



FELIX



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

FEES CAMPAIGN

IC Union is to stage its biggest campaign for a considerable number of years in a bid to persuade the College not to impose any tuition fee increases next October and to bring overseas students' fees down to the home rate.

Tuition fees are expected to go up by about 10 per cent this year following an announcement by Education Minister Shirley Williams that fee levels would keep pace with inflation. It is estimated that the cost to the College of implementing the Union demands would be in excess of £400,000.

At a meeting on Tuesday this week the Union External Affairs Committee decided to direct the campaign at three main fronts: the media and public; the College and Governors; and the students themselves.

To gain attention from the national media students are being asked to participate in a lobby of parliament involving a different MP each day for a month.

Students would first write to their MPs and arrange to see them at the House of Commons between 26th February and 23rd March. Dates will be coordinated by the IC Union Office and students will only have to go to the office and inform the Union of their home address. The Union would then prepare a letter to the student's MP, which the student would simply have to sign and post.

Another gimmick to attract media attention will be a "speak-in" at Speakers' Corner on Sunday 25th February. As many students as possible will speak for 5 to 10 minutes each including overseas students speaking in their own languages.

Students will also be encouraged to write letters and articles to the provincial press in favour of overseas students being able to study in this country.

In addition the Union will contact former overseas students now working in their own countries, and ask them to write to the Rector telling him how much they have benefitted from being educated at IC. Copies of these letters will be sent to the press.

GOVERNING BODY

These tactics are aimed at gaining public sympathy for the Union's demand. To convince the College and IC's Governing Body the Union is to send a letter to all the Governors outlining its case.

The Rector is to address the next IC Union Council meeting on 26th February at which the main points of the campaign will be put to him. Finally there will

be a mass lobby of Governing Body on 23rd March.

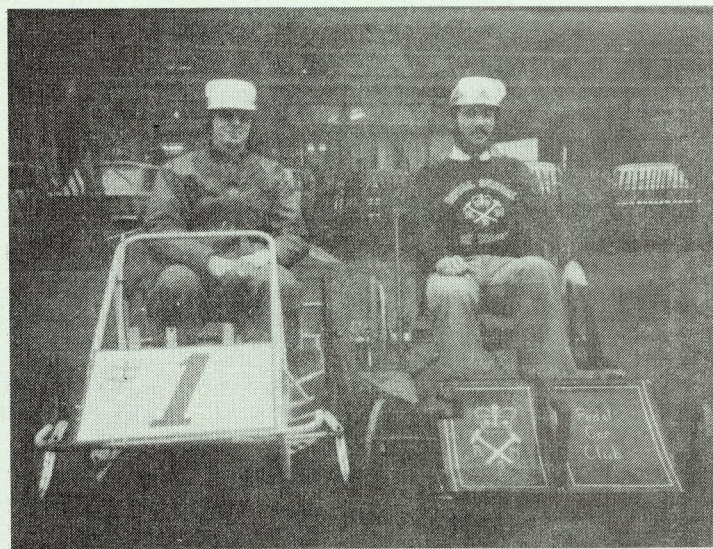
To mount this campaign the Union is asking for participation by as many students as possible. The third line of attack is aimed at increasing students' involvement and awareness of the problem.

OPTIMISTIC

External Affairs Officer Sheyne Lucock told a FELIX reporter that he was optimistic about the success of the campaign but it will need a lot of hard work. *"The more people involved in the Lobbies of Parliament and Governing Body the greater the chances of success. If we fail it will be more due to student apathy than the strength or otherwise of our case."* He was confident that a lot of people would want to work for this campaign.

The Overseas Students' Committee will contribute by conducting a survey among IC's 1000 overseas students in order to find out what degree of financial hardship would result if fee increases were to go ahead

The National Union of Students is not campaigning on this issue but wishes IC Union the best of luck.



Pete Wright and Martin Wass, pedal car captains

Next Friday sees the 24 hr pedal car race at Bristol. The race starts at 3 pm on the 16th February. However the Guilds/IF Valentines party is to be held in the JCR on the same night and so Guilds have a smaller team of supporters. This year, only 30 are going down to Bristol. The Mines Bottle match against

Cambourne also clashes with the end of the pedal car race. The Guilds captain, Pete Wright, is confident that Guilds will win and Mines will come 2nd. There are over 40 teams in the race. The Mines women have always won the ladies prize and are confident of another win this year.

IC MOTION AT SRC

Imperial College Union's third motion to the University of London Union this session was accepted without opposition last week.

The motion, calling for the Senate House Library to be open to the public, was one of four motions to be passed at Wednesday's meeting of the Students' Representative Council.

The SRC also agreed to hold a one day Alternative Prospectus conference under the auspices of ULU. This was proposed by the SRC Executive in accordance with a decision taken at its last meeting. The conference's aim would be to encourage colleges of the University to produce their own Alternative Prospectuses which could be printed in Spring 1980 and be available for the prospective 1981 student entry. The conference may also investigate a joint London University Alternative Prospectus.

Imperial is at present the only college in London University producing an Alternative Prospectus. The SRC Executive is to liaise with ICU in organising the conference.

Another motion passed at the SRC meeting called for London colleges not to timetable any courses on Wednesday afternoons so that this period could be set aside for sport.

The SRC also resolved to support East European dissidents and encourage college unions to do likewise.

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LETTERS

Dear Sir, - The last two editions of FELIX have both contained references to the use of Abortion, and both have been equally extreme, but opposite, in their views. Last week's FELIX (No. 507) contained a letter supporting the "Positive Alternatives To Abortion" cult. It began by stating that life begins at conception, and that any attempt at discussing this point is both irrational and impossible. Furthermore, that "there are no serious grounds for saying that life begins after conception."

Since the entire PATA philosophy rests on this point, it is worthy of considerable thought.

The pre-natal development of a child can be seen as a continuum of events, during which modifications are done on a molecular scale to a basic unit. For instance, matter is accumulated to form the egg, which is modified on release, further modified at conception, and subsequently modified a very large number of times before it's even ready to be born, let alone afterwards. Looking at it in this "discrete" way (I hope you will forgive my model shows that the PATA have chosen one such modification as their origin, and yet it is no more dramatic a modification than any of the others.

What about all the partially completed humans that are lost so regularly because we haven't allowed them to have just that modification or any of the subsequent ones? That is as much "compulsory euthanasia" as abortion is.

Surely there **are** grounds for proposing that life begins after conception? In particular, perhaps the largest step in the development is when the child ceases to be a subsidiary of its mother's circulatory system and begins to function as a living human being by breathing. **Before this takes place the foetus still has to be given a final modification before it can become a living child.** After this has occurred the child is no longer dependent on the mother who created it - her place could be taken by anyone, be they nurse, father, etc....(but a different personality may, of course, result).

I would agree that the use of abortion to reduce the number of handicapped children is bad, the reason being that handicapped people can enjoy life as much as others (and no doubt they have a better appreciation of life than most of us).

However, it is surely not evil to use abortion for the termination of unwanted pregnancies in circumstances where the child could not be satisfactorily supported. For instance, a child with one parent,

who spends his most formative years in a university nursery, and not with his mother, is not going to know his mother anything like as much as a child developing at home. If the parents have prepared themselves sufficiently it should not be necessary for a mother to take a full-time job, and preferably not even a part-time job, while caring for her child. Surely if children are going to be brought up by a method of mass-production, nursery style, it is better to delay birth until such time as parents can do their **best** at an exceedingly difficult job.

I am not criticizing the performance of individual nurseries. I am suggesting that the large-scale use of them falls far short of proper motherly care and attention.

On the other hand, Michael Arthur's Universal First Aid Kit provided the week before (FELIX No. 506) is not very commendable, either. Apart from its lack of discretion, the advocacy of abortion in terms so shallow demonstrates a frightening level of insensitivity, particularly coming from a Welfare Officer. "Don't worry, there's always abortion" (not his words) is a despicable attitude to take towards the realities of life. Michael provides an excellent service for the students at IC, but I think he has slipped up here.

The two extreme attitudes to abortion in the last two editions must surely have drastically oversimplified the situation. Abortion **can** be used to prevent a childhood spent in misery and alienation. It should surely **not** be used as an easy solution to a problem which in so many cases would never have occurred, had a little thought been applied to the situation.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew White
Elec. Eng.

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate the organisers of Welfare Day on their 'obvious success' and I hope it becomes an annual event.

However, it would seem my enthusiasm for such an event is not shared by all, especially Mr. Lane (Letters, FELIX No 507). I feel Mr. Lane has blown certain aspects of the day out of all proportion. The Condom Inflation contest was probably never meant to be anything other than 'really silly', to quote Mary, and provided light relief on an otherwise serious afternoon. Personally, I do not feel humiliated by my association with a Union promoting such an event, indeed I am proud to belong to a Union with a balanced outlook on the problems of young people.

Some of these problems are

of prime importance here. Despite the fact that it appears to contravene Mr. Lane's moral code, sex is enjoyed by many students at College. It is therefore quite reasonable to provide information on contraception and an honest account in FELIX is an excellent way of doing this. Discretion in an article such as this would be misplaced, as few people would want to unravel cryptic clues in order to avoid an unwanted pregnancy. I also feel it is useful to discuss these matters openly on occasions such as Welfare Day rather than telling people they should feel guilty about the whole affair.

Many people get a great deal of pleasure out of sex as an integral part of a loving relationship (I do not consider 'love' to be a tainted word). Many people also enjoy sex on a purely physical basis, and can afford to if they have the common sense to employ our modern understanding of contraception. Why should people feel guilty about the physical pleasure of sex when they would not feel guilty about the physical pleasure given by eating food or drinking good beer?

I would never dispute anyone's right to religious views but I would be grateful if such views were kept to the individual and not used to judge others.

Yours, depraved,

Nick Morton,
Biochem. P.G.

Sir, - A couple of points raised in last week's FELIX cannot, surely, go unanswered. Godsquad (ICCU, Chaplaincy, Methsoc, etc.) seem to have become too complacent of late so to kickoff, I for one disagree with the statement made on the letters page last week that; "Total abstinence is a 100% effective method of contraception" - surely Godsquad have heard of Virgin birth - the British legal system certainly has, and recognised at least one case of it earlier **this** century. Perhaps gods do not believe in such religious nonsense?

To go on and suggest that total abstinence is anything other than extreme is absurd. Try looking up extreme in a dictionary. It could be argued that castration is more extreme, but surely that is merely a method employed to attain abstinence, and cannot therefore be more extreme than the end which it attains. Further suggesting that "there are no side effects" is to talk on rather thin ice. Does the author of last week's letter have curly hair or wear glasses? Mr. Rider then proceeds to jump up and down on the ice by implying that sex causes guilt. It remains true that many people have lost a lot of sleep over sex (perhaps not at IC?) but I

cannot help thinking that he has missed the point. A strong sex-guilt association is possibly a minor psychiatric problem caused by prolonged abstinence, thus invalidating the "no side effects" claim. Further, I for one, would feel guilty if indulging in total abstinence, at the thought of many girls being deprived of 24-hour access to my body, which brings me on to a number of points raised by Mary (Attenborough's) letter last week.

Most people at IC realise that they are wanted for their minds - by the academic staff if no-one else, and occasionally, by some sections of Life Sciences. To realise that they may also be wanted for their bodies is surely reassuring **if in moderation** - which is not quite what Mary said.

Incidentally, if Mr. Lucock were to hang around Bolton Gardens late at night, he might well find himself being treated purely as a sex object. Finally, whilst on the subject of the Liberals, did Mary really mean what she said - and I quote (in context, too): "Male only events...are aimed at re-emphasising a man's sex role (having a bit of fun with the lads)"? I thought that the YMCA catered for that sort of thing.

Yours sincerely,

K.J.Fenning

Dear Sir, - I feel I must reply to Ms. Attenborough's letter of 2/2/79. I am, once again, appalled at the detrement she causes to women fighting against sexism by the ill advised words she uses.

The dictionary definition of "SEXISM" is "any sort of discrimination on grounds of sex (orig. against women, now against women and men)" - chamber's 20th century dictionary - and I wonder why she hasn't thought that positive discrimination might include encouraging men to become nurses and secretaries etc.

I am constantly amazed by the strain fellow women put on their husbands, brothers etc. by expecting them to be a "tower of strength" to turn to when the going gets tough and use their sex as an excuse for being weak and ineffectual. I feel there is much to be gained for both sexes by removing sexism - women will feel respected as being of some intellectual as well as physical worth and men will not feel it necessary to act out a role of aggression, unsuited to most men I know.

Finally, I must comment on Ms. Attenborough's apparent condemnation of marriage. Does she seriously believe that a woman is either a quiet, submissive and domesticated

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editorial

Typesetters

If this week's FELIX comes out (publication date uncertain at the time of writing) then it will be mostly set on the new typesetter. There were some teething troubles at first but it's working again now!

More FELICES

After numerous requests for more FELICES to be left in departments I decided to increase the print run to 4000. This means that there will be about 50 to a hundred extra copies per department, depending on its size. If all these are taken then the print run will stay at 4000.

More Staff

Since printing this extravaganza now takes about half an hour longer per run than it did before, a lot of paste-ups have to be ready by Wednesday. This means that more staff are needed to help on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. Those of you lucky enough to volunteer will have the added delight of the Brovid Maker and Typesetter to play with, as if headlining wasn't enough fun.

Collating, of course, takes longer now and starts around **7.00 pm on Thursdays in the FELIX Office.**

Phoenix

The cultural magazine of IC now has an Editor, "Eric" Jarvis. Any stories, poems or photos of an "artistic" nature would be most welcome. If you would like to contribute to Phoenix, then drop your copy into the envelope in the FELIX Office. Essays or features that are too long for FELIX (1000 words plus) will also be gratefully accepted.

RCM Canteen

Once in a while the number of IC students using the RCM Canteen grows to the point of overcrowding. At the moment we are still welcome but only after 1.30 p.m. Please try and stay out until then otherwise we will be banned altogether.

UGM

There is a UGM on **Tuesday 13th at 1 pm in the Great Hall.** Motions on the agenda include the Legalisation of Cannabis and Housing. There is no motion on Iran so you've no excuse for not turning up! Cheers

John

NOT JUST FOR KICKS

In College men outnumber women by about eight to one but the women's problems do not end there.

Only Beit, Falmouth and Selkirk have places for women in halls. The rest are accommodated in digs or flats out in the wilds of Hammersmith or Earls Court etc. and must frequently face a walk home alone from a tube station or bus stop after an evening at IC.

I am reminded of Trevor Phillip's remark that all colleges should run a women's self defence class. It would, under the circumstances, seem no more than normal prudence to do so.

This new venture organised by Merche Clark and Sue Owen deserves support for the women and encouragement from the men.

The Group has been meeting in the Union Building for a few weeks now. They have not been able to secure a regular room but can usually be found in the Gym. The instructor is qualified and requires £10 per week for her services.

This money has to be found from somewhere.

Initial low attendance resulted in fees of £1 so the group decided to appeal to ICWA for assistance. The Association was not convinced that the idea would be successful but granted 21 green ones to help reduce the cost.

Last Thursday the organisers held a Jumble Sale, raising 50 pounds (of which £25 went to the Creche). I would like to see the Group thrive and ICWA invest more money to subsidise the cost.

The numbers have been, on the face of it, disappointing.

I think many women believe the Group to be too reactionary - a get-together of political Amazons. Yet I know many girls are frightened of London, particularly after dark.

Although those attending are taught how to punch, where to kick and other movements, a lot of emphasis is put on repelling fear. It seems plenty of background work has been done concerning attacks on women; to sort out why they happen and the best ways to prevent their occurrence.

Girls that scare easily are more prone to attack and, believe it or not the assaulters are easily discouraged if stood up to.

The whole idea of the class is to give them this self-confidence.

Don't worry fellas. They have promised not to declare martial law in the archaic corridors of IC. and ladies: make an effort to attend. The next meeting will be in the Gym at **7.30 pm on Monday.**

I can well imagine that it's fun and a great social occasion and I bet that it breeds a number of stiff students for Tuesday mornings!

Another Contact Week has been and gone. The only contact I had was the supplement in FELIX. I'm not complaining but I am surprised.

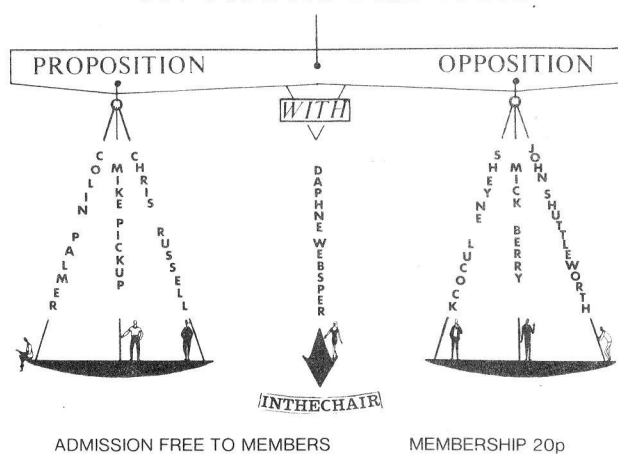
I'm quite familiar with such events though, having had them at school. They are enjoyable if you take the trouble to get involved but students tend to feel tremendously overworked; too busy to bother, when such pains as lab-reports, projects and problem sheets, only lead to the distress of examinations. Any minor disturbance to the strict routine is dreaded like the plague.

It's a shame that so much organization achieves so little, gaining such low levels of respect. I wonder if it's worthwhile.

Take Care,

John Shuttleworth

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WHAT'S ON**FRIDAY 9th February****DISCO**

ENTS DISCO - 8.30 p.m. Union Lower Refectory. 20 p.

FILM

IC FILM SOC - presents The Grapes of Wrath. 7.00 pm. M.E. 220. Members Free. Non Members 20 p.

CLUB ACTIVITY

IC CHINESE SOCIETY - Badminton Practice. 6.30 pm. Great Hall.
MOPSOC ANNUAL DINNER - 7 pm for 7.30. Southside Senior Dining Room. 3.75 pounds (4.25 pounds to staff) from Mopsoc Committee. 4-course meal, heavily subsidised.

CHAPS CLUB - Indoor Fete. 6.00 p.m. Stan's Real Ale Bar. Nothing to enter, nominal at stalls. Lots of interesting and unusual stalls, lots of prizes. Proceeds to RSM camborne weekend.

MISCELLANEOUS

IC RADIO - Broadcasting to Southside Halls (301 m), Stans Bar and Linstead Bar: 5.00 p.m. Good Evening. 7.00 p.m. - Viewpoint, 9.00 p.m. - Boogie Time, 11.00 p.m. - through midnight.

SUNDAY 11th February**MISCELLANEOUS**

I.C. RADIO - 8.00 a.m. Wake up with Harvey. 11.00 a.m. - The Wibbly Wobbly Wireless Show. 1.00 p.m. - Groovin. 4.00 p.m. Round Table. 5.00 p.m. Folk. 8.00 p.m. - IC Radio Live.

MONDAY 12th February**MISCELLANEOUS**

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP - 12.30 Green Committee Room. Maybe some coffee laid on.

IC PHOTO SOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15. Linstead Hall Room 211.

IC RADIO - As Friday Except 9.00 pm. That's Jazz. 10.00 p.m. Disco Radio.

TUESDAY 13th February**CLUB ACTIVITY**

OPSOC SHOW - 7.15 pm. Union Concert Hall. 80 p. "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" by Jaques Offenbach.

IC CHEMISTRY SOCIETY - Lecture. 5.30 p.m. Chemistry Theatre "C" Dr. A.D. Baynes - Cope talking on "Fraud in Science".

IC CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY - speaker meeting with Dr. Rhodes Boyson MP speaking on Education. 1.30 p.m. Pippard Lecture Theatre.
RIDING CLUB - Information, ULU Riding Club News and Bookings. 13.00 - 14.00. Electrical Engineering Dept. Room 1110. Level II. All welcome.

RAIL SOC PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - J.W. Millbank on "Colour Photography, The Pitfalls and Pleasures" 17.40. Mech. Eng. 640. Everyone welcome.

MOPSOC - Lecture by Dr. J.L. Culhane (University College) 'Extragalactic X-ray Astronomy' 1.15 p.m. Physics Lecture Theatre 2.

MISCELLANEOUS

"IC OP SOC" STOIC TRANSMISSION. 13.00. JCR, Union TV Lounge, Southside Halls, Southside Lower T.V. Lounge (Near Stan's Bar).

I.C. RADIO - From 12.00 pm to 2.15 p.m. To J.C.R., Alans Bar and Stans Bar. Evening same as Friday except. 9.00 p.m. - Rock 'N' Roll Music. 10.00 p.m. Focus on

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. The Edwardian Style. 1. Edwardian Music, Michael Kennedy, Northern Editor of the Daily Telegraph; author of A portrait of Elgar, etc.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Chem Eng. Dept. Christianity and Current Concerns 3. Christianity and the sexual revolution. The Rt. Revd. Jim Thompson, Suffragan Bishop of Stepney. (arranged by the Anglican Chaplaincy).

WEDNESDAY 14th February**CLUB ACTIVITY**

OPSOC SHOW - 7.15 pm. Union Concert Hall. 80 p. "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" by Jaques Offenbach.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MEETING - 12.30 p.m. ICWA Lounge. Discussion. Theme to be decided but may be relevant to the date.

DEBATE - 2.30 p.m. STOIC STUDIO. Motion: This House supports the Campaign for Homosexual Equality.

I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - visit to Kodak Ltd. Put name upon notice board if you would like to go. 12.45 prompt. See notice board. Approx. 60 p. for transport.

RAIL SOC - visit to action works. 13.00. Southside Upper Lounge. Sign List on Noticeboard. (Southside basement) if interested.

MISCELLANEOUS

IC SYMPHONY ORCH. REHEARSAL - 7.00. IC Great Hall. Easter Concert on Thursday March 1st Programme Incl. Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

IC RADIO - 6.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m. same as Friday except 6.40 pm - 30l Newslines. 9.00 p.m. Julien Pitt. 10.00 p.m. - U.S. Rock.

THURSDAY 15th February**CLUB ACTIVITY**

OPSOC SHOW- 7.15 p.m. Union Concert Hall. 80 p. "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" by Jaques Offenbach.

IC CHINESE SOCIETY - Lunchtime Gathering. 12.45 p.m. Elec. Eng. 606.

DEBSOC DEBATE - Motion: This House does not believe in equal opportunity. 1-00 p.m. Mech. Eng. 542.

MISCELLANEOUS

"LUNCH BREAK" STOIC TRANSMISSION - 13.00 and 18.00 (except JCR) J.C.R., Union TV Lounge, Southside Halls, Southside Lower TV Lounge (near Stan's Bar).

I.C. PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15 Linstead Hall Room 532.

IC RADIO - same as Tuesday except 9.00 - 11.00 p.m. Opus 30l.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT -1.30 p.m. The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. Brenda Macdermott (piano).

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. The Great Hall, Sherfield Building. Film: The making of the English Landscape. (BBC Horizon).

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. Islam and Civilisation. Dr. Zaki Badawi. Director, Islamic Cultural Centre, Regent's Park. (arranged by IC Islamic Society).

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FRIDAY

The Ents Disco

MONDAY

Folk Club presents Tony Rose, a West Country traditional singer

TUESDAY

Opsoc production, "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" in the Union Concert Hall. Admission 80p, tickets available from members or from Alan Crewe via Union letter racks.

WEDNESDAY

Orchestra Rehearsal. 7.00pm in the Great Hall.
Opsoc production. Details as Tuesday.

THURSDAY -

Ents Film "Murder on the Orient Express". 6.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 220
Admission 30 p. Opsoc Production. Details as Tuesday.

FRIDAY -

The Ents Disco.

Opsoc Production, Friday and Saturday Night tickets 1.00 pound, other details as Tuesday.

SATURDAY

Opsoc Production, details as Friday.

Parachuting Course

Introductory

Film & Slide Show

Thursday 15th February

6 pm Mech Eng 342

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Welfare Article

Landlords and slot meters

One of the best known dodges used by landlords to part you from a higher proportion of your grant than they otherwise might do is to fiddle the calibration on your electricity meter so you get less electricity than you should for your money.

Fortunately there are provisions to counter this dastardly behaviour, although an attempt to use them to your advantage might conceivably provoke a breakdown in your, hitherto, undoubtedly friendly relations with your landlord!

The position would appear to be as follows: The most that a landlord can charge you on resale of electricity is 3.2 pence per unit plus an availability charge (like a standing charge) of 3.3 pence per day which can't be levied through the meter (unless you are given a periodic statement capable of making any necessary adjustment).

One unit of electricity is equivalent to one Kilowatt hour so you can work out whether your meter is registering the correct number of units from the ratings on any appliances that you use and then work out whether you are being overcharged.

If your check shows that you are being overcharged, you should approach your landlord in the first instance. If he is not prepared to do anything about it, you can apply to the County Court under s29 of the Electricity Act 1957 for an order requiring your landlord to repay any excess. It would probably be a good idea to get an electricians report on the behaviour of your meter before going to court.

Squatting

Despite the fuss kicked up by the Campaign Against The Criminal Trespass Law, squatting is no less of a viable proposition than it was before the 1977 Criminal Law Act, although a degree more caution is required in certain respects than used to be the case.

If you are despairing of the possibility of ever being decently housed at a rent that you can afford, this is something that you might like to bear in mind as a realistic alternative to your present arrangements. It is not really a question of usurping other peoples property rights, since there is nothing to stop them taking advantage of the appropriate legal machinery if they feel so inclined. It is simply a means of using abandoned property which would otherwise remain empty and be of no use to anyone.

During Welfare Day, Piers Corbyn (ex - president of I.C.U., now working with Squatters Union), started a list of people who would be

Elks Epistle (4)

There'll be no references to sex of any description or form in this week's Epistle Honest.

Right, now that's over onto the exciting stuff.

Dep Rep Elections

Well the papers for these posts have been up since Monday and I'm just going to urge you to stand if you think you can and want to do the job. Remember it's a very important post. If you're in Management Science, particularly think about standing as there hasn't been one before and as most students are on a one year M.Sc. course, candidates may be a bit thin on the ground.

Sabbatical papers go up on **Monday 19th February**

Sport Insurance

Not many people seem to be aware that college has an insurance policy that covers all students against personal injury if they are playing sport for a college team - i.e. medical expenses and compensation if you are rehabilitated **except** if your teeth are damaged. So if you break a leg, or similar, during a college sporting activity (this includes Mountaineering, Karate and other 'dangerous' sports) you can claim compensation.

UGM

Don't forget it on **Tuesday 13th February at 1 pm in the Great Hall**. Motions to be discussed include ones on Northern Island and legalisation of Cannabis, so it's all good strong stuff; and I'll miss you terribly if you don't come.

Well folks see you there,

Mike Elkin
ICU HON. SEC.

P.S. See - I didn't mention sex.

interested in forming a squat. If you want to add your name to the list or to discuss the possibilities please come up and see me in the Welfare Centre.

Michael Arthur
Welfare Adviser

Welfare Centre

The welfare centre will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week, re-opening on Thursday around 2 p.m. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

SO YOU'RE THINKING OF STANDING

The papers have already gone up for the elections of the departmental representatives. Election to the post is by a paper ballot Monday 26th Feb. in each department.

Recently a job description was drawn up so to give each candidate an idea of what the post entails. This is printed in full below. In addition to reading this, it is an extremely good idea to speak to the present holder of the post. Following this, if you wish to have any more points answered come up to the Union Office any lunchtime and see me. After all, I have probably had more conversations with Dep reps this year than any one else.

1. A departmental representative primarily exists to represent the views of the student members of the department.
2. To ensure democratic elections of Academic and Social Reps, following AAC recommendation, for each year in the Department and to liaise with Postgraduate Affairs Officer over election of postgraduate departmental rep.
3. To take an interest in all areas of concern to students in the department, most particularly those concerning the academic, social and tutoring arrangements for that department and to co-ordinate the writing of the department's Alternative Prospectus entry.
4. To co-ordinate the academic and social representatives holding regular open meetings, publicised whenever possible, with both groups in order to better understand the academic problems and social needs of the department.
5. To organise the student side of the staff student committee. To ensure that all problems relevant to that committee are discussed thereon. To take matters not necessarily the concern of the staff student committee up directly with whatever other person or body may be concerned. To make certain minutes are posted within the department and one SSC is held a term.

6. To attempt to ensure proper study facilities and social facilities in the department.
7. To attempt to stimulate interest in the department in all academic and social matters and questions of a wider educational matter.
8. To sit on ICU Council, taking an interest in all areas of concern to the Union and students at Imperial and may, as a Council member, sit on various committees to represent ICU.
9. To communicate campaigns, policies and elections of ICU and the respective CCU to departmental members.
10. To sit on the Academic Affairs committees of ICU and their CCU. To sit on General committees of their respective CCU.
- To sit on Engineering Board if representing a Guilds department. Should attend Union General meetings.
11. To take an active part in the introduction of students to I.C. and their department.
12. To take an active part in the interviewing system of prospective students.

The job is very time consuming, particularly in the first term. It furthermore needs a lot of dedication and personal effort. If you stand for the job make sure you firstly know what the job entails, and secondly that you have enough interest to carry it all out. It is an open-ended task, a job of infinite scope, which brings little reward.

For the students within a department a bad departmental representative leads to a demise of staff-student relations, representation at a higher Union level, and participation in social events.

Carried out to the best of one's ability it does lead to a lot of personal satisfaction. Sitting on all the committees also gives you a good insight into the nature of the Union. So this is the job for any current first years wanting to actively participate in the running of the Union.

Roger Stotesbury
Academic Affairs Officer

LETTERS

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married woman or a "career woman"? As a married woman myself I find this hard to accept as I fully intend to pursue my career and frequently use my non-sexist marriage as a basis for arguments against sexism.

Whilst agreeing with many of the issues raised by WIST I feel I cannot whole-heartedly support them until they adopt an attitude more representative of women at this college.

Yours faithfully,
Stephanie Gray
Biochem. 2.

Dear Sir,

After having passively observed the exchange of correspondence about the latest edition of 'FORWARD', I wish, as a member of I.C. Liberal Club and an ex-officer of I.C. Radio to point out a few facts which I feel speak for themselves.

1) Last term I received frequent circulars from I.C. Liberal Club committee members about numerous events and meetings throughout the term.

2) One of these events was an editorial meeting of 'FORWARD' which I attended.

3) As a result of that meeting, I wrote the front page article for the edition of 'FORWARD' produced in the second half of last term.

4) I received no communication from Liberal Club that a

further edition of 'FORWARD' was planned or to inform me of any meeting at which the criticisms contained in it could have been discussed.

5) Unlike other editions, I have not yet received a copy of 'FORWARD' through the internal mail.

6) I have not yet received any communication from I.C. Liberal Club this term.

R. Bradley,
CCD1.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to the article 'Jobs in South Africa?' which appeared in last week's FELIX. I would like to correct some of the statements made in this article (with reference to the letter sent by the Academic Affairs Committee):

1) The chances of 'anyone accepting work in South Africa ... strengthening the apartheid system' are pretty remote, chiefly due to the fact that British citizens are not initially entitled to vote until they choose to become South African citizens (obviously), so at this stage they would have absolutely no effect on the apartheid system. Furthermore, as apartheid is an Afrikaner-instigated system, the presence of English speaking whites would tend to weaken rather than strengthen this system. (Afrikaners - descendants of the 1820 Dutch Settlers.)

2) Only South African citizens are legally bound in any way to serve in the army - I lived

in South Africa for 11 years as a British subject and never got as far as touching an army uniform.

If the statement 'IC Union policy calls for an immediate end to recruiting in College for jobs in South Africa' is followed through, employment for graduates from the Royal School of Mines will be unnecessarily more difficult.

After all, we are all supposed to be intelligent university students, and thus should be able to decide for ourselves where we would like to work. Of course, a bit of constructive criticism always helps, but facts should never be confused with media-generated opinions, as has happened here.

Yours sincerely,

Stu Thomson,
Pet. Eng. 2

Dear Sir,

I was disgusted with the article on the British Army and Ireland in FELIX last week. The main aim of it seems to have been to propagate the blatant lie that Northern Ireland is being forced to remain in the UK against the will of its people. In fact, the people of Northern Ireland have repeatedly made it clear, in every general election and referendum since 1918, that the overwhelming majority wish to stay within the UK.

The anonymous author (why anonymous?) says 'the British Government ... partitioned Ireland' but conveniently (and dishonestly) ignores the fact that

the Bill as originally introduced intended to give independence to the whole of Ireland. Separation followed only because of intense pressure from the people of Ulster who did not want to be part of an independent Ireland. In spite of this, the article claims 'fifteen thousand troops continue to hold this artificially formed country for Britain' as if its people were desperate to join the Republic.

The author then spends some time criticising the emergency powers in use. Certainly, I don't think they are desirable, and I don't know of any MP that thinks them desirable - it is the thugs of the I.R.A. who have made them necessary. Obviously the author has not had his sister beaten up for chatting to a soldier, or his father murdered for no greater crime than being a Protestant. There have been occasional abuses, agreed, but I challenge the author to name half-a-dozen other countries in the world where the government and army have gone so far out of their way to be fair to terrorists.

I would like to quote Adam Hall: 'the political terrorist is the person who could create a new and better world, if he could express his dreams with intelligence, but having none, he can only express his frustrations'.

I rather think the same could be said for our anonymous author.

Stephen Poley.

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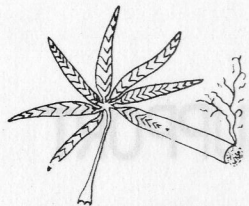
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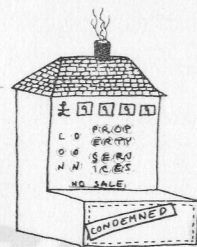
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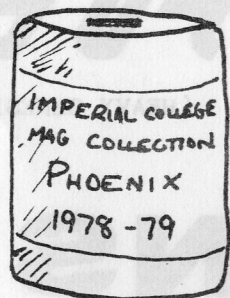


p.s. Hello Mum.

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Kill the huge eaters

Just think: every time you put your record player on; every three minutes you listen to Boney-M records or Hot Chocolate or Sweet; every minute of every hour you argue with your friend over why the Sex Pistols gave up the record business; a man of your own kind - a man with the same colour blood as you - stops breathing and dying in Nicaragua, in Vietnam, in Africa, in Iran, in...? Just to make you see that your brother in Africa in (so called by Imperialists) Third World Countries, is suffering; just to make you understand that a part of that LP you run your discs on is made to the price of his blood; just to make you see that with every new single you buy a gun is bought to make his kind shut up because you and yours want to listen to Santana!

His blood is writing something on the ground where he is dying; look closer, you will see it, yes it is saying; you send rockets to the moon - you produce test-tube babies - you brought your fantasies into real life- made impossible possible while the only fantasy your brother in Africa has is for you to come out of fantasy - to stop looking at the stars; to start looking on the earth, on the ground, to see that his fantasy is to find something to eat, to bring back human rights from papers to real life, into action. His mother does not want a new cooker, she is only too pleased with a small hut under peaceful circumstances. His mother's fantasy is to see him back for lunch, to make sure that he will come back alive to sleep on his coat or a broken rug. She knows that her son and herself, like millions of other Africans or other influenced peoples are the tools and workers of Imperialist comfort and money making machines. She knows that they are suffering because they have the tools, they have the mines, they have the oil wells, they have the primary substances, and have the main objects which are all eye-catching for the Western and Eastern investors. She knows that they have the right censured by Western and some Communist countries tradition and culture which is most convenient for the western money eaters - money grabbers - the big Western and Russian businesses. She knows that every day that they go to their bank to add some more money to their accounts, some more people are killed - some more guns are sold!

Iranian people now know that every day Shah puts some money in his Swiss bank, and recently American banks, some more guns tanks and artillery devices are bought, more do-it-yourself pieces of cars etc. made by western workers (the main Primary substances of which are extracted from the ores in the mines of Iran), a useless industry (the steel industry, for example) is set up in countries like Iran with fascist rulers. And this is called INDUSTRIALISATION (!!!?) Iranian people know that the content of their religion has been hidden from them for years and only the container has been left and they now want to get the content back, their wealth back their country back. They have been called superstitious fanatics for years. The children of very rich investors in Iran have for years been trained to take the Western way of life to our deeprooted Islamic culture. As a present to get our people involved with the toys of this enemy, and to buy more of these toys because there was nothing left of the content of their culture, which they had been made to forget. They had been made frightened of it and the people who tried to get back the content to the container had been imprisoned (e.g. Dr. Shariaty).

But who cares? The young generation in England and America is too busy following the pop-stars wherever they go. It is too busy helping people with their problems through scientology than to help them to communicate better. Instead of using their ability for constructive purposes to save a person's life, they prefer to use it for personal and selfish means.

Let alone the more mature generation such as the Owens who are "honest" men and who are just doing their jobs to save the long sleeping young generation of England from a big crisis which would endanger them with a shortage of oil or a reduction in the sales of do-it-yourself bits and pieces.

Fortunately the CIA was asleep in that early morning when our people woke up and lit their candles to search for the content of their religion. Before the Americans had even realized it, our people had found the content and following Emman Komani (their religious leader) and protested. Hands and voices were roused to get their lover back, to get the words of Allah back to their society from dusty bookshelves where it had been left untouched for many years. Their love and their shouts and protests at once awakened the heavy sleeping Carter and orders started to come

from America by means of satellites (made from the killing of thousands of people) to the Shah. The consequences?... martial law, Black Friday.

But we are not frightened of tanks and guns. We are lovers and love is something abstract and this love give us enough willpower to carry on fighting, ignoring the guns and tanks. This willpower is growing ever more in the hearts of our people and will not stop breathing until it has killed, until it has cut all the ties - until we are free. We will fight until we get what we want. What we want is an INDEPENDENT NATION - We want AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC whose ruler is elected by our own people and the rules of which are according to our holy book Koran.

ATTENTION ATTENTION

We are now about to close the doors of this guest house which has for many years been entertaining people of West, East and North, we want to kick out both the servant and the guests far out to their own (about to be destroyed) nations and lands. So would you mind taking your foot off the door (Carter), it might get squashed.

Islamic Society

GAY SOC.

If estimates are correct that 10% of the population are gay (i.e. predominantly attracted to people of the same sex), then there should be about 500 gays at I.C. Sadly, not all of you are members of not all of you are members of I.C. GAYSOC. Why? Because of the insults and ridicule of your fellow students at I.C. unable to come to terms with a part of themselves which they are afraid to admit exists.

I have realised that being gay is often associated with being promiscuous and that this promiscuity is thought to be impersonal, selfish and unemotional. In my opinion and experience this is a blatant fantasy spread about to discredit gay relationships. Some gays, but by no means all, have more than one emotional and sexual relationship, which I believe is good provided the people involved grow from the relationships. Surely what we should be fighting is not promiscuity or homosexuality but LUST or equivalently SEXISM i.e. treating people purely as sex objects not human beings; such relationships are impersonal, selfish and unemotional and can occur in monogamous and/or heterosexual equally well as in promiscuous and/or homosexual relationships.

I would be very happy to discuss with anyone or any group any relevant matters. For the many gay students at IC reading this, please seriously consider joining IC GAYSOC (contact me in room 533, Huxley Building or phone int. tel. 4297) or alternatively come along to a U.L.U. (University of London Union) GAYSOC MEETING, HELD EVERY THURSDAY

8.00 p.m. in the U.L.U. building MALET street (nearest tube: Goadge Street). The meetings are usually held in room 2F on the second floor (though there is a large notice board in the entrance hall giving the meeting room for each society). The meetings comprise a speaker followed by discussion, and everyone is welcome - gay, bi or straight. If you feel insufficiently confident to do that try ringing ICEBREAKERS, a gay counselling organisation which will talk over personal problems of gays, bisexuals and people uncertain, and will subsequently introduce you, if you wish, at meetings to other people in the same position.

ICEBREAKERS:01-274-9590

The important thing to remember is that being bisexual or gay is **not** the end of the world, it's the start of a new world.

BOB RIGBY (Chairman IC Gay Soc).

LONG WEEKEND TRIPS

2-4 March '79

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2nd March Afternoon tour to MEDOC to visit the CHATEAU of MOUTON ROTHSCHILD and the BECQUEVILLE Wine Museum. You will, of course, be sampling wines on your journey.

3rd March Afternoon tour to ST. EMILION with more wine tasting followed by gastronomic evening meal with wine and aperitif included. The price includes transport to and from the airport.

Departure on Sunday 4th March in the late evening to arrive in London, Monday morning.

Of course all the other attractions of bars and discos can be seen. Beautiful and Andorra is a haven for duty free goods. For the less energetic the atmosphere is very relaxing, the at a cost of £4 a day extra.

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Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 31st

Virginity test shocks women

Immigrant women, arriving at Heathrow airport, are being subjected to intimate gynaecological examinations. The Home Office claims that this helps to identify women who are illegal immigrants.

The implication is that if a Hindu woman was found to be a virgin - she would be believed to be unmarried. Bona fide fiancées are entitled to enter without going through lengthy clearance procedures. If the woman was found to be not a virgin she would be believed to be married and would need special clearance - an entry certificate granted in her country of origin.

Burial at sea for bodies

The Liverpool area medical officer warned that the city's dead may have to be buried at sea if there is no end to the strike by gravediggers and crematorium staff.

At present, around 200 embalmed bodies are being stored in a disused electrical factory.

Hospital code ignored

A meeting took place between Mr. Ennals, the Social Services Secretary, and the leaders of the Health Services' Unions, but there seems to be no prospect of any early end to the crisis in hospitals.

Magnetism

Geophysicists from Cambridge University, Massachusetts proposed that the earth's magnetic field is caused by heat produced by gravitational collapse of iron and nickel deep inside the Earth's inner core. The heat is converted to electrical energy, which slowly seeps out, creating the earth's present magnetic field.

Film firm fined over rats

A film company was fined 100 pounds with 100 costs after it admitted causing rats to be baited. The public is very sensitive to vicious attacks on rats as it is National Rodent Week.

Thursday 1st

Khomeini returns to Iran

After a 14 year exile the 78 year old Ayatolla Khomeini arrived back in Iran. He immediately launched what amounted to a declaration of war against the legal government and the army, threatening to establish his own government to rival that of Dr. Shapour Bakhtiar, the Prime Minister.

Punch-drunk pier

Margate's 126 year old pier looked rather punch-drunk after an 8th attempt to blow it up. A demolition expert, Mr. Paul Burring, said "This has encouraged me to go on".

Grant threat to foreign students 'intolerable'

Threats by the government to reduce grants to universities unless there was a cut in the number of overseas students were criticised as "an intolerable interference" with university autonomy.

The Senate of Lancaster University claimed that such restrictions would violate

the university's charter, which stipulates that no test related to colour, race, sex, religion, moral or political beliefs should be imposed on a student.

Friday 2nd

Rats feast on London rubbish

Piles of rubbish more than 6 ft. high line London's pavements as council refuse men continue their strike.

In many cities, councils are using public parks as refuse dumps as rubbish remains uncollected by dustmen. Health department officials are worried because hundreds of rats have come up from London's sewers to enjoy the free feast that litters London's streets.

Fee to see college

Queen's college is to become the first college in Cambridge to charge an admission fee for tourists. It will cost 20 p a head from next April, but there will be no charge for local residents.

Scotland fights back

England and Scotland celebrated 100 years of Calcutta Cup rugby with a 7-7 draw at Twickenham. Scotland fought back from being seven points down.

Wales beat Ireland 24-21 at Cardiff.

Saturday 3rd

Hospitals face shutdown

17 major hospitals in central London are likely to be closed after the managers of Westminster Hospital rejected an appeal from the Social Services Secretary to deal with a row over 6 cleaners through ACAS.

Sid Vicious dies

The body of Sid Vicious (real name John Simon Ritchie), bass guitarist with the punk rock group, the Sex Pistols, was found in a New York apartment. He died of a heroin overdose.

Spectacle Snatcher

During 2 years, a 31 year old postman was driven by an "impulsive fetish" to snatch the glasses of 38 young women, a court was told. In a statement to police, he said "I didn't mean any harm, I just wanted to get their glasses off".

Sunday 4th

Iran cancels military contracts

The Iranian government has cancelled orders of American arms totalling 3,500 million pounds. The drastic cut-backs are said to reflect both a shortage of cash and a reduced concept of Iran's international role. The Iranian military is anxious to cancel more than 1,500 million pounds worth of European contracts. These include tanks, missile systems and naval support ships built in Britain.

Jubilee Line to open in April

The first £87,000,000 stage of London Underground's Jubilee Line, from Stanmore

to Charing Cross will be opened by the Prince of Wales on April 30.

Laffite wins Brazilian Grand Prix

Jacques Laffite, in a Ligier JS 11, led throughout to follow up his win in Argentina two weeks ago. Depailler, also in a Ligier, came second.

Monday 5th

Tories ahead in poll

The latest opinion poll showed the Tories 19 per cent ahead of Labour. Of the people polled, 55 per cent said they would vote Conservative and 36 per cent Labour. The Liberal vote is put at 6 per cent.

Debating society problems

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, received an invitation to speak at the Oxford Union. He replied, "I am in receipt of your invitation. Any debating society that gives a platform to Richard Nixon is totally discredited in my eyes. Why don't you invite South Africa's Vorster - he is nearer your point of view than I am."

Be kinky - it's safer

Heart transplant specialist, Dr. Christian Barnard, said that roadside jogging turns some people on something crazy. Others prefer ladies in chainmail bras, with leather pants and a rack of whips. Dr. Barnard can't for the life of him see the difference between these "dangerous mania". If anything, he says, a bout or two of sexual masochism or a trip to a massage parlour tend to be a good deal safer than jogging along the road.

Tuesday 6th

Irishman stuck in phone box

A new Irish joke was born yesterday but this time it was a true story An Irishman couldn't find his way out of a telephone box. At first he decided to wait until someone else wanted to use the 'phone and then he'd be able to dash out while the door was open. However, it was three in the morning and so he 'phoned the operator and she told the police.

The Irishman, who had been drinking, was quickly freed by two officers. The police have advised the public that if they are stuck in a telephone box the way to escape is as follows...." The exit door is generally the one you went in by. And if you can't remember where it is, try pushing all the sides with glass in them. Eventually one should open".

Terror house of rats

A court heard today how a jilted lover, David Henry, exacted a horrifying revenge on his former girl friend. While she was on holiday he let loose in her house, 20 starving rats. When she got home she found they had gnawed at the curtains, the furniture, and even the electric wiring in the washing machine. Some had even made a nest in the cooker.

Mr. Henry pleaded not guilty to three charges of causing criminal damage.

METEOROLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

In the past years, the society arranged some very good lectures on all aspects of atmospheric phenomena and its impact on the environment. This year is no exception.

The last lecture was given by Dr. Peter Moore of King's College, London on the "Biological Evidence of Past Climate". With the help of excellent slides, he described the intricate detective work to solve the difficult question of what the past climate is like. He justified the use of pollen as an indicator, since a particular type of plant only flourishes under certain conditions. Hundreds of holes were drilled all over Britain, and the number of pollens in the sample was literally counted under a microscope. After much work, a picture of past climate in Britain emerged. He stressed that there were still unsolved problems introduced by human activities.

The lecture was well attended, a lively discussion carried on afterward over coffee and biscuits.

The next lecture is on 12th Feb, given by Professor W.T. Welford of Physics Department on "the Use of Space Age Optics to Capture Solar Energy". It starts at 5.30 pm in Lecture theatre Room 719 in the New Huxley Building.

A summary of this term's program is as follows:

- 19th Feb. Film on (1) Nuclear disposal in the Irish Sea (2) Nuclear war threat
 - 26th Feb. Prof. J. Latham (U.M.I.S.T.) on "Thunder and Lightning"
 - 6th March Dr. A. Goddard (I.C.) "Title to be confirmed"
 - 13th March Dr. K.A. Browning (Met. Office) "Orographic Rain"
 - 19th March Mr. Burt Ford (T.V. Personality) "Your Weather Service"
- For further details and membership, please contact V. Tam Physics P.G.

PG TIPS

Here it is, what you've all been waiting for, the one and only great postgraduate bar night. This amazing event is brought to you for your delight and enjoyment on **Tuesday 20th February** (Stan. Mooney, Bookings Office, weather, the TUC, etc. permitting) in **Stan's real ale bar, Southside from 6.30 to 11.00 pm**. You can't possibly miss this number one occasion in the social calendar, so make a note in your diary now.

Just in case you need a further incentive there will be a 10p per pint subsidy on beer (pro rata on other beverages).

So switch off your apparatus, lay down your books, lock up the laboratory and come along and meet IC's other 1,499 PGs. Your life may never be the same again.

On a more mundane note: IC Union election time is here again

and the first elections are for the departmental representatives.

Each department elects one person to represent the students' views towards the department and the rest of the student body. Generally known as dep. reps. they also sit on IC Union Council.

Dep reps are usually undergraduates, however they are supposed to represent both undergraduates and postgraduates. PGs can stand for election and are encouraged at least to take part in the voting.

Nomination papers have already been posted in the departments and voting will take place on **Monday 26th February**.

The Management Science department will have a dep. rep. for the first time next session. Since there are no undergraduates in the department, could any PG who is likely to continue here after October please consider standing for election.

LONDON STUDENT TRAVEL

Avid readers of "FORWARD!" and some others will know of the existence of this company and that Imperial College Union has a sizeable shareholding in it. Since this shareholding was bought with what is, effectively, your money, you (that is, every I.C. student) are entitled to know what is going on in the Company.

Well, for a start there has been a new manager appointed recently. Roger Trask, will actually take up his post at the beginning of March, his predecessor, Mr. Thomas, continuing up till then. Mr. Thomas has done a very good job as manager, setting the Company on its feet and making it run at a small profit. Unfortunately he felt he was operating in a bit of a vacuum since most of the student directors really did not have either the time or the technical expertise to really help him run the Company. To attempt to alleviate this problem the Company is setting up a Management Committee. Hopefully this will have someone with experience of the Travel Industry, outside our Company sitting on it. If you happen to know a Director of Thomas Cook's, or some other Travel firm, whom you think may be interested in assisting us, by sitting on this Committee, then please let me know.

The Company has three retail outlets, one at 117, Euston Road, one at Goldsmith's College and one here. Yes here at IC in the Union Lower Lounge, somewhere between the pinball machines and the pool-table to be precise and it is open between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

So what is there for you? Well, if you live in Birmingham,

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Christopher D Hunt

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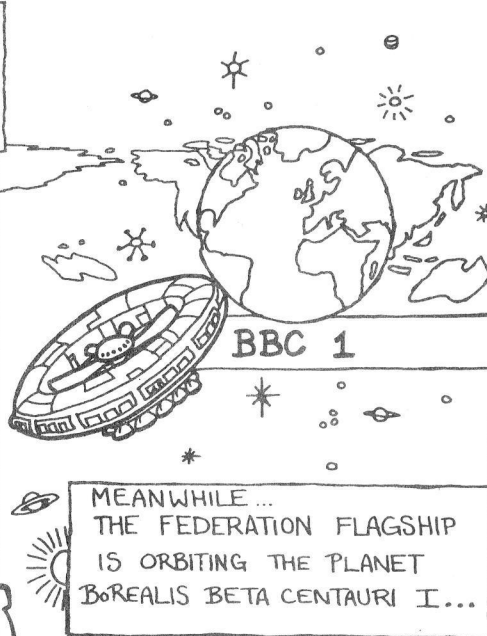
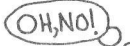
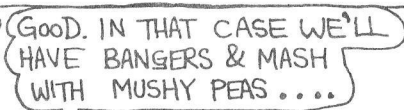
STOIC require more people to help present programmes and also to take part in outside recording, or "ROVER", trips. No previous experience is necessary, although it would be useful, and anyone interested should come to the T.V. Studio on Wednesday afternoon at 16.30.

STOIC will want to make programs featuring individual I.C. clubs and societies, and any group interested should contact Bryan Steele or Dave Ghani via the T.V. Studio.

Any group who would like a forthcoming event publicised on television should contact STOIC via the TV Studio at least a week in advance of the event. STOIC would be very glad to hear about it.

Drake's Seven part 3....

ALREADY THERE ARE SIGNS OF A POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN DRAKE'S 7. DRAKE HAS TO REASSERT HIS DOMINANCE OVER HIS CYNICAL COMPUTER EXPERT, RAVEN...



APPEAL

Imagine yourself a normal, intelligent person, but totally unable to communicate with the outside world. Even if you became deaf tomorrow, you would retain the whole knowledge, experience and vocabulary which are part of a personality built up by hearing. A deaf child starts with nothing but his eyes, he has to learn that soundless shapes on faces have a meaning. He cannot ask the questions that free his normally curious mind. However most children are not totally deaf and with understanding, hard work and the latest technical aids, they can achieve oralism and happily integrated with the hearing world.

11 year old Jerome Canvin is such a child. He attends a normal primary school with a unit for children with defective hearing attached. Along with the other 12 children, at school he can use a new piece of equipment known as the 'Phonic Ear', which uses a radio-link, capable of communication with the teacher for up to half a mile, and cutting out much of the background noise which makes listening in a classroom very difficult with normal aids. But as it costs 800 pounds only four of them have this equipment at home, so at 3.30 every day they must leave their 'bionic ears' (as they call them) behind and return to a silent world.

RCS are to hold a special collection to buy Jerome the aid, which "would be an incredible advantage to him at a time when he really needs one, and enable him to do a lot he cannot at the moment, including help him to talk properly which is still a problem although he is 11" - in the words of his brother Mark, a student in Life Sciences. It will be done through the Devon branch of the National Deaf Children's Society, the Secretary of which said "We would be delighted to accept a cheque on Jerome's behalf ... it is a wonderful piece of equipment which is opening up a new world to the severely deaf."

The collection is to be held on **Saturday 17th Feb** and will be organised on a 'Year Collections' basis, as Jerome's parents have donated a barrel (for the winning year) and prizes for the top three collectors, so do come out and support your year. Anyone from Guilds, Mines or IF is also very welcome. (Your money will be included in your CCU's total) Cans will be available from RCSU from 9.00 am and throughout the day, so please come along, if only for half an hour and help give a new lease of life to a silent child. Thank you,

Rachel Snee

DRIVERS WANTED!

ICCAG (Imperial College Community Action Group) urgently requires drivers for its various activities. If you are 21 or over, have possessed a clean driving licence for at least two years please contact **John Whitehouse, Chem PG** via letter racks or Int. 4162.

ICCAG MEETINGS

There will be ICCAG meetings at **12.30pm** in the **Green Common Room, Union Building, on Monday 12th February and Monday 19th February.** All welcome.



Photo: Jerome wearing one of the school's 'Phonic Ears'.

PS. If anyone wants more information, I can give them some leaflets from the NDCS (from which I got much of the material for this article.)

ICCAG

Last Thursday (1st) the few members of the Community Action Group that came to the meeting in the SCR were treated to a very interesting talk by John Rodgers, Co-ordinator of the New Horizon Youth Project, an establishment that works for the homeless young people in London, especially around the West End.

This talk and the ensuing discussion brought those of us who were present a new understanding of the problems faced by young people today who leave school with little prospect of employment. Their own frustrations, coupled with the hassle of always being around quite often lead to untenable home relationships and the youth (usually male but a not insignificant number of women also end up coming to London) decides to leave home and search for his fortune in one of the cities, usually London but increasingly more, some of the others, Leeds for instance. Many actually find work in the West-End catering trade but the wages are so notoriously low that they have no chance of accumulating the deposit to enter into the accommodation market. These people therefore end up in hostels which are essentially nothing but beds for the night and in no way could be considered home, so during the day they end up wandering the streets. These are the people that New Horizon was established to help and the number of individuals that they saw last year exceeded 1000 with many making more than one attendance.

New Horizon forms a kind of base for these young people in that it offers a store for their few possessions or somewhere to get a shave and a wash. It also offers help in legal matters, social security and many other things including basic literacy.

The Centre maintains a workshop that they use to give some very minimal training but as a certain degree of literacy is required to gain admittance to a government training scheme this is what they concentrate on.

On Sundays they use two or three volunteers, mainly from other university colleges who work with the visitors in an informal way aiming to bring out their artistic and creative abilities using the many facilities available.

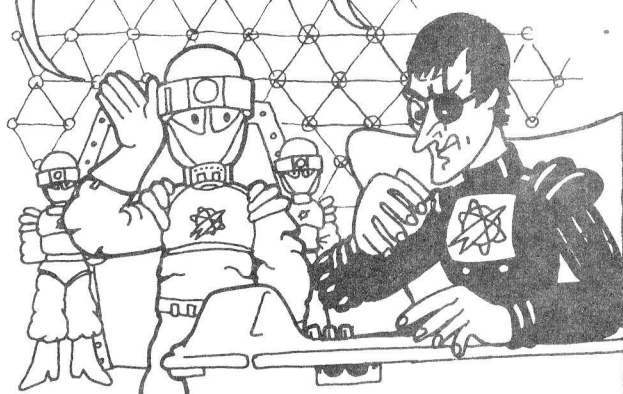
Anyway, if you are interested in the work of New Horizon or any of the other similar organizations in London then please get in touch.

Cheers, John Whitehouse
Chem PG. Int. (4162).

A MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO THE QUARTERS OF THE RUTHLESS COMMANDER CREVIS....

SIR! SUPREME GALACTIC REAR FLIGHT SUPERINTENDENT BRATT WANTS TO SEE YOU!

TELL HER I'LL COME IMMEDIATELY - YOU! THIS COFFEE HAS TWO SUGARS - I DISTINCTLY ASKED FOR THREE! GUARDS! TAKE HIM AWAY & CONNECT HIM TO THE MAINS FOR AN HOUR OR TWO!

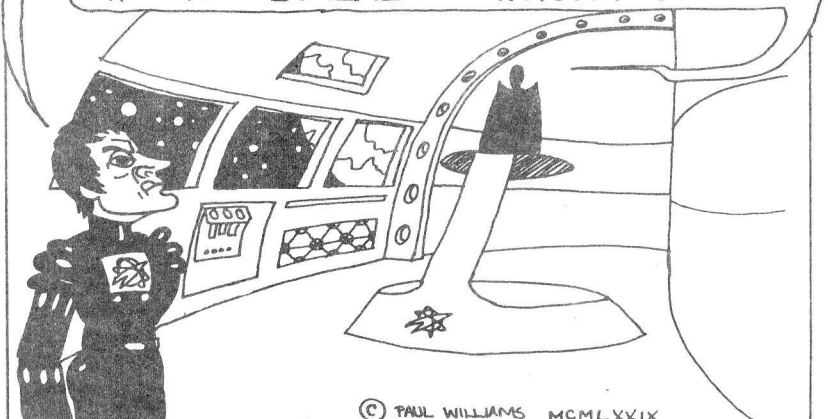


YOU SENT FOR ME, YOUR INTENSITY?

MM. I HOPE YOU REALISE THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, CREVIS. THE REBELS NOW HAVE THEIR OWN SHIP. DRAKE IS WELL ON HIS WAY TO ACHIEVING STREET CREDIBILITY - HE HAS QUARK TORPEDOES, BOSON BEAMS, AND..... ..A PERSPEX TUBE WITH A LIGHT BULB IN THE END!

- NOT A PERSPEX TUBE !!

I'M AFRAID SO. SEVERAL IN FACT. WE MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION.....



SPORT

ORIENTEERING

This week your roving reporter travelled with the London University team to Stirling for the British Students Sports Federation Championships. Just for a change, the first team at least, were at full strength and expectations were high.

The journey up on Friday was pretty uneventful apart from a few incidents at Edinburgh Station where Bryan had a 'push-pull' on the Glasgow line, and the whole team was herded from platform to platform to find a train which had not been cancelled.

On arrival at Stirling, the first team went to their accommodation in the Halls of Residence and enjoyed a dinner of steak and mineral waters, whilst the second team stayed in boarding houses and had fish and chips and a few pints of Heavy.

Saturday morning was spent playing at tourists around the castle and spent mourning over the tragic news that our guest relay runner Sid was dead (innocent?).

The first race of the afternoon was the ladies. In this we had great hopes that Kath Binns of LSE would win. She duly complied, leading almost all the way round the 2.5 mile course, to finish about 200 yards clear. She was ably supported by Anne Baldock and Dawn Williamson who finished 36th and 37th, and thereby just won 3rd place team medals.

Inspired by this tremendous start, the men's second team, who ran next, put on a wonderful performance. At the end of the first lap, all six of our runners were well placed. They maintained their effort throughout the second lap to produce an excellent result. Ian Morton had a truly remarkable run, posing for the camera halfway round he went on to finish 9th. One place behind was Jim Medes of UC. Mike Kelly stayed calm as usual and finished about 20th. Bryan Acford had an indescribable run to come about 30th. The two men who have run more BSSFs than the rest of the team together, Dave Rosen and Paul Clarke, were about 40th and 50th. This magnificent team performance earned them 3rd place, but unfortunately, due to politics, no prizes - we are not members of U.A.U., the second team race organisers.

Finally came the first team race. A high class field of nearly 400, including several internationals, thundered off at the start. This would be the race which would distinguish the men from the boys. At the end of the first lap three men had moved well clear of the main body of runners. All the U.L. team were well placed in the pack. This picture remained almost unchanged throughout the second lap and so was set for an intriguing final one.

Lapping several of the boys before the finish, John Davies of WLIHE, a silver medalist in the Commonwealth Games steeplechase, finished a clear winner, completing the 7.5 miles in under 35 minutes. Dave Clarke, also of WLIHE, was second and Nick Brawn, of Oxford, third.

First UL man home was Graham Jackson (RHC) whose tremendous effort on the last lap in gaining a dozen places, placed him 7th. Captain Ian Duncan (UC), also improved the further he went to finish 34th. Rob Kennan was next in 62nd, and John Leonard (Goldsmith's) wasn't far behind in 75th. Imperial's very own Steve Kirk had a good run to finish 78th, and Don de Savigny

OCTOPUSH

Octo-who? Octopush! A form of underwater hockey played by teams of eight players using wooden pushers in an attempt to direct a lead disc (the "squid") into the opposing team's gull (goal). If that doesn't seem challenging enough, aqualungs are forbidden. All pushing of the squid (or other team!) has to be done underwater whilst holding one's breath.

I.C. Underwater Club fielded ('pooled') a successful team in 1971 which came third in those National Championships. Then the game became forgotten at I.C. Last May a new team was formed to compete in the National Ladder (over 100 teams) and the London and Home Counties League. Only seven months later they had qualified for the Quarter Final of the National Octopush Championships held at Southsea on 27th January.

It was a great moment when Nick Kyrtatos scored the first gull against Croydon, the eventual winners. This injury to their pride caused an explosive outburst from one of the Croydon players - who was answered vociferously by the spectators! Despite this incident, the I.C. team produced a very creditable performance. This year we made the quarter finals; next year???

The I.C. team was:-
P. Fearthead, P. Grimsey, N. Kyrtatos, C. Bommer, C. Leming, C. Skellett, I. Anderson, D. Lewis.

If you would like to join this growing sport, come to the IC pool at 8.00pm any Thursday.

TABLE TENNIS

There were only two matches a fortnight ago, hence no report, but one almost deserved an article itself - the first team defeated the top team in their league - Gainsord III (away) by the margin 7-2. This was, without doubt, their best performance this season, and gave them an outside chance of promotion.
(team: Lakhani, Kumar, Hong).

Last week they played the second best team in div 4, Barbican I unfortunately this was an 8-1 defeat, but still did not completely ruin their promotion hopes.

The 2nds also played a fortnight ago, beating T.W.A.I. (Home) by 7-2 - this was

completed the scoring six in 95th position. Just for good measure, Colin Liziere (LSE) was 101st and Chris Swaine (Bart's) 121st. In the team race, which was won for the nth time by Birmingham, UL did exceptionally well to be 5th - their best result for many years. A further mention here for Dave Rosen who after completing 2 laps in the previous race, went for a 'training run' in this one and was still about 220th.

Messrs. Morton, Acford and Kelly proceeded to make an undignified entrance to the tearoom/presentation, through the window, at which point everyone else disowned them. The video recording of the race also proved to be amusing.

And so to the evening's festivities. The entertainment provided for our benefit did not have any drinks until 9 o'clock. Therefore about 100 students proceeded to mingle with the local theatre connoisseurs in the Arts Centre. During the ensuing race across the campus to the disco, Ian Morton fell for the first time, thus starting what was to become a regular habit later in the evening. As the disco proved to be very similar to an IC one (very few females), someone suggested we try the one down the road in the local pub. Gaining free admission via our passouts from

WATER POLO

On Wednesday 31st, I.C. Water Polo Club played a match in the London Knockout against the London club, 'The Amphibians'. The game started due to handicapping with the score at 1 : 4, I.C. trailing.

I.C. started the game in great form pushing forward and completely dominating the game. This enabled Mike McCartney to score three goals within as many minutes, and to make the score even. Pete McCartney scored our fourth goal with a long and very hard shot. Mike scored his fourth and while attempting another was viciously fouled and we were awarded a penalty. Paul Hindle took it and got the ball in from the rebound. The score after the first quarter was 7 : 4. I.C. now slowed down and in the second quarter only one goal was scored by Cliff Spooner. The Amphibians pushed forward and started to play with more confidence. Steve Tayler, who was playing in goal, was kept on his toes and made some very good saves.

In the third quarter I.C. appeared to fall apart and The Amphibians scored three goals, while we only scored one, a shot in a man-up position from Andy Smith. In the final quarter the story was again the same with The Amphibians scoring three and Pete scoring again to make the final score a 10 : 10 draw. A very poor score to a game which I.C. should have won with ease.

Team: M McCartney, P McCartney, C Spooner, P Hindle, A Smith, S Tayler, D Dunstone, P Mills.

another good victory and they can still win their division.

The thirds had yet another disastrous defeat by Sainsburys II (Away) where Reed (no excuses) and myself (20 pints worth of excuses) won one game out of six (and it wasn't me), Jeff Stean scraped three wins and the result was 4-5. Seven of the nine sets went to three games.

The fourths had a match last week against Trinity House Y.C., but yet again this team failed to turn up for a match and we won by default.

I think I'll crash out now.

Super Drunk

the first disco, we decided to show the natives what pogoing was all about. Unfortunately, they did not seem to be too impressed. Our diplomatic aide, Paul Clarke, successfully agitated the situation, and, with the clans gathering against us, we decided it was time to make a technical advance - backwards. Later that night, Paul reappeared heavily disguised for fear of reprisals. So we were forced to take the first disco by storm again. Steve 'Beverly' Kirk was nominated for the BSSF disco dance championship, and we easily won the team award.

After ransacking the first teams rooms, the seconds crawled the two miles back to the boarding house at 2.30. Before lights out, Ian 'funny how you lose your sense of balance' Morton demonstrated how to fall out of bed without even being in it in the first place.

At 10.30 the following morning, hordes of voiceless, bleary-eyed (athletic?) students were seen to board a southbound train back to civilisation, taking the scenic route: Edinburgh-Carlisle-Newcastle-London!

So in one weekend we achieved two 3rd team places, one 5th, an individual winner, and helped to further Anglo-Scottish race hatred. Not bad, eh Jimmy?

Team McManager

Firsts draw with LSE

IC 1st XI 1 v. 1 LSE 31st Jan.

This was IC's first competitive game this season owing to the combination of rain, snow, frost and Arthur which had so far prevented play. Concern was expressed by some players about their ability to survive the runout to the pitch and pre-match warm up without suffering from cramp, pulled muscles, or other more serious ailments.

IC were under pressure throughout most of the first half and failed to string more than one or two passes together. The college team were relying on breakaways to make use of the speed of Brindle, Rickard and Stephenson up front, and they were unlucky not to score when both Ruty and Paver went close with headers. However, LSE's pressure eventually told and they scored after a quickly taken free-kick on the left. In the second half, the IC team played with more authority although they still did not show the form of last term. After about twenty minutes, IC equalised through Brindle, who ran on to a Rickard pass before easily beating the keeper. After this, IC could (should?) have scored three or four more goals but with a cold bottom four inches this proved beyond them, and the game finished a 1 - 1 draw.

Team: Tsoukkas, Ruty, Reeve, Paver, Kendrick, Haralampous, Johnson, Davies, Rickard, Brindle, Stevenson.

'Ammersmiff 'Acker.

IC 1st XI 3 V I R.F.H. 3 FEB.

This game saw IC gain another two league points, though like their last game against LSE the team again did not play well.

The game was very scrappy throughout, IC took the lead in the first-half through Graham Rickard but failed to assert their authority on the game. Regular goalkeeper Tony Tsoukkas arrived late during the first-half his place having already been ably taken by Steve Veats. The real reason for Tsoukkas' interest in the game was however discovered later when he decided that in spite of his inactivity he still needed a shower and the chance to cavort with centre-back Reeve. The second-half was much like the first and IC went 2-0 up when the ball hit the end of Peter Ruty's boot before finding the back of the net. RFH pulled a goal back but IC went close with shots by Johnson and Nicholls before increasing their lead through Phil Brindle. So a fairly comfortable 3-1 win, but

this poor performance will hopefully encourage more players to attend training on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Team: Veats, Ruty, Beer, Reeve, Price, Nicholls, Johnson, Haralampous, Lenczner, Brindle, Rickard. (Tsoukkas).

'Ammersmiff 'Acker

HALL FOOTBALL

Last Sunday, Falmouth hall beat Keogh by 8-2. The match, played at Harlington, was full of entertaining football. Harry Sing scored a sensational hat trick. He scored his last goal by picking the ball up in defence and ran all the way down the wing, cut inside, swerved passed the Keogh defence and after a quick one-two at the edge of the box slammed the ball past the goalkeeper.

This result takes Falmouth hall to the top of the league with 4 pts from 4 games.

Seconds beat LSE !

L.S.E. 2nd XI 1IC 2nd XI 2
(3rd instalment of IC 2nd's cup run)

This was the much awaited, weather delayed replay of the ULU reserves cup quarter final. All IC players were safely tucked up in bed with cups of Horlicks by 9.30pm the previous night on strict instructions from Clive Whiteside. IC's hopes were brightened by the prospect that IC 1st XI were playing LSE 1st XI at the same time and so no new 'stars' would spring up from nowhere.

IC began the first half defending as usual and our attacks consisting of kicking the ball into LSE's half and hoping this pressure would cause unforced errors. LSE opened the score sheet, their player collecting the ball near the halfway line and with IC players trying their best to avoid him he proceeded to power the ball under a diving Al Betts. Despite this setback IC continued to fight on and Barnet, Hatton and Price kept the LSE forwards under control with the usual 'pleasant' encouraging shouts from Chris Beer. However IC's attacking policies were not working, which could be due to Phil Niccolls having argued with his girlfriend, and LSE hung on to their lead up to half time.

After the usual aggressive talk (pure aggression, no actual football tactics) at half time, IC started to play more construct-

ively with Phil Niccolls chopping down LSE's centre-forward and Neil Price holding onto the little Welsh winger's shirt for a 'friendly' five seconds. IC's first proper attack of the game was started by Alistair Lencener shooting down the right wing and producing a perfect cross for Dave Higgs to convert into a goal. This triggered off IC's best play with some good moves being developed by Adrian Clarke and Paul Barnet working together on the right flank. 5 minutes later, John Demnitz decided to justify his selection by collecting the ball on the edge of the penalty area, beating two defenders and the goalkeeper to score what the referee described as 'the best goal' he'd seen for a long time (he obviously hadn't refereed for a long time).

IC now had most of the play but could create no more scoring chances and LSE were ruthlessly robbed of the ball by the staunch back four and 'impossible' Phil Niccolls, whenever they ventured near our penalty area.

The team were allowed a quick celebratory orange slice before being taken home and tucked up in bed with more Horlicks by Clive Whiteside in preparation for Saturday, 10th February when they play QMC II's in the cup semi-final match of the year.

**'Even more acer than ace sports writer Liam Gartside',
Prince Le 1**

Hyde Park Relay

I.C.C.C. are pleased to announce the running of the annual Hyde Park Relay on February 24th at 3:00 pm.

This is the premier British College Relay Race, and to ensure its smooth running the C.C.C. would like to hear from any member of IC who would be willing to act as a course marker or help in any other way.

Helpers should see any of the cross country club, or see myself, **Keith Marshall**, in the Union Office.

GLIDING CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 23rd February
at 'The Telegraph',
Telegraph Road,
Putney Heath SW15.

Tickets from Susan Bush
(Zoo II letter-rack) or Pete
Reading (Aero II letter-rack)

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOARD OF STUDIES

At a meeting of the Board of Studies on Wednesday a note on information at schools about IC courses presented by Imperial College Union was accepted and referred to the Admissions Policy Committee for further investigation.

The note suggested that the poor level of information at school level regarding university courses was a factor leading to high failure rates in some departments. Various proposals for improving communication with schools were made.

Student numbers for this year were made available to the Board of Studies. The College has been told by the University Grants Committee that first year undergraduate enrolment must not exceed 1100. The Rector told the Board that he would not like to see less than this number as the College would suffer a drop in income from tuition fees. This year 1101 first year undergraduates entered College.

HAMLET GARDENS

A Tenants' Association for residents of Hamlet Gardens flats is to be set up on the initiative of Imperial College Union.

Union President Mary Attenborough has called a meeting for next Friday evening at Hammersmith Town Hall to discuss any problems that tenants may want to raise and to set up an Association to assist in dealings with the landlord.

The meeting is for residents

other than those in the College flats. Many of them are also IC students and are licensees of London Property Services. Non-student tenants of Hamlet Gardens have also been invited.

At a meeting of L.P.S. tenants held in College on 30th January students felt that they wanted to get together to be in a stronger position to deal with the landlord as it is rumoured that L.P.S. have used unscrupulous tactics towards tenants in the past.

The need arises out of a recent Court of Appeal decision which means that L.P.S. tenants may have security of tenure and the right to apply to the Rent Officer for the registration of a fair rent.

GUILDS' MOTION

Next Thursday, 15th February, a very important topic will be discussed at the Guilds Union Meeting. Namely, whether or not motions of a political or controversial nature that could be dealt with at IC UGMs should be submitted and discussed at C & G UGMs.

Several Guildsmen believe that Union Meetings are too frivolous and should involve serious topics while others are satisfied with the present format. The discussions, on Thursday, could change all future Guilds Union Meetings and even Guilds Union itself.

IC SWEETLESS

Imperial College has been without supplies of sweets since the beginning of this week. The Union Lower Refectory usually

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At the SRC meeting the ULU Deputy President requested suggestions from students on the contents of next year's London Student Handbook. IC students who wish to make their views known should contact ULU Representative Barry Austin via the Physics 2 letter rack.

After much heated debate an emergency motion was passed condemning Westfield College Students' Union for its recent ban on the Socialist Workers' Party. The decision to outlaw the SWP was made after a motion claiming that the party was 'disruptive', 'hypocritical' and 'violent' was passed by an eight vote majority at a Westfield union meeting in January.

sells over 100 Mars bars a day. The refectory will lose £10 profit per week due to the sweet shortage. Imperial's main store has been without supplies of chocolate because of the lorry drivers' dispute.

found themselves last October without a grant and having to pay tuition fees as they were no longer classed as ordinarily resident in this country as described in the grant regulations.

IC Union Executive has asked Welfare Adviser Michael Arthur to look into the possibility of setting up the students as a charity so that money could be raised to help pay for their living costs.

SURVEY

Market and Opinion Research International has asked IC Union for permission to carry out a survey in College of the attitudes of final year undergraduates towards careers.

The survey which is on behalf of various government agencies and independent companies has been carried out in the College in previous years.

In 1976, 18 universities were included in the survey. In that year only male students were questioned, but this year men and women will be included.

ORDINARY RESIDENCE

The College Registrar has agreed to waive fees for the seven students affected by the recent new ruling on the ordinary residence qualification, after being given the go-ahead by the Deans' Committee.

The seven students suddenly

DWILE FLONK

The Royal Holloway College Students' Union Society in Egham has invited Colleges to enter teams for the "University of London Dwyle Flonk Challenge Cup".

Their letter to IC Union describes Dwyle Flonk as a "traditional Surrey sport analogous to cricket". But the analogy seems to be limited to the fact that one team bats and the other fields, for the rules go on to say that "the fielding team holds hands, forms a circle and hops clockwise".

Entries to the competition to be held on 2nd March are to be sent by 17th February. Details are available from **Mary Attenborough** in the Union Office.

CROSSWORD

COMPETITION No. 508

Across

1. Foggy French the foot digit (9)
5. After G and log float (5)
8. Bad habit charge (6)
9. His Susan (5)
10. Vote for Richard (8)
12. Rest of sorts (3)
14. Level (4)
17. Under cover outdoors (6)
18. Stay out of reach (5)
19. Put 'Spike' back on (7)
21. Only 'mn' (6)
22. Hole for retiring to (3)
24. Held (6)
25. Attend operation (4)
26. Not outside air supplier (6)
27. On it's own (5)
30. Drink (3)
31. Ripped a party (7)
32. Never less 'n' (4)

Down

1. My wooden pole sort of (7)
2. Bad habit thin it sounds (7)
3. Weigh down Editor (6)
4. Above normal charge (8)
5. Hold (4)
6. First two letters posted (6)
7. Three times high music (6)
11. Put down (7)
13. Former traditional ite (9)
15. Ideal (5)
16. Junction (4)
19. In respect to petty anger (7)
20. Situation normal... American Army expression (5)
21. Put forward (6)
22. Go slow (5)
23. Not once (5)
28. That (2)
29. Hairy mooselike animal (marek) (3)

Ian Forrester - Situation normal ?

