spoke but ruled as well (8).
  14. Sounds like Santa's small print (15).
  15. May have 11 down in a 7 across
  16. Goes back to see (we hear); and that's it, But as it turns out, that's only a part of things. For instance, it rhymes with dog, and if you don't believe me, you can ask Alice, or the editor, or anyone who knows about clocks (3)
  18. Writes in that the first shall be last if we do sink (4).
  20. It's expanded (2,2)

24. Christens, and is apt to go to I and Bess (in a mess) for it (8)
28. Draw these much (4).
29. SLASOP? An educated guess (8).
30. Sounds hard to get to the back of the shp (5).
32. A just one may leave one's mouth dry (6).
34. De changed? (6).
36. Ian forever? Almost (3).
37. Sounds read as colour? (3).

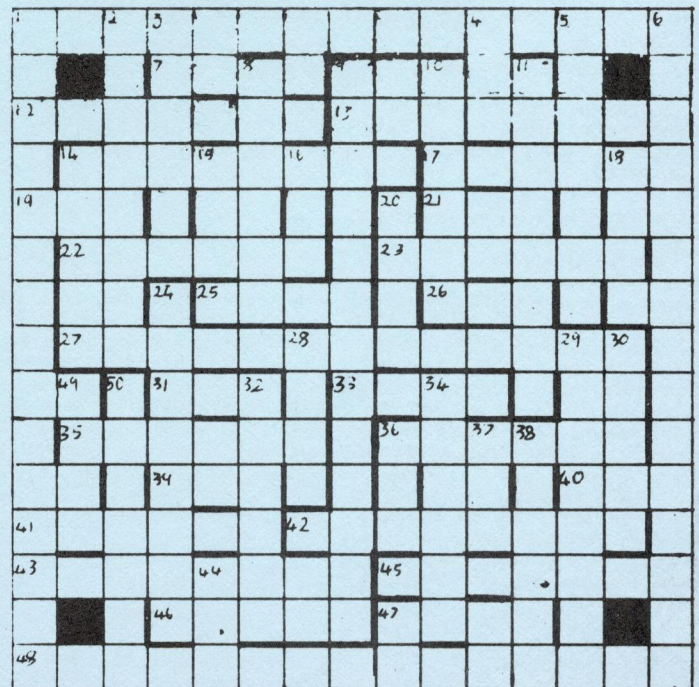
38. Un animal qui mete? Qui, autour de la mer-anglaise. (6).

44. Good-time fluid (3).

49. (Down) Young, as no gun is about, becomes a substitute (4).

50. Fighting with tongs makes us just jousting (2-5).

*Eds note:- This puzzle contains a number of less respectable clues, which can be identified in no easy way. The grid also contains a number of unclued 2-letter words, all of which appear in Chambers, except one, which is a common abbreviation.*





NUS conference report by Paul Ekpenyong

## ENDSLEIGH SOLD

'The doom merchants were wrong, we'll be here in 1977', stated Chris Morgan, NUS Treasurer in summing-up on the NUS Services debate. Mr Morgan, who suffered two motions of censure, was able to make this claim following the passage of an amendment to the main resolution calling for the sale of Endsleigh Insurance (Brokers) Ltd.

Endsleigh Insurance was a depreciating burden which, as with the service companies that had folded, was severely under capitalised, the conference was told. An injection of capital into Endsleigh of the order of £300,000 was required if the insurance service for students and the jobs of Endsleigh staff were to be safeguarded.

### Investigating Committee

The main resolution incorporating an amendment calling for a committee to investigate the collapse of the travel and printing companies was passed with only a handful of votes against. The election of members of this committee took place on the last morning of the conference and the results are to be circulated to constituent organisations of NUS at a later date. Eight candidates stood for the five vacancies on the committee and of these Andrew Pott and S Baylis are almost certain to be elected.

### LSTBs

The final resolution passed also instructs the NUS Exec. 'to assist in the setting up of viable local student travel bureaux (LSTBs) by local student unions and local student area organisations.

### Nationalise

Two major amendments to the main resolution, the first sponsored by Trotskyists groups and the second by the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) were heavily defeated. Both called for the no confidencing of all the present NUS Executive

members of the Services Board. The Trotskyists amendment also called for the nationalisation of the service companies.

Speaking against the amendment, a delegate from Bolton College of Education described it as 'utopian rhetoric' and condemned nationalisation as 'anti-services which cater for the diverse interests of all students'.

Prior to the debate of the motion on NUS Services, the conference had considered and rejected an emergency report on NUS Services. The Executive was severely criticised and angry delegates demanded to know why no information had been given to the membership during the critical period before it was decided to liquidate NUS Travel, Uniprint and Photomec.

### Censure

Replying, Charles Clarke admitted that members (of NUS) felt they were kept in ignorance of events but it was very difficult to get across complex financial information to the membership. It had been necessary to liquidate the ailing companies without notifying the membership because as soon as it is realised that a company could no longer trade it had to cease trading immediately, he said.

Although dissatisfied delegates failed to carry a motion of no confidence in Mr Clarke, Chris Morgan, Dave Aaronovitch (VP Services) and Ms Penny Cooper (VP Education) — the executive members on the NUS Services Board — they did pass a motion of censure on all four by a substantial majority.

## PARKER'S PRIORITISATION MOVES FAIL

A move by the Federation of Conservative Students to have elements of the grants campaign prioritised failed by a majority of 2 to 1 on a card vote. The move was supported unanimously by the IC delegation.

The move embodied in an amendment to the main resolution — was attacked as divisive and seeking to hide acceptance of cuts in public expenditure, by Sue Slipman, NUS National Secretary.

Speaking in favour of the amendment, Gary Grant (Birmingham University) claimed that there was 'no coherent political argument against prioritisation'. As an example of the ineffectiveness of the present broadly based campaign, intercollating students were in dire need and if the NUS did not pull its finger out there would be no intercollating students, he claimed.

Rick Parker, IC Union PG

Affairs Officer, summing up, accused the NUS Executive of 'absolute compromised paranoia'. The broad front campaign he said, 'is getting bloody thin'.

A Trotskyist amendment advocating 'supermilitancy' was thrown out. The final resolution adopted continues previous policy on grants and cuts and endorses the NUS claim for a 35% increase in the main rate of grant for 1977/78. The claim is £915 for students staying at home, £1,185 as the main rate and £1,290 for students in London. The corresponding claims for postgraduates are £1,525, £1,975 and £2,150.

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7.30pm Adm. 15p

Continued from front page.

## Crisis avoided

### 'Unco-operative

However, it became apparent at the meeting that the major cause of the crisis was the resignation of staff due to disagreements with editorial policy. Mr Dewey had been 'unco-operative with staff' on occasions to an extent considered far exceeding the bounds of his office as editor. Mr Suss had attempted to reason with Mr Dewey several times and feeling he was getting no-where, drew up the petition as a last resort. Mr Ekpenyong claimed that 'discontent went as far as the administration in College Block'.

David Foxall (Phoenix editor) an independent observer at the meeting blamed both sides. 'There has been a lot of misunderstanding and bad faith' he said, 'Both sides have become very polarised over the matter.'

Nick Brayshaw (ICU President, who just arrived at this point, thought the measures taken by Mr Suss were 'a bit extreme'. He suggested 'that rather than dragging up history, the persons involved in the dispute get together to formulate a list of points concerning definite grievances to be brought to a UGM. He proposed that a censure motion would

be more in order after both sides have attempted to settle their differences.

John White (ICU Sec) pointed out that there will be a UGM in the first week of term to discuss travel and the FELIX Question could be raised at that meeting. As he had not yet received the petition, he had not enough time to call a UGM for the next day.

Mr Suss then said that he would be prepared to move censure rather than no-confidence if Mr Dewey would only consent to a change in attitude. This was agreed to, and an adjournment was called for while the parties discussed in private the nature of the motion to the UGM.

The motion will take the following form:-

1. An agreement on what went wrong in FELIX.
2. Discussion of position of FELIX within the Union.
3. A call for an independent Financial Controller without whose consent no money can be spent.
4. A request that all parties show a change of attitude and have more good will.
5. To move a motion of censure on Mr Dewey.

It was also agreed that the Executive be mandated to appoint an interim Financial Controller.

The Editor wishes it to be known that Mr Crabbe has been given a completely free hand to write this story.

At an emergency meeting of the ICU Publications Board, held on Monday evening the circumstances leading to the recent petition for an EGM were considered. After some considerable discussion it was agreed by all parties that the proposed motion of no confidence in Mr Dewey was not justified but that there was a real problem within FELIX. The meeting agreed that the financial position was serious and that a financial controller should be appointed by the Union Executive immediately. No money is to be spent without the consent of the controller. All parties agreed to a substantial shift in attitude and to put the paper first before personal disagreements. A motion on these points is to be presented at the next UGM along with a motion of censure on Mr Dewey for allowing the situation to develop.

Any party who has any views on the future of FELIX and its role in ICU should contact the Pub. Board Working Party, via myself in the Union Office, who are currently considering FELIX.

The next meeting is at the beginning of next term.

JOHN ALLEN,  
Chairman,  
ICU Publications Board.

## Govt.'s Benefit Turnround

Students are likely to continue to be able to draw supplementary benefit in the Short Vacs: commenting on the case put by Mrs Audrey Wise, MP, on the students' behalf, Minister Orme of the DHSS called it 'devastating', and promised to review the principle as well as the anomalies of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill as it affects student claims on the DHSS.

Mrs Wise, left wing Labour MP for Coventry, South-West, based her argument on the Supplementary Benefits Commission report of last month which revealed the extent of dads' default in grant payment.

The NUS met with education minister Gordon Oakes on Tuesday to discuss the clauses within the Bill which will

affect students. According to Sue Slipman, NUS National Secretary, they were told that the Government are now prepared to reconsider the clause stating that all full-time students shall not be entitled to claim supplementary benefit during the short vacations.

Even if the Bill does become law, it does not come into affect until Christmas 1977.

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# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - THE GRANTS STRUGGLE

This week the article is more a set of instructions to anyone interested in doing their bit in ICUs *struggle* on student grants. As you may have noticed, enclosed with this weeks Felix is a list of Members of Parliament against their constituency together with a letter written to an arbitrary MP on the issue of student grants with particular reference to the Parential contribution and Means test. I would urge you to read the letter and if you feel you can support the sentiments expressed in it, to follow these easy instructions.

- 1 Look up your MPs name on the list (preferably using your home constituency).
- 2 Write his or her name after "Dear..."
- 3 Sign, date and write your address on the letter.
- 4 Hand the completed letter either to your Departmental Representative or direct to the IC Union Office or place it in the box provided in your Department. Different arrangements will apply to different Depts. but your Dep Rep should let you know which system he is operating. When all the letters have been returned to the Union office, I will have them conveyed to the Houses of Parliament in individual envelopes for the perusal of your MP. Hopefully if we have sufficient response we can apply some pressure on the Government to at least increase grants by a reasonable amount this year.

HUGH BARRETT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER







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Dear

I am writing to you both as a constituent and as a student, presently studying for a degree at Imperial College. I would like to bring to your attention the situation faced by many students in view of the low main rate of grant and by the injustices of the present parental contribution system.

The main rate of grant in London is at present £955 for Under-graduates and £1380 for Postgraduates. This amount is equivalent to about £28 per week in term time and is supposed to cover all expenses in one of the most expensive areas of the country - Central London.

The situation for students who do not receive the full parental contribution to make up their grant to the notional level is even worse. Many have to run up large overdrafts during their time of study and hope to pay them off when they get a job at the end of their education.

The number of students who do not receive a full grant for this reason has been estimated by the Department of Education and Science at 73% of all students. This figure is based on a recent survey of students at institutions of Higher Education throughout Britain.

I would like to ask you as my representative at Westminster to press the Government, at this time of the triennial review of grants, to take some action which will ease the financial burdens which are imposed on students by the present grant system.

Yours sincerely,