



FOCUS



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION



Jan Czernuszka proposing his motion on Northern Ireland.

UGM REPORT LOBBY OF GOVERNORS TODAY

IC students are to lobby College Governors today in a bid to change the use of the regulator in refectory price fixing and to maintain the right of Refectory Committee to decide all food prices.

The decision to lobby the Finance and Executive Meeting at 170 Queens Gate from 10.00 am today was taken at a well-attended IC Union Meeting on Tuesday this week after Union President Mary Attenborough hinted that students might shortly face a 5 per cent food price increase.

The Meeting also empowered the Union Executive to organise a 24-hour boycott of all student refectories if the lobby fails to achieve its aims. After the response to last week's Southside boycott students were confident that a general boycott call would be obeyed, and defeated an amendment to limit action to one refectory only. No date was fixed for the boycott.

HOUSING

A motion calling for a full-time Union staff member to deal with the housing problems of IC students was passed by the Meeting. The College will be asked to provide extra cash for this post.

Proposed by External Affairs Officer Sheyne Lucock, the

motion also called for the closing of loop holes in the Rent Act, security of tenure for all residential occupiers, compulsory purchase of empty property, and the use of short-life property for student housing.

The Union resolved to continue its efforts to house its own students and to campaign for

FOOD PRICING THREAT

A proposal submitted by the Rector to the Finance and Executive Committees on 16th February, if passed, could remove from the Refectory Committee all decisions concerning refectory food pricing. The proposal, which appeared under item 5 (Finances of Refectories: Use of the Regulator) states:

'In the Rector's view, moreover, it is inappropriate for the Refectory Committee itself, whose membership consists largely of consumers, to be involved in decisions of this kind and the best arrangement is for the regulator and the termly adjustments, if any, to be applied by the Domestic Secretary in consultation with the Chairman, Refectory Committee. He would, however, himself wish to be consulted about any proposed termly adjustments, and, before authorising action, would propose always to consult the President ICU and, where desirable, other appropriate persons.'

At the moment, Refectory Committee, which has six voting student members, can discuss the financing of the refectories. If this proposal is implemented, though, prices could be increased, without reference to the Committee, by the Domestic Secretary (Capt. JWG Lindley) and the Chairman (Prof. S. Eilon) simply by applying the regulator. ICU need not be informed of such increases which would necessitate the Union having to monitor prices continually and comparing them with the FT Grocery Index.

Although the Rector and the Union President would be consulted should a termly review occur, there is no guarantee that such a review would ever take place.

In an attempt to prevent this proposal being accepted, and to protest at the past use of the regular, ICU decided to hold a lobby of the governors attending today's F and E meeting (see UGM report). It is vital that this lobby is well-attended or else IC students may lose what little say they have in the pricing of refectory food.

changes in housing law and increased housing provision.

A Union byelaw change outlining a method of dismissing a departmental representative was given a first reading. This would allow a meeting of 15 per cent of the students in a department to dismiss their representative.

IRELAND

Lengthy and heated discussion on a motion dealing with the problems of Northern Ireland took place resulting in the passing of policy unrelated to the terms of Jan Czernuszka's motion.

The original motion stated that "Ireland is one nation", condemned the British "colonial force of occupation" and called for a "total withdrawal of British Imperialism from Ireland".

RCS President Chris Fox and Irishwoman Liz Lindsay

proposed an amendment saying that Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, that the Government has a duty to maintain law and order, and that members of terrorist groups are criminals and do not deserve political status.

Despite an animated and impassioned speech against the amendment by another Irish student, Des McLernon, it was passed after several contributions from both Irish and British students.

An attempt by Mary Attenborough to change the motion yet again was defeated and Chris Fox's proposals became Union policy.

The Meeting was unable to discuss two further controversial motions on the legalisation of cannabis and on gay rights before it was adjourned at 2.30 p.m.

LETTERS

Dear Sir, - I was somewhat disturbed by a letter in last week's edition of FELIX from Andrew White which claimed that I had written an article in FELIX no 506 on the subject of abortion which demonstrated 'a frightening level of insensitivity'.

As far as I can ascertain from re-reading that edition, the only mention of abortion was in a factual article about birth control and other matters. If Mr. White had been able to control his indignation sufficiently to read to the bottom of the page, he would have noticed that the article was written by Mary Attenborough and not by me.

Welfare Day and the articles in the preceding edition of FELIX were not designed to express a particular viewpoint on any subject but to present a number of different opinions and sets of information in order to help people make up their own minds on the various issues raised.

For the purposes of my job as Welfare Adviser, my personal views are irrelevant. I am only concerned with presenting alternatives never with foisting opinions and I have never attempted to voice my personal views on such matters in FELIX or anywhere else.

If Mr. White is interested in considering the wisdom of committing actionable libels (especially against lawyers), I would be happy to advise him!

Yours faithfully,

Michael Arthur
Welfare Adviser

Dear Sir,- Bearing in mind the points raised by Bob Bradley in his letter to FELIX last week, as Chairman of IC Liberal Club, I would like to say how sorry I am that he was unable to come along to the club meeting last Thursday (8th February 1979) at which many of the points that he raised, were discussed. If Bob is still not receiving club mailings, or if he wishes to have a chat about FORWARD!, then if I can find a spare moment, I will be delighted to see him sometime.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Fairbairn
(Chairman, IC Liberal Club)

Dear Sir, - I would like to thank all those who gave their support to the boycott. Especial thanks must go to the new catering staff who put on an excellent and imaginative alternative. Thanks also to those who helped to picket. Due to their efforts there were only 69 scabs, 8 at breakfast, 27 at lunchtime and 10 at the evening meal with 24 at Linstead Hall. We hope that all these efforts will be rewarded by the management meeting our demands.

Once again many thanks.

Jan (Publicity Organiser
Refractory Boycott)

Dear Everybody, - Thank you very much for being so kind getting some money so that I can have a Phonic Ear of my own. I would like to have one very much because the Lyons Club, and lots of kind people, have raised money so that all the children in my Unit at Honiton can have one each to use in the Unit but, next year, I shall be twelve and have to go to another school, probably an ordinary school, where I will not be able to hear the teacher properly with my Philips aids. With the Phonic Ear, I can hear the teacher all the time even when she has her back turned.

I have been deaf since I was fourteen months when I had meningitis. I will be very happy if you can help me have a Phonic Ear of my own. I hope I will be able to come to London to see you,

Love from

Jerome.

Dear Sir, - If the Islamic Society find Western Society so repulsive and decadent why are they and their Islamic brethren so keen to come here? It couldn't possibly be that they want to break the shackles of Islam and have a Western education, to be free to write critical letters to newspapers and to protest about governments' ("blasphemy" - Ayatollah Khomeini), to drink alcohol, to gamble, to steal without having their hands chopped off or to buy sex without being liable to be hanged for adultery?

If they really want to criticize Western Society then let them do so from their repressive (to women and non-moslem at least) Islamic Republic and not when they are living in safety and hypocrisy here.

A. Walker, Chem. P.G.

Dear Sir, - We would like to answer the points made by Mr. Thomson in his letter last week with reference to strengthening apartheid and to comment on the issue of picketing interviews held here by firms operating in South Africa.

Mr. Thomson is putting forward that the only way of strengthening apartheid is by voting or joining the South African army. Surely, any person who puts the fruits of his training, initiative and experience into a company is actively supporting and strengthening that company. It is such companies that have built up and are maintaining the apartheid system. Their massive profits rely on the cheap labour and minerals provided by the blacks and their land.

Mr. Thomson also claims that the presence of English speaking whites weakens the Afrikaaners' position. The Afrikaaners' are not stupid or inexperienced as far as maintaining their lucrative

position goes - the introduction of other whites into engineering jobs is not to take the jobs of Afrikaaners but to fill the vacancies created by their policy of not letting blacks become engineers with any responsibility. The introduction of highly trained people from Britain and other countries thus enables the companies to keep the blacks uneducated and in a position for easy exploitation.

But to take the above points further, every individual plays a role in the struggle for or against the apartheid system since they create an atmosphere of opinion, which, for instance, either discourages or encourages people to take jobs in South Africa. This role is not insignificant.

Finally, on the issue of having a picket at the interviews for such jobs. We support picketing these interviews and, having discussed this with many people, feel it important to clarify what we mean by picketing. We mean

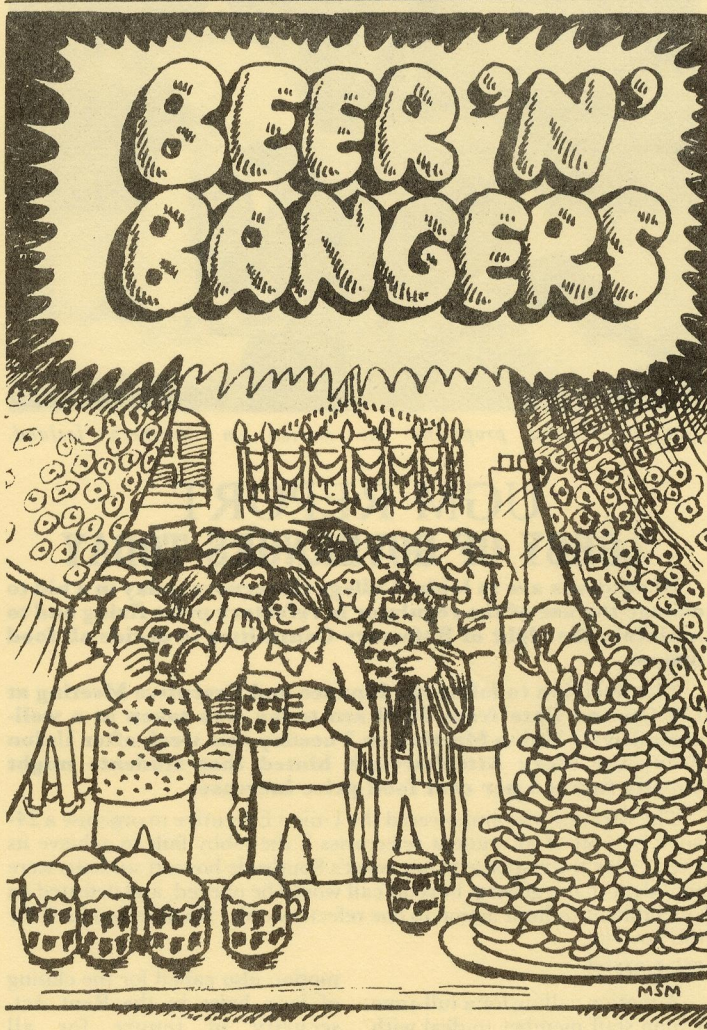
serious picketing, the purpose of which is to have detailed discussions not only with the people entering and leaving the interview room but also with passers-by. As a general principle we believe that it is only in possession of the facts relating to the situation and with thoroughgoing discussion to establish the validity of such facts, their importance and relevance and to develop an overall analysis of the situation, that a person can make a proper decision.

For this particular picket we feel the aim of discussion should be to establish: -

- 1) The situation in South Africa and the means by which it is maintained.
- 2) The role played by a person going to work in South Africa.

Yours faithfully,

P. Jordan, A. Nicolaou
M. Noy, J. Armitage
G. Fernando, D. Gunawardena, I. Labana Singh
C. Temple-Bird, K. Thakrar.
Elec. Eng.2



at 170 Queen's Gate.
Names to Jen in the Union
Office by noon on Feb. 23rd.

FELIX

editorial

Refectory Pricing

In the wake of the very successful Southside Boycott comes a move to effectively prevent Refectory Committee from discussing refectory food costs. As there are six voting students on this committee, at present we have some control over price rises. If this proposal were passed, though, it would be possible for prices to be increased, by applying the regulator, without even notifying ICU. Such a state of affairs is obviously and must be opposed as best we can.

Tuesday's UGM decided to hold a lobby of today's Finance and Executive Committees meeting at which the proposal could be accepted. If, despite our protests, the proposal is implemented, then the Executive are empowered to organise a Twenty-four hour boycott of all student refectories at IC. I would urge all students to attend the lobby outside 170 Queen's Gate at 10 am today to make our voice heard on this important topic.

Beer and Bangers

If you would like to visit the Rector's home in a more convivial atmosphere, then there is a Beer and Bangers (arranged by Lady Flowers and IC Wives Club) on the 27th February.

These are great for meeting new people and the food and drink is laid on for free. If you want to go please see Jen in the Union Office by midday Friday 23rd Feb.

Touchstone Weekend

Speaking of getting to know people, have you been on a Touchstone Weekend yet? The next trip to sunny Silwood is

on the 24th/25th February. Lively discussion, lots of food and walks in the wilds of Windsor can be yours for only two pounds. Drop in at 53 Prince's Gate to book your place.

Sponsored Slim

During Rag Week June Whitecross from the Health Centre went on a sponsored slim. As there is still some money yet to be paid for this would all outstanding sponsors please pay as soon as possible.

ICWA Ball

For those of you more interested in putting on weight than losing it, the ICWA Easter Ball this year is being held on March 2nd. There is a Cabaret, Disco and Bar Extension so the event is well worth attending. Tickets are available now from IC Union Office or ICWA Reps.

University Challenge

In the next series of the Bamber G quiz show IC will be sending in a team. Anyone interested in appearing on television (with the resulting fame and glory etc.) should give their names to Jen in the Union Office as soon as possible as we need a team by the end of March.

Yet More UGM

As the last UGM was adjourned rather than declared inquorate the meeting will re-open on Tuesday 27th February at 1.30 pm in the Great Hall. Only the Cannabis and Gay Rights motions will be on the agenda. The reason for the late start is the Annual Pancake Race at lunchtime in Beit Quad.

John

P.S. It's still snowing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

A team from Imperial College will be taking part in the next series of the television quiz University Challenge.

The Union has to select four team members before the end of March. Anyone who is interested in taking part should give their name to Jen in the Union Office as soon as possible.

RCS ELECTIONS

Nomination papers will be posted on Monday for the top posts in the Royal College of Science Union.

Papers will stay up for a week and voting will take place on Tuesday 6th March in all RCS departments.

MEXICAN STUDENT

IC Union has written to the Mexican authorities concerning the disappearance after arrest of a Mexican student.

The student's whereabouts are unknown after she was detained by police on her way home from her college in Oaxaca on 13th January.

JOBS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Following the Union's protests about the visit of Roberts Construction the Academic Affairs Committee discussed means of implementing Union policy on the ending of recruitment of students for jobs in South Africa.

Members heard that one third of all mining students go to South Africa and it would be very difficult to persuade them to boycott these jobs.

The Committee decided to mount a poster campaign in the autumn term, to send a letter to all final year undergraduates and to include a page on South Africa in the Alternative Prospectus pinpointing its relevance to this college.

The Union is to raise the question of non-cooperation by the Careers Advisory Service over informing interviewees about South Africa at the next meeting of the College Board of Studies.

GRANTS MARCH

IC Union is to participate in the annual student grants march in London on March 9th.

This year there will be floats on the march and ICU is to organise one following a decision at Tuesday's Union meeting.

STUDENT NUMBERS

A record number of students are studying at Imperial College this session. The total figure of 4,645 is an increase of 3.9 per cent on last year.

Detailed numbers are:
Undergraduates 3083
Postgraduates:
Research 952
Advanced courses 610
Total 1562
Women students number 639 (13.8 per cent of the total), an

increase on last year.

The proportion of overseas students has dropped slightly from 24.1 per cent to 23.1 per cent. They number 1074. The proportion of postgraduates from overseas is 48.1 per cent.

The numbers of students in each constituent college is:

R.C.S.	1819
C. and G.	2094
R.S.M.	703
Others	29

STUDY ROOM PROVIDED

A new scheme introducing late night study facilities comes into effect from this Monday, 19th February. Details were finalized last week between college and the Union's Academic Affairs

Officer, Roger Stotesbury. It was felt that the earlier closing of the Lyon Playfair library at 9 p.m. coupled with the lack of facilities within some departments after 6 p.m. meant such a room, with desks and chairs, was necessary.

Students wishing to study late in a conducive atmosphere are welcome to take advantage of this scheme. The room chosen is Rm 327, a committee room in the Sherfield Block. It is to be available for use any weekday between 8.30 - 10.30 p.m. You are asked to comply with two conditions. Firstly, as you enter the Sherfield Block sign in with the security guard, and be able to show him your Union Card. Secondly, no food or drink should be taken into the room.

SMALL ADS

FOR SALE

Hercules small-wheeled bicycle. 3-speed gears, dynamo lights, front rack. V.G.C. 35 pounds. Contact: Sue Carlile, Int. 3908.

LOST

Black wallet between Southside Refectory and Transport Section Library on 9th Feb. Please return documents to S. Lewis c/o Transport Section.

WANTED

In mint condition, one copy of FELIX No.469 and one copy of FELIX No.471. Contact: John Shuttleworth, FELIX Office.

WANTED

A flat anywhere in South Kensington, High St. Ken. or Fulham Rd. area. Single room up to 25 pounds, double room up to 55 pounds. Contact: Susan C. John - Applied Geochemistry.

RESULTS

Of the raffle drawn at the Chaps Club Indoor Fete in Stan's Bar on 9th Feb.

First: M. Corrigan

Second: M. Wort and C. Hart

Third: R. Pascoe

Second place was redrawn after being originally won by P. Hoddinott.

DISCO

Acme Disc Co. only 10 pounds- 'We don't waste money on big adverts'. Contact: J. Caulton, Physics 3 or Tony West, Chemistry 3.

THANX

Dave would like to thank all those artists who helped to make his 21st really ace, especially Mark, Alex & Jerry. Same again next year lads...

D. G. Civ Eng 2.

WHAT'S ON**FRIDAY 16th February****DISCO**

ENTS DISCO - 8.30 p.m. Union Lower Lounge. 10 p.

FILM

I.C. FILM SOC. - presents Steelyard Blues. 7.00 p.m. M.E. 220. Members free. Non-members 20 p.

CLUB ACTIVITY

OPSOC SHOW - 7.15 p.m. Union Concert Hall. 1.00 pound. "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" by Jaques Offenbach.

ORIENTEERING CLUB - meeting 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. Union S.C.R.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY - Annual Dinner. Lots of: Food, wine (semi-formal). 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Sherfield Building. Students 4 pounds Staff 5 pounds. Others 7 pounds. No SU cards required. Guest speaker Prof. K.G. Denbigh. Tickets from D. O'Connell Chem.Eng. III. I.C. RADIO - Broadcasting to Southside Halls on 301 m medium wave, 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 (closedown 1.00 p.m.)

SATURDAY 17th February**CLUB ACTIVITY**

OPSOC SHOW - 7.15 p.m. Union Concert Hall. 1.00 pound. "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" by Jaques Offenbach.

SUNDAY 18th February**CONCERT**

PUNISHMENT OF LUXURY AND SUPPORT - 8.00. Union Concert Hall. 75 p. adv. 1 pound door.

MISCELLANEOUS

IC RADIO - On 301 m Medium Wave. 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. - Roundtable. 5.00 p.m. - Folk Music. 6.00 p.m. - Good evening. 8.00 p.m. - IC Radio Live.

MONDAY 19th February**MISCELLANEOUS**

IC PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15. Linstead Hall. Room 211
I.C. RADIO - same as Friday except 9.00 p.m. - Thats Jazz. 10.00 p.m. - Disco Radio.

TUESDAY 20th February**GIG**

DAFNE AND THE TENDERSPOTS - 8.00 p.m. Union Concert Hall. 30 p. I.C.

CLUB ACTIVITY

WINE TASTING SOCIETY - tasting of RIOJA 5.45 p.m. Union Senior Common Room. 60 p (80 p non-members).

MOPSOC - lecture by Prof. P.M. Cohn (Bedford College) "How to swear in three different languages without repeating yourself" 1.15. Maths Lecture Theatre A (Room 213).

RIDING CLUB - information bookings and ULU riding club news. 13.00 - 14.00. Department of Electrical Engineering Room 1110, Level 11. All Welcome.

I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - informal meeting in Linstead Bar. 7.00 p.m. Linstead Bar.

MISCELLANEOUS

POSTGRADUATE BAR NIGHT - Beer subsidy starts at 6.30 p.m. Stan's Real Ale Bar Southside. SU cards required. 10 p. per pint off - postgraduates only.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - 6 p.m. Green Committee Room. All Welcome. Briefings on Grants and Tuition Fees Campaigns.

"MOTORBIKE CLUB", STOIC 'IC CLUBS AND SOCIETIES' programme. 13.00. Union T.V. Lounge, J.C.R., Southside Halls (except Tizard), Southside Lower TV Lounge (Nr. Stans Bar).

IC RADIO - Broadcasting 12.00 - 2.15 p.m. to J.C.R., Alans Bar and Stans Bar. Evening programmes same as Friday except 9.00 p.m. - R'n'B. 10.00 p.m. Focus on

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Read Theatre. Sherfield Building. The Edwardian Style. 2. Architecture in the Edwardian Era Alastair Service, Author of Edwardian Architecture and its Origins, etc.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, Chemical Engineering Department. Engineering in the Ancient World 1. Theorists and Practitioners in Ancient Greek Engineering. Dr. Geoffrey Lloyd, King's College. Cambridge; author of Greek Science after Aristotle, etc.

WEDNESDAY 21st February**CLUB ACTIVITY**

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MEETING - 12.30 p.m. ICWA Lounge. Dot Griffiths of IC's Department of Social and Economic Studies will answer the question: is Science Masculine or is it male-dominated?

MISCELLANEOUS

IC RADIO - 6.00 p.m. - Good evening. 6.40 p.m. - 301 newline. 7.00 p.m. - Viewpoint. 9.00 p.m. Rock Music. 10.00 p.m. - US Rock. 11.00 p.m. - through midnight.

THURSDAY 22nd February**FILM**

ENTS FILM - Fantastic Planet. 6.30 p.m. Mech. Eng. 220 30 p.

CLUB ACTIVITY

LIBERAL CLUB MEETING - 12.45 p.m. Green Committee Room (Union). All members welcome.

MINIDEBATE - 1.15 p.m. Mech. Eng. 340. Motion: "This House defends the right of every student to remain aloof from the activities of their student union."

MOPSOC - lecture by Dr. C.T.J. DODSON (Lancaster University) 'Spacetime singularities' 1.15 Physics Lecture Theatre 2.

MISCELLANEOUS

"LUNCH BREAK" STOIC transmission. 13.00 and 18.00 (except J.C.R.)
Union T.V. Lounge, J.C.R. Southside Halls (except Tizard), Southside Lower T.V. Lounge (near Stan's)

IC PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Linstead Hall. Room 532.

IC RADIO - same as Tuesday except 9.00 p.m. Opus 301.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 p.m. The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. Lunch-hour concert. The Vega Wind Quartet

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

Social Cultural and Amusements Board

SCAB

FRIDAY

The Ent's Disco

Opsoc Production "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" in the Union Concert Hall. Admission 1 pound. Tickets available from members.

SATURDAY

Opsoc Production, Details as Friday.

SUNDAY

Ents concert. "Punishment of Luxury" and support. 8.00 in the Union Concert Hall, Admission 75 p.

TUESDAY

Ents concert. The debut of "Dafne and the tenderspots" Admission only 30 p.

WEDNESDAY

Jazz Club present "The John Kotre Quintet", A new IC Based Modern Jazz Band. In Stans Bar 8.30 - 11.00. Admission Free.

THURSDAY

The Ent's Film "FANTASTIC PLANET". 6.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 220. Admission 30 p.

FRIDAY

ENTS Concert. "After the Fire" and "64 spoons". 8.00 in the Union Concert Hall, admission 75 p.

Remember that a membership card of any scab club will give you a 20% discount on admission to all these events.

THE FEES CAMPAIGN

AGAINST THE PROPOSED INCREASES
IN TUITION FEES

LOBBY YOUR MP

AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ANY DAY BETWEEN
26 FEB & 23 MARCH

All you have to do is to call into the Union Office and put your name down for a weekday in the last month of term. Then give Jen your name and home address and she will type you a letter (in a standard format) which you sign and give back to Jen for posting. If your MP agrees, you then go along to the House of Commons and lobby him - complete with briefing sheet!

SEE JEN IN THE UNION FOR DETAILS

JOIN THE SPEAK-IN

AT SPEAKERS CORNER, HYDE PARK
SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

The idea is that we have as many people as possible taking it in turns to give a short speech (about ten minutes long) at Speakers' Corner on **Sunday 25th February**. We'd like to alternate the speeches in English and as many different foreign languages as possible, so we'd like lots of overseas students to take part. The whole thing should 'grab' the media so come and give us your name if you'd like to join in.

For full details of the IC Union Fees Campaign, contact
Sheyne Lucock (EA0) via the Union Office or on Internal 2345.

HELP KEEP FEES DOWN

Brain Drain

REFECTORY BOYCOTT

The Boycott was, on the whole, a great success. Thanks are due to all who helped, particularly Andy and Chris who organised the alternative food. A few students did eat in Southside on that day (mostly just the moron element which every College suffers from who are determined to go out of their way to oppose the views of the vast majority), but most people who did turn up to eat soon realised that the alternative food was both better and cheaper.

And isn't a strange coincidence that chicken dishes were served during and on the day after the boycott?

ENTS DISCOS

Ents had their first disco in the Lower Lounge last week after repairs to the floor had been completed, and most people seemed to think it was a good idea to hold it in the same room as a bar. Unfortunately this will not be able to be repeated for a few weeks for various reasons, but I hope that this will become their regular room in the future. The numbers who attended last week seemed to easily compensate Ents for having to reduce their entry charge to 10 p (a condition upon which they were allowed to use the room).

FIRE ALARM

There was a false fire alarm last week, which unfortunately provoked little response from the occupants of the Union Building at the time.

Everyone knows that the majority of five alarms in the Union are false ones caused by some idiot pissed out of his head, but there only has to be a real one once and someone is likely to die if they don't get out. So next time it happens, shift your bloody arses out of the place without me having to come and kick them!

R.S.M. CANTEEN

There have been more complaints about I.C. students using the Royal School of Music canteen at peak times; I know our refectory meals are lousy, but please stop using the RSM between 12.30 and 1.30, otherwise they're going to stop us using it altogether.

Malcolm Brain

More Mutterings

I'm sorry about my absence from the pages of FELIX last week. I decided to pretend to be ill because I couldn't take the stresses of being President any longer. Which rather naturally stresses me on to the controversy surrounding Welfare Day.

Abortion. A couple of people have commented about abortion, not liking the inference of the article that I wrote in FELIX in the Welfare supplement. As Welfare Day was aimed at giving people information about services available to them, I cannot see that there was anything wrong in the information contained in that article. Furthermore, for those people interested in the Union policy on this issue I should point out that our Union supports the National Abortion Campaign and that every woman should have the right to decide whether to terminate her pregnancy. Both the so-called "Positive Alternatives to Abortion" Society and also a letter appearing in last week's FELIX, seem to be opposed to the concept of the woman deciding as to whether she wishes to continue a pregnancy. It would seem to me to be a personal right to decide.

Refectories. As you probably know, the Refectory boycott was an overwhelming success. I must thank Chris Fox and Andy Lewis for such a marvellous job with the food, (everybody agreed that it was better than the normal service) and they even managed to make a £5.72 and a half pence profit, (something like 5% of turnover). It looks like we may be no nearer stopping the use of the regulator in the way in which it has been used in the past, i.e. food prices may continue to go up by the full amount of the Financial Times Grocery price index. By now a UGM should have taken some more policy on this and I hope we'll be able to get a change of heart from college.

The Union is also very much concerned about offering constructive suggestions for the Refectory management to consider. If you have any ideas please come and see me and we will pass them on.

Social Functions. A letter in FELIX a couple of issues ago suggested that there was too much clashing of social functions on the same night. Although there is some feeling that anybody who doesn't want to clash can stop themselves from doing so we thought we might give a whirl to a new idea and that is Annie (int. 2232) will keep a bookings book for any social functions, either in or outside College being organised by someone in College. So, if you don't want to clash you can ring up Annie and ask her if she knows of anything on that date. This of course will only work if everybody voluntarily decides to tell Annie the date of their functions.

Bicycles. Just to prove yet again that I really do read FELIX, there was another letter a couple of weeks ago, about bicycles getting lost around College. Although I haven't had any time to look into College arrangements for bicycles there is one small thing you can do to help stamp out bicycle stealing, i.e. that is register your bike with your local police station. Apparently each bike has a frame number. If you live in Kensington I have obtained the appropriate forms and they are in the Union Office, (with Annie).

Don't forget that papers go up for sabbatical elections on **Monday, 19th February**, and if you don't want to stand you can always come along and join in the fun at **Hustings on March 8th.**

Mary Attenborough

MEL KINKIE STRIKES AGAIN

Hello Students, are you sitting comfortably and listening out there? Good, then I'll begin. Once upon a time there existed three bears who lived up in IC Union Office and disguised themselves as Union Officers. Every week they used to dream of naked bodies and various forms of bizzare sex. They also used to write obscure articles for FELIX which went like:

Social Colours

I am now accepting nominations for social colours. Any member of the Union can nominate anybody for absolutely anything - and all nominations are judged by a colours committee which awards colours to people who have made a significant contribution to the non-academic life of the Union. So let's be having your nominations. Closing date for nominations: March 16th.

Insurance

If you've got a musical instrument, I received today some bumph from people who specialise in insuring instruments for students (so it seems). So if you've got a good organ - come up and see me about it.

Mike The Elk
ICU Hon. Sec.

LONG WEEKEND TRIPS

2-4 March '79



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The price includes transport to and from the airport.

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Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 7th

Longbridge shutdown

10,000 workers walked out at the biggest British Leyland plant, Longbridge, in a row about a productivity bonus. Car production was brought to a standstill.

Cases of TB found at school

Two children are seriously ill in hospital and seven others are being treated for tuberculosis at home in Uppingham, Leics. Other children from the same town are being tested for the disease.

Warning over pain killers

Pain-killing injections given to football players and other athletes to help them carry on despite painful injury could cause great harm, and lead to osteoarthritis. Dr. Ian Adams of St. James's University Hospital, Leeds, said that continuing to play or take part in athletics after injury could alter the mechanics of the affected part of the body.

Thursday 8th

Pickets blockade hospital

Militant pickets imposed a 'blockade' on St. Mary's Hospital, London, turning away fuel oil, drugs and meat deliveries. Doctors, and other volunteers worked to keep the hospital going. One senior consultant said he would be cleaning floors at the weekend.

Callaghan interviewed on T.V.

The Prime Minister admitted that the Government had "stumbled this winter" in an interview on Thames Television's 'TV Eye'. He admitted also that he had misjudged the level of wage demands, "but I am not an archangel".

More girls

There has been a marked increase in the number of girls going to Universities. Statistics show that nearly four women to every six men are studying for degrees. The trend was described by UCCA as among the most "marked social features of our times".

Men still predominate in faculties of engineering and technology (11,662 men, 751 women) as well as agriculture, science, veterinary science, social and business studies. Women outnumber men in languages, and literature studies. (7,671 women, 3,882 men) and in other Arts subjects (3,375 women, 3,154 men).

Friday 9th

Leyland vote for peace

Shop stewards' demands for an all-out strike at British Leyland have been rejected by more than 2-1 in plant-by-plant voting. Strikers are staying out at Longbridge, and barbed wire barricades were put up to stop contractors entering the plant.

Successful Fallopian tube transplant

The transplant of a Fallopian tube into a woman of 30 which took place last October is believed to be the first successful operation of its kind. The operation could offer hope to thousands of women who are at present unable to have children.

Francis signed for a million pounds

Trevor Francis was transferred to Nottingham Forest from Birmingham City. Forest will have to find 1,180,000 pounds in all, including VAT and 5% each for Francis and the League Provident Fund, which helps ex-footballers.

Saturday 10th

Police bungle Chelsea raids

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir David McNee, ordered a full inquiry into why 20 detectives smashed their way into two Chelsea homes and held five people at gunpoint, by mistake.

The police have apologised for the raids in Chelsea that were carried out earlier this morning. Scotland Yard had been searching for a French gangster and as the time factor had been essential they had to break down the doors of suspect houses where they believed he was hiding.

Contraceptive vending machine confiscated

Students at University College, Dublin are to take legal action against the College authorities for confiscating the country's first contraceptive vending machine. The machine was installed a week ago and the President of the Students Union, David Wadell, said the machine was sold out almost every day.

It is still illegal in the Republic to sell contraceptives either from a machine or over the counter. The Dublin Government has introduced a Bill to permit married couples to purchase contraceptives but only on doctors' prescriptions.

Sunday 11th

Khomeini triumphs

The Iranian Prime Minister, Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, resigned and disappeared today. At an emergency Cabinet meeting, Dr. Bakhtiar decided to hand over power to Mr. Mehdi Bazargan, the man appointed by the Ayatollah Khomeini as Prime Minister - designate.

Dr. Bakhtiar had spent a month trying to calm Iran but the uprising continued. Today there were gun battles between troops and armed rebels supported by men of the navy and air force and thousands of ordinary people.

The collapse of the Shah's last stand and the triumph of Ayatollah Khomeini mark a 'shattering' defeat for Western influence and

prestige in the Middle East. Historians believe that the defeat is the greatest since Suez.

"The political consequences are that a country of immense strategic and mineral importance, in fact the world's second largest oil exporter, has been changed from a bastion of Western influence into a no-man's land on the borders of the Soviet Union."

Monday 12th

Heat-seeking missiles bring down airliner

Russian-built missiles fired by nationalist guerrillas brought down an Air Rhodesia Viscount airliner shortly after it took off from the lakeside resort of Kariba today. All 59 people on board were killed. The missiles were Sam-7. Rhodesian intelligence have known that Mr. Nkomo's Zipra (Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army) have been supplied with the missiles. Air Rhodesia planes and other civilian aircraft have been taking elaborate precautions against missile attacks. On short flights they hedge-hop after take-off and before landing to lessen the chance of a hit from a missile.

Peanut thrower fined 400 pounds

An 18-year-old Leeds United supporter admitted throwing a peanut into the crowd at Saturday's match with Birmingham. The supporter was told to pay the fine at once or go to prison for 30 days. His mother drew her life savings out of the bank to pay the fine.

Tuesday 13th

No cure for fatal virus

Health officials in Italy admitted that the disease killing infants in the Naples area was an incurable syncytial virus. The disease has already killed 65 babies. Experts are studying the epidemic but meanwhile local authorities are considering an emergency plan which would include bringing in military sanitation squads and the possible temporary conscription of local paediatricians.

University to build space probe

To-day saw the start of the construction Surrey University's 150,000 pounds space satellite. The craft is expected to be launched from Cape Canaveral in two years. Experts from the University are building the satellite with the help of scientists from industry. The aim is to show how the earth's atmosphere interferes with long range radio transmissions.

Marriage game

An increasing number of men and women obtain great satisfaction from marrying the oddest or most distant non-blood relative they can discover. A victor matrimonium would be a man who had sought out his ex-wife's sister's daughter's daughter's second husband's mother-in-law, a woman who proposed to her dead husband's grandfather would be a star. Their feats will be legal if Baroness Wootton of Abinger succeeds with her marriage enabling Bill, which passed its second Lords' reading tonight.

A STATEMENT

by Ms. M. Attenborough,
President of Imperial College Union

The statement issued by Professor Eilon claims that our Refectory boycott was not a useful action. However, it was very largely Professor Eilon's uncooperative attitude in refusing to believe that there was large scale dissatisfaction existing with the refectories which forced us to hold a boycott.

It is not true to say that we have not attempted to put forward complaints and suggestions to the Refectory committee. Representatives of the Union sit on the Complaints and Suggestions sub-committee of the Refectory committee and have constantly expressed a wide-scale dissatisfaction. Also, the Union's Permanent Working Party prepared a report for Captain Lindley after he suggested that he was unaware of those aspects that people were dissatisfied with in the refectories. However, it seems strange that the Refectory management should turn solely to the Student Union in order to discover the dissatisfaction with the service provided and in order to find what improvements should be carried out. Surely it is the job of the management to constantly explore such dissatisfaction and to carry out their own investigation. The Student Union, after all, is very much overworked and has a whole number of areas of concern to students that it has to do work on.

The boycott was also held to show the large scale dissatisfaction with College's pricing policy and at this point in time, the use of the regulator. Two price increases have occurred during the last three months, totalling 3.3%, and more, it appears, are now on the way. While on the subject of prices the leaflet distributed by the pickets on Thursday listed alternative places to eat at "comparable prices". The leaflet was not intended to advise people to eat outside the College on a regular basis. We believe that it is better to improve the service at reasonable prices given by the refectory at College in order to give a better service to everybody. This is one of the terms of the Refectory Club's own constitution. A boycott is merely a way of making a point against current policy and it is hoped that by taking heed of our suggestions and the feelings of the College something positive will be done which will, in the long term, increase trade to the refectories.

I went to great pains to explain to Southside refectory staff that our action was not aimed at them. I would certainly hope that the good relations that do exist between students and those people that work in the refectories will continue.

I therefore appeal to all of the Refectory management, to the Refectory Committee and to the Rector to show good sense. The food and service are, of course, not perfect. More can be done, however to achieve popular prices and get better quality to suit the majority of refectory customers. To constantly up prices on the basis that small increases will not be noticed by most people is, in fact, my definition of complacency. We are the customers and we are calling for action now to improve quality and stop the vicious and blanket price increases as they do nothing but damage.

Mary Attenborough

PG Tips

Most postgraduate research students have not completed their degrees three years after registering at Imperial College and half have not finished after four years.

These disturbing facts come from figures made available to the College's Board of Studies last week and indicate that all is not well regarding postgraduate research at IC.

The statistics cover students who entered College in 1974-5 and in 1975-6, and state the position as at October 1978.

Of 237 students admitted for research in 1974-5 only 118 (49.9 per cent) had been awarded a higher degree. 9.3 per cent had withdrawn, 13.0 per cent were still at College, 27.4 per cent had left College but were still registered, and 0.4 per cent (one student) had failed.

These students had been registered for Ph.D, MPhil, DIC or a combination. The majority (177) were registered for Ph.D and DIC and of these only 79 (44.6 per cent) had been awarded both degrees.

The situation regarding students who had completed an advanced course in 1974-5 and subsequently proceeded to research is far worse. Of the 71 students in this category only 18 (25.4 per cent) had been awarded a research degree, 40.8 per cent were still at College and 31.0 per cent had left but were still registered.

Turning to research students who entered College in 1975-6 and had therefore completed three years' research, the figures show that only 18.5 per cent had been awarded a degree. Of the rest 41.1 per cent were still at College and 35.5 per cent had left but were still registered.

Of the 32 students who had completed an advanced course in 1975-6 (usually an M.Sc. course) and subsequently proceeded to research none at all had been awarded a degree.

Postgraduate students receive a grant for three years' research and are expected to be able to complete their work in that time.

The statistics show that very few achieve this. Once students no longer receive a grant they are often forced to earn their living by taking part-time teaching jobs while continuing to attend College. Also since they are not paying fees the full facilities of their departments may not be available to them.

The situation is especially unsatisfactory for students who do an M.Sc. before proceeding to research. Although some departments encourage students to do this, the Research Councils still award only three years' grant. It is clearly not sufficient.

Certain questions need to be answered. Do postgraduates not work hard enough? Is too much expected of them for their degrees, or do they themselves try to do too much before submitting their thesis? Is it a good thing for students to take an advanced course before starting research? If so should not the Research Councils come to some agreement with the universities to award a four year grant in some cases?

Remember the postgraduate bar night on Tuesday 20th February from 6.30 pm at Stan's Real Ale bar, Southside.

Sonia Hochfelder
PG Affairs Officer

A Lobby a Day Keeps the Fees Away

Perhaps I'd better start by explaining exactly what it is we're after, and how much it will cost the College. As you may know, the Government requires the College to supplement its income by charging each student a fee for tuition, and at present, overseas students are charged more than home students for the same education. The Government has announced that tuition fees should be increased for next session supposedly to keep in line with inflation. What we are trying to do, therefore, is to persuade College not to implement any increase, thus defying the Government, as Bradford University once did. The purpose of all this, ultimately, is to change Government policy, which is where the lobby of MPs comes in.

If you take the difference between the income the College would receive from increased fees, and the income they would receive by keeping fees down and charging overseas students the same as home students, then this comes to just over £400,000. So, effectively we're asking the College to do without that amount of money next year - which is going to take quite a bit doing.

That's why we've organised a campaign on the scale we have, as was reported in FELIX last week.

The most important thing you can do is help with the LOBBY-A-DAY and the SPEAK-IN, which are both designed to draw the attention of the media to our campaign. Lobbying your MP at the House of Commons needn't take longer than about 20 minutes, and if

you've never been inside the House before, then it's quite a worthwhile experience. (We provide you with a briefing sheet and a list of simple questions to ask him!)

SPEAK-IN

This is to take place at Speakers' Corner on **Sunday 25th February**, hopefully all through the day. What we need are as many people as possible to take it in turns to read a short speech about the fee increases - just about 10 mins long - hopefully alternating English with a fair number of foreign languages, so we need plenty of overseas students to take part too.

HARDSHIP

If you think you may not receive additional income to cover any increases in Fees, or you know anyone in that position, then we would like to know about it (anonymously if necessary).

HELP

If you'd like to help with either the lobby-a-day or the Speak-in, then come into (or ring) the **Union Office (int. 3915)** and ask to see **Jon Hardy-Smith**. (see the advertisement in this week's FELIX). A full briefing for all those involved or interested will take place on **Tuesday 20th February at 6 pm in the Green Committee Room, Union Building**.

Sheyne Lucock
External Affairs Officer



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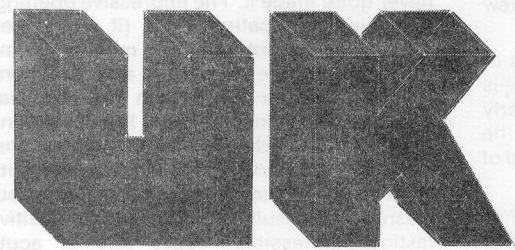
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A STATEMENT

by Professor S. Eilon,
Chairman of the Refectory Committee

The boycott of the Southside Refectory on February 8th was called for the purpose of expressing students' dissatisfaction with the quality of food and services. I very much regret that the UGM found it necessary to take such action, since blanket disapproval of a service is singularly unhelpful, and it is only through constructive criticism and positive suggestions that improvement in quality can be made.

During the last two months, the President of the Union was asked on five separate occasions to compile a list of complaints and suggestions and to discuss them with the Domestic Secretary and the Refectory Manager. When the list was eventually submitted, it consisted of brief surveys carried out by students of the three union refectories. Some of the information in these surveys is undoubtedly useful and is being now considered; some of the suggestions are inevitably contradictory, and it is noteworthy that not all the comments are critical; it would certainly be erroneous to conclude from the surveys that the majority of the refectory customers are dissatisfied.

But the point that I must make is that these surveys were sent to the Domestic Secretary three or four days before the boycott took place, and obviously after it was announced. How can the boycott possibly be justified when we had no opportunity to study the list of complaints, to discuss them, and to take action where appropriate?

In a leaflet distributed by pickets on February 8th, appealing to students who even like the food at Southside to support the boycott, a list was given of eleven alternative restaurants "of comparable prices" in the vicinity of the College. On what evidence was such a statement made? If the President of the Union conducted a survey of prices at these establishments, why did she not submit the evidence to me or to the Domestic Secretary? I have grave doubts whether it can be shown that prices at these places compare favourably with ours for the same type of food. But if anyone has information to the contrary, I would like

to have it, and I would certainly investigate the matter.

So, what has the boycott achieved? First, it had a detrimental effect on the takings in the refectory, and in this respect the adverse publicity and the sustained unwarranted attacks on the refectory are possibly more damaging than the one-day boycott. The result is that the financial position of the refectory account is being undermined, and since the account is not allowed to be run at a deficit, the burden in the long run will fall on the customers.

Secondly, the boycott has dealt a severe and unjustifiable blow to the morale of the refectory staff. Although attempts were made to explain that the boycott was not aimed at Southside staff, they - and indeed the refectory staff as a whole - inevitably regard this action as a criticism of their work, particularly as the publicity campaign waged at the UGM and elsewhere has specifically centred on the quality of food, on its preparation and on the standard of service. This demoralising effect is most unfortunate, since I can vouch for the fact that the refectory staff at all levels have been sincere in striving to provide as good a service as possible. If they perceive that their efforts are not in the least appreciated, it would not be surprising if some become cynical and apathetic.

Thirdly, I believe that the credibility of those who have waged this campaign has been seriously tarnished. They appear to be motivated by action rather than reason, with deplorable consequences.

I therefore appeal to all those who use the refectory facilities to show good sense. The food and service are, of course, not perfect. Perfection cannot be attained at mass-feeding outlets at popular prices, and although some people expressed in surveys a willingness to pay more for better quality, this will not suit the majority of refectory customers. I believe that quality has greatly improved in recent years, but we are certainly not complacent. There is room for further improvement, and we are constantly examining means for achieving it. The customers can obviously make a contribution to this process by making their views and suggestions known to us, but my plea is: be constructive. Vicious criticism and blanket disapproval - as expressed in the recent campaign - do nothing but damage.

THE MEANS TEST AND YOU

The ICU grants campaign is now under way. In the next few weeks, informative, and hopefully useful, articles will show the main injustices and anomalies in the present system and point out courses of action which you as individuals and collectively can take to rectify these.

The focus of action presently is the means test. The large response to Michael Arthur's articles on covenanting, and to the present NUS campaign, are an indication of the importance of the subject to both parents and students. A Government survey in 1974/5 showed that 75% of students did not have their award made up to the full amount by their parents. There is no legal obligation for parents to make up this amount. Especially for London students, and in particular IC, life

is expensive enough on a full grant, and therefore even harder with less. Our parents already pay for our education through taxation, as we will for the next generation. So why should they pay twice?

The parental means test applies to all students, receiving mandatory awards from their local authority, who have not been financially self-supporting for the previous three years. Since most students spend at most one year in industry after leaving school, the majority are subjected to the means test. It seems strange that legal minority lapses at the age of 18, with the exception of students. It can not be right for an adult to be compelled to depend on financial support from his/her parents. The decision is to pursue a further education

course clearly should be the decision of the individual alone with the guidance of parents and teachers, and not dependent on parental approval and finance.

In recent years, grants campaigns and demonstrations have lost direction, losing the support of the students and the impact on the Press and education authorities. Cynicism and apathy have left activists going on marches which degenerate into "days-out" in London, with the majority seeing the whole issue as a pointless exercise. This year special attempts are being made to show the relevance of the campaign to all students, culminating in a demonstration in London on **March 9th**. As Mary has said, an IC float is being arranged; anyone interested should contact **Tim Hillyer (Maths 2)** or **Sheyne Lucock** in the Union Office.

Tim Hillyer
External Affairs Committee

JUST A GIGOLO

I wonder why Marlene Dietrich (now 78 years old) chose this film for her first screen appearance for 17 years? Apparently she found David Bowie (who plays the 'hero') a "very interesting star" - quite a fair comment about someone who has renounced the rock-star world and who now describes himself as "a quiet chap who travels a lot"!

The film is set against the background of a tortured yet decadent Berlin during the period 1918 - 1928 and traces the struggle of a young gentleman (David Bowie) who arrives at the Great War just as it ends - too late for him to perform with honour and is thus left with no clear sense of purpose. Returning to Berlin from France he discovers that his family's elegant town apartment has been turned into a seedy Boarding House; his father has suffered a stroke upon hearing that the war is lost and his mother (Maria Schell) is working in undignified circumstances at the nearby Turkish Baths. What hope can there be for an officer trained for battle and heroism

in a land of unemployment and inflation?

However, all is not lost for one whose vulnerability makes him desperately attractive to women, and we see Kim Novak introducing him to the kind of sophisticated elegance that only an older woman can provide, while an upper class prostitute (Erika Pluhar) gently instructs him in the art of flexibility and adaptation.

His old army captain (David Hemings) persuades him that he must join the new movement to the right - the path to a new Germany - but to no avail.

By chance, while moping over the loss of his childhood girl friend (Sydney Rome) he is offered an opportunity to escort an elderly woman, and almost without realising it, he becomes just a gigolo, under the command of Marlene Dietrich.

The film, directed by David Hemings, was clearly intended to be a moving tragedy (with a hint of comedy) about a confused and uncertain young man desperately turning about to find a direction in life, and unable to conceive how others could adapt so well, so

quickly. By taking the line of least resistance, he is continually swept along subject to the whims of others.

Bowie is undoubtedly well-cast and is required to say little throughout the film reminding us of his past involvement with the art of mime. I couldn't help thinking, though, that his speaking voice was just not quite right - and it was therefore good that he didn't have to say much.

However, like so many other films, this one never quite made it. The impressive opening, the stunning location shots (it was filmed entirely in Berlin) and the moving theme together with fine supporting actors, led one to anticipate far more than the film was capable of giving. It was like one long appetising introduction to something that didn't come. Suddenly, the film was over with what was surely intended to be a climax - but wasn't. As a result it left me with no positive lasting impression - save one of acute disappointment. The story was good, the acting was good, the setting was good - but it never got off the ground.

Sheyne Lucock

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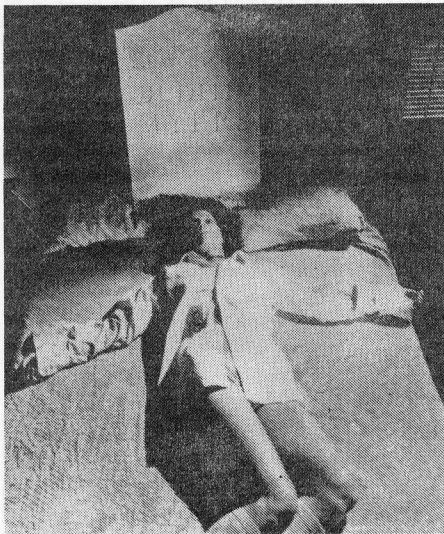
FILMS

No, I didn't flip, I decided to go and see both of the two prominent horror films of the moment and was not disappointed by either. Thus you are going to be treated to a double bill of contrasting styles, so please bear with your faithful film critic (stop laughing..... I try).

HALLOWEEN (X, Odeon High St. Ken. and others Dir. John Carpenter)

Caution; the following review contains sickening praise for a cult hero and an obscure reference to a famous English comedian. The Editor accepts no responsibility for the mental state of non-hip readers who continue past this line.

Halloween 1963 in the small town of Haddonfield, Illinois. Judith Myers, instead of looking after her brother Michael, is necking with her boyfriend (well perhaps not just necking). The camera watches on silently and scans around the outside of the house. It takes the part of Michael's eyes as he follows the movements of his sister. He enters the kitchen and removes a large knife from the drawer. The boyfriend leaves, the camera silently ascends the stairs, picks up a discarded halloween mask, raises the knife and strikes!



This is the start of the latest offering from director John Carpenter of "Dark Star" and "Assault on Precinct 13" fame. A cult hero in England, he is an exciting artist who can numb the senses and flare the imagination with enviable ease. Anyone who has seen the above films may well expect a minor masterpiece produced on an inhibitive budget. Well this time I believe he even overcomes the budget.

Donald Pleasence plays Dr. Sam Loomis, a psychiatrist who treats mad Mike for 15 years, during which the lad never speaks but just stares at a wall. Fortunately this period is omitted from the film and the story resumes on October 30th 1978. Mike suddenly decides to skip the loonic bin in Loomis' car and returns to Haddonfield for Halloween. Laurie (Jamie Lee Curtis) is a plain, studious virgin who, along with her two friends Annie and Lynda, becomes the centre of the constant (although distant) attention of Michael. She sees a strange masked face at every corner. Carpenter cleverly uses the association of the moving camera shot with the killer's eyes to produce fear at every hedge or tree.

Laurie is babysitting that night (conveniently) and also her friends happen to be doing likewise over the road. They, however, plan to use the opportunity to entertain their male friends in all sorts of interesting ways. The director has now set the scene for the gruesome events of that evening. The action is genuinely shocking without the need for rivers of blood - no, no that would annihilate its icy elegance. (indeed, even Tony Hancock as the reluctant blood donor would supply more than appears in the story). Carpenter chooses instead to weave suspense into every frame. This ensures that you look for every detail in the dark rooms; a hint of white mask or flash of steel. Thus you become part of the farce, making the whole film enjoyable and pleasantly shocking.

The monster (Tony Moran) does a lot of heavy breathing and is cast as the bogey man - a Halloween trick on legs, the maniac who is purely evil and the sadist who takes pleasure in his work, all at once. Promiscuity is dealt with swiftly and painfully in an Old Testament style. The girls are your outer self-roaming dark rooms, leaving doors not only open but also unlocked - while Laurie is the healthy virgin who overcomes all. The film rises to an astonishing multi-levelled climax which raises gasps all over the cinema every time. Take an arm along to hold onto. (or even two arms!) Don't think you won't need the change of underwear either. Can Sam Loomis save Laurie and her friends? Will you have the good sense to go and see this excellent movie? Will I eventually start on the next review

C.I.C. (contrived intro soc) now gives you, **MAGIC (X, Odeon Haymarket, Dir. Sir Richard Attenborough)**

Abracadabra,

Presto Chango,

Hocus Pocus,

Magic is fun;

I sit on his knee,

and now he is me.

we take her to bed,

we're dead.

After receiving Roger Stotesbury's kind permission (I'll let you out next week Roger). I trotted off to see my second horror film in three days. The film had caught my imagination after hearing the above poem on Capital Radio (coincidence?) which I thought was somehow compelling. I hoped that my Halloween experience would not affect my opinion of the film. Judge for yourself.



"Magic" is, broadly speaking, the story of a man's tragic love for a married woman and his battle with success. Anthony Hopkins gives a superb performance as Corky, a talented magician. He has an initial flop with his act due to a lack of stage presence, but after incorporating Fats, a ventriloquist's dummy, he has more success. Fats is a foul mouthed extrovert, everything that Corky is not, but perhaps wishes to be. Ben Greene (Burgess Meredith) discovers Corky and negotiates a big T.V. deal. The act meanwhile has become famous and Corky cannot bear the strain. He disappears to his old home town and meets Peggy, (Ann-Margaret) who is an old flame. He relies on Fats to trap his beloved and slowly slips into total schizophrenia. The bulk of the film deals with this relationship and Corky's mental decline.

It is totally unfair to compare this film with Halloween in any way. It is another type of horror: more subtle, not intended to shock but to arouse mental terror which cannot be easily expressed. The violent moments are dealt with as they should be - as coarse, brutal action. You can almost feel the pain in fact. Attenborough must be congratulated for the way in which he contrasts Corky's schizoid solitude with the mild mannerisms when he is with Peggy. Fats is not the ideal dummy, but he takes on more and more life as the film progresses. I found the quality of dialogue, acting and direction very high and just cannot wait to see more of Anthony Hopkins. I came out of the cinema, not with an audible buzz, but with racing mental activity. The film thus seemed to last for hours longer than a mere 107 mins. I don't wish to say any more about this film because I feel it may spoil your enjoyment. It is strange, compelling, eerie. What better recommendation could you ask for?

P.S. Lovely pic's by kind permission of 20th Century Fox (Magic) and Miracle Films (Halloween). Many thanks from the groveller dept.

Next week - Sgt. Pepper perhaps.

Mark Smith

Opsoc Soldiers On



Debra Johnson as the Grand Duchess.

Psst! Have you heard the buzz? Opsoc's latest annual light opera offering, 'The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein' is really pulling in the masses. Or at least, this production deserves to. Still, you have tonight and tomorrow left, so I'll give you some idea of what you are in for.

Opsoc, in the person of Ian Gledhill (Producer) have resurrected this once most popular work by Jacques Offenbach ('Can-Can' to peasants like you and me) in a fresh and entertaining manner. The plot is supposedly a satire on German militarism and chronicles the fortunes of Fritz, a private soldier, admirably played and sung by... (rustle, rustle, search through programme)... Terence Newcombe. Fritz is a good ole down-to-earth bod who stones plenty of crows and raves about his magic Wanda (Delith Brook). She raves about him and so all is sweetness and light- until the Duchess (a fine performance by Deborah Johns on) shows up. The Duchess being a well brought up and sheltered girl naturally has fantasies about whatever is inside a uniform, especially if they are clean wholesome and stone crows. Inevitably, Fritz becomes the latest pet and rockets to Commander-in-Chief of the Duchess's Army, much to the dismay of the current incumbent. The Duchess's affection for Fritz does not endear him to her current suitor, the rather wet Prince Paul (Tim Johnson) or the Duchy's Chamberlain Baron Puck (Steve Chaytow) who, along with the ex-C-in-C., General Boum (Richard Stockton), cobble together and prescribe a treatment of blood-letting, preferably Fritz's.

To amputate a convoluted plot, Fritz falls the way he rose when the Duchess discovers that he prefers Wanda's ravings to those of her own.



Prince Paul (Tim Johnson) drinks from the green and gold cup in the final scene of 'The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein'.

All inevitably ends happily with Fritz and Wanda paired off to produce more soldiers for the Army, and Prince Paul drying out and no longer looking delicate ten feet in front of the Duchess.

'The Duchess of Gerolstein' is assuredly a 'sparkling and tuneful' work, very popular in the second half of last century. However, this century it has somewhat fallen from grace - only being recently revived professionally. Ian Gledhill suggests that 'the subject matter - a satire on German militarism was hardly appropriate after the rigours of two world wars.'

The Opsoc production includes a new version of the Third Act, mostly reworked by the Producer. The original opera included a bedroom scene in the Third Act but this was erased from the D'Oyly Carte Production in 1897. To return to the original score meant restoring a bedroom scene- hence the reworking.

As usual the Opsoc stalwarts were in fine voice - items I particularly enjoyed were the 'Duty' duet between Fritz and Wanda and the Sabre routine. Acting generally seems to have improved on previous years' performances - characters appeared less wooden than usual; one example - I have not seen anyone look as angry as Delith Brook.

Choreography of Opsoc productions is a perennial problem - more than half a dozen people dancing on the Concert Hall stage at one time bears more resemblance to the Shed when Chelsea manage a no-score draw than musical entertainment. However there is no solution save finding an improved stage. While restricted to such economy of space, though, Opsoc soldier on exceedingly well.



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Some things I always enjoy about Opsoc productions. One is that everybody, no matter what their standard of acting and/or singing, has a thoroughly good time putting on a show. Another is that membership is not only current students. However it is almost always the case that the audience does not contain many IC students. Maybe you can prove me wrong.

So if you enjoy opera, or (like me) endure it, you should see 'The Duchess of Gerolstein'. After all, it's all good fun in the bar afterwards!

WORDS: DAVID CRABBE
PIX: JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH

REVIEWS

CONCERTS

Not many people know this but last month Genesis played a low-key London concert for the benefit of Spanish anarchists. Mr. Genesis P. Orridge is a member of a wonderful little group called Throbbing Gristle.

Recently the music press has printed much intellectual rubbish about T.G. so here, if you're interested, is what they are really like.

T.G. consist of Genesis on violin, bass, vocals (?) and effects; Cosey Fanni Tutti on guitar mutilation; Peter Christopherson (sleazy) on tapes, electronics, radio and digital clock; and Chris Carter on T.V. tapes and electronics. Quite a selection and you should hear them play them.

T.G. say they play 'Industrial music for Industrial people' and this only takes place a few times a year so every period of industrialisation is different and eagerly anticipated.

This particular exhibition took place in a freezing deserted old school and started with a film 'After Cease to Exist' for which T.G. provided the eerie soundtrack. Its main theme seemed to be castration and was a bit different to say the least. Throughout, T.G. had just sat on stage watching and chatting. They then decided to start the demonstration unannounced, Gen started the occasional strumming, Cosey plucked the odd string, still sitting down and wearing her coat. Chris and Peter with their backs to everyone began to play with the radio and T.V. and the electronic clock was started.

The first piece lasted a few minutes, then there was another, then Genesis went to the microphone for a while, I saw his lips move and a sound came out of the speakers.

T.G. have released two albums and a hit single, I don't think they played anything from any of them, and if they had no-one would have recognised it as everything was deliberately low-fi with plenty of echo and distortion.

Everything seemed pure improvisation; no-one clapped, T.G. would have been offended if anyone had wanted to; no-one danced, the odd poseur tried and failed. Mouths were open, eyes just observed, occasionally a muscle twitched as some random rhythm was noted.

A few more pieces passed, a few more vocals, even a disco track, then they'd finished all they wanted to play and the clock showed 57 minutes. But a normal rock concert lasts one hour so the show must go on. All implements were turned to full and tortured to produce the most mind blowing white noise ever experienced.

Then exactly one hour after they'd started they stopped, again to rapturous non-applause and apathy. A tape of Abba was

played over the P.A. and everyone instinctively headed for the door back to their everyday mundane lives.

But wait! Genesis is at the mike again and you can even hear what he's saying, "Some people missed the film so if you want we'll show it again." Thank-you T.G. but not today please.

Throbbing Gristle are unique inovators and infiltrators in rock and make everyone else at work in the medium look obsolete. If you've been to some concerts go to see T.G. for the ultimate rock gig, let's just hope that fame doesn't finish them.

I'm still not sure if I enjoyed the experience yet. Maybe I'll find out before I die or maybe I won't. That's all.

Peter S. Mash
(How about it Ents?)

Punishment of Luxury are a Newcastle band formed in late '77 and have already acquired cult status in London, being almost every music critic's darlings. One of the first people who recognised their potential was dear old John Peel himself who invited them on his show when they were still non-entities. (This is how I became acquainted with the band-dashing out next day to catch them live at the White Hart pub, Acton, where they gave a devastating performance).

Punilux are: Brian Bond (vocals); Jimmy Giro (bass); Nevil Luxury (guitar) MaLacabella (guitar) and Jeff Thwaite (drums) and play powerful rock augmented by a subtle but extremely effective use of theatrics. Their live rendition of their single "Puppet Life" is astonishing; no dry ice, no lasers, no back projections, no lights - a bit of choreography, mime & genuine emotion/or calculated lack of it make up for the multi-million dollar presentations of the "name groups".

Punilux have recently signed with United Artists and their first album is in the making-world beware! Catch them in the intimate atmosphere of IC's Concert Hall, next Sunday, February 18th - in a few months you might be queuing outside the Rainbow or the Hammersmith Odeon to see them.

J. Malathronas
Ents Ass. Publicity Officer

THEATRE

"The Changeling" by Thomas Middleton and at the Aldwych Theatre (Royal William Rowley Shakespeare Company).

The play, written in 1622, is one of the better known of its era. Even by modern standards, it has all the right ingredients;

humour, tragedy, lust, revenge, murder and a cataclysmic finish.

It is set in Alicante, and I assume the date is supposed to be contemporary with respect to the time of writing.

The matter of the play concerns the changes in fortune experienced by certain individuals in inversely parallel situations, and the ultimate balance attained.

The production is impressive, with strange lighting arrangements which change the atmosphere from complacency to stark terror in seconds, music (directed by Gordon Kember) which is equally versatile, and a powerful sense of visual metaphor throughout which has become one of the trademarks of the R.S.C. The stage has an offworld look to it, and at times it seems as if the play is set inside a glowing furnace, particularly in the opening sequence, when the players process along the stage, some with masks, serving to give an impression of cursed misery, one and all moving like puppets, tied by the cutting threads of terrible fate. Cheerful? The rest of the play is completely overpowering, but with the occasional break for humour to allow one a gasp for breath, even then the humour has sinister or ironic overtones.

The criticism which could well be raised above all this is as to whether the play itself merits such a stunning production. I believe so, because the director (Terry Hands) has to produce the play to its best advantage, and Middleton and Rowley, whilst being exceptional a times, do not possess the wit, continuity or consistency of Shakespeare. I do not believe that a play is overproduced unless it actually detracts from that which the author has written, and in "The Changeling" the converse is true.

Diana Quick played the part of Beatrice, the paragon of virtue who fell into wickedness and vice. If actors and actresses really do become the part they play when on stage, I'm surprised she survived the first week. She portrayed such tragedy and inspired such pity that at times one was struck senseless. Emrys James, an actor whose work I have always admired, was as well suited to the role of De Flores, the wretched servant and accomplice to Beatrice as any could have been.

The fools in the madhouse were well played too, and their keeper Lollo (Barrie Rutter) was exceptional.

All in all, this is a rivetting production and very well worth seeing.

SOCIETIES' PAGE

DEBATING SOCIETY

The first in a series of mini-debates was held in Mech Eng lecture theatre 'J'.

The motion proposed by Mr. Berry was that the house did not believe in proportional representation. His long and intricate speech outlined how disastrous such a system would be for the democracy of this country and how it could lead to the total destruction of our civilization.

This motion was immediately

followed by a vigorous defence of proportional representation by Mr. Huntbach who quoted many cases where such a system seems to be successful and gave statistics to support his argument.

The voting heralded the end of exhaustive discussion from the floor with Mr. Berry having to answer more than his fair share of questions.

The result of the show of hands was a 60% support for the motion.

At the next mini-debate on the 22nd of February in Mech Eng

340 the motion will be, "This House defends the Right of Every Student to Remain Aloof From The Activities of Their Student Union." The speakers include Chris Fox and Bernard Smith so it promises to be a great success.

John Shuttleworth
Publicity Officer

GO CLUB

Following the successful tournaments held at the end of term, Go Club is holding another Handicap tournament on Sunday the 18th of February in Southside

Upper Lounge (i.e. this Sunday) starting at about 2.30 p.m.

The tournament will have 3 rounds and free refreshments will be available to those who enter.

The entrance fee (all of which goes into the prize fund) is 25 p.

All are welcome to enter and entries may be sent or given to me (or John Winfield Physics 3) at any time before the tournament or alternatively turn up on the day by 2.30 p.m. promptly.

R.J. Cant Physics PG H512A

SOCIETIES' PAGE

MEDITATION-it could help you to study better!

How would you like to get rid of stress, strain and anxiety, and at the same time increase your concentration, perceptiveness, creativity, self-confidence, mental productivity, and learning ability?

A quote from a student meditator - "Nothing is really hard any more, either at home or at college. When something comes up, I figure out what the desired results are, how to accomplish them and then take the necessary action. The energy and creativity is there and I use it. No problem!"

Would you believe that this can be achieved by a simple natural mental technique, which can be easily learnt by anyone, in a few minutes? Transcendental meditation (TM) is a systematic procedure, practised for 15-20 minutes twice daily, sitting comfortably, with the eyes closed. The TM technique allows the mind to settle down to a less excited state. The person experiences quieter and quieter levels of thinking till he or she arrives at a state of complete mental stillness. In this state the attention is said to have gone beyond, or transcended, the everyday level of thought - hence the description 'Transcendental Meditation'. It requires no changes in diet, philosophical outlook, or life-style. Nor does it involve escape or withdrawal from life - on the contrary, **its purpose is to make activity more dynamic and enjoyable.**

It all sounds a little far fetched, doesn't it? Perhaps, but can you be sure?

Whatever our reaction to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the Himalayan sage, who introduced TM to the World in 1958, over 2 million people, in all walks of life, have learnt this technique. With about 92,000 meditators in England, and around 1,500 learning per month. TM is being used extensively in many different fields: education, business, medicine, governmental and even military programmes all over the World. Kaiser Aluminium Company, the U.S. Army, Strategic Air Command, scientists at Houston Space Centre, the Illinois House of Representatives, Canadian Civil Service, and the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and many 'big name' academics have thrown their weight behind TM. Over 600 research studies at major universities in Europe and the States, have shown results are not only subjective but can be objectively verified.

Well just what are the benefits?

Increased Intelligence growth rate! Intelligence measured as I.Q. has hitherto been thought to reach its peak in the late teens and then remain constant or even decrease. Students practising TM regularly were found to show a greater increase in intelligence than among control students. Other benefits such as clear thinking, improved concentration, memory, increased well-being and reduced anxiety have all been measured at scientific research centres all over the world. As any student knows, learning ability depends on the state of mind. A dull mind comprehends little, but a clear alert mind results in maximising learning ability.

The practice of TM produces a deep level of rest and relaxation, releasing stress and fatigue from the nervous system, and resulting in a general improvement of health. Over 100 medical practitioners in England have written to the Dept. of Health and Social Security suggesting that TM should be on the National Health Service and in the USA, 14% of professional baseball and football players have taken up TM to improve their game.

With a clearer mind and a fresher body, meditators found social behaviour becomes more harmonious; friendships become deeper and easier to make. As TM dissolves tensions and fatigue we have more of everything, including energy, to live life to the full and give more to everyone.

On the level of society, studies have shown that as little as 1% of meditators in a community is enough to reduce negative tendencies to a measurable extent e.g. road accidents, hospital admissions and crime rates have been reduced by, on average, 17% compared to control cities, where the crime

rate was still increasing at the national average.

A society consists of a collection of individuals. The increase of coherence and orderliness found in individual life will be reflected in society. Even in Britain, suffering from strikes and social turbulence, if a sufficient number of people begin to practise the TM and TM-sidhi (more advanced techniques) programme.

I.C.T.M. Soc., was started to tell as many people as possible about T.M. Here in IC in the last 10 years hundreds of students and staff have learnt T.M.

In the T.M.Soc. we have regular talks about the technique, meetings, discussions, parties, outings, and plenty of opportunity for meeting people.

The next and **last** introductory talk this term will be held in **Mech. Eng. 664 at 5.30 pm on Monday 19th February** and will last about 45 minutes. Those interested (and those sceptical etc!) please come along and find out more or come just to eat and drink the **free** tea and biscuits.

Jon Rees
IC TM Soc.

WATER POLO

On Thursday 8th our 1st team played a game in the U.L.U. league against university college.

IC started off very well with hard play, this enabled Steve Taylor to score with a very well placed lob shot. U.C. pushed back, but close marking thwarted their attempts and with a fast turn in play Steve was able to score another goal. U.C. broke back and put in a good goal. Play went backwards and forward until Philip Mills scored a goal with a hard shot from the right wing. In the second quarter U.C. with a few substitute changes started a concerted attack and scored two goals, Steve scored his third goal with another lob and then U.C. broke back to make the score 4-4. In the third quarter Steve scored another goal and Dave Dunstone scored a goal from very close in. U.C. however also managed to score three goals. The final quarter showed up our weakness with U.C. scoring another couple of goals and Steve scoring our final goal, making the final score 7-9.

Drake's Seven part 4...



SOCIETIES' PAGE

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

The Community Action Group is struggling on in its attempts to involve students in the activities of the real world. Its ongoing activities are continuing as usual but attempts to broaden the range are progressing but slowly.

Drivers continue to be the main inhibition as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find someone to fill the gaps and as the group's activities are almost totally dependent on them it become increasingly difficult to operate. This is why I am trying to introduce driverless activities like the 'New Horizon' thing I've been plugging lately.

Therefore this week's offering is for activities we can organize in conjunction with the Imperial College Red Cross Detachment, (ICRCD). The ICRCD is in contact with volunteer agencies that are desperate for people to help in the local hospitals, (not in strike-breaking activities) assisting with the social welfare of patients, something the full time nursing staff just haven't the time to provide but of which they say, is just as important as the medical attention. If you help with some of these activities, the range is wide, from hospital shops to bedside visiting, then contact me or preferably **Roger Serpell**, of the ICRCD who can put you in touch with the relevant agency. **Roger can be contacted via internal mail (Aeronautics) or phone internal 3707.**

The reason I am issuing these

pleas on behalf of the ICRCD is that Roger has his hands full with the first aid side, especially now as they are on emergency stand-by, for the London ambulance service and doesn't have time to organize the welfare side. If anyone is keen on this sort of thing, the ICRCD are looking for a group leader to take on this administrative side of the organization, the volunteer need have no first aid experience but will be given training if desired. If you are interested please contact Roger as soon as possible as this situation has been dragging on for some time now while the hospitals are crying out for this help.

Don't forget the ICCAG meeting this Monday, 12.30 pm. Green room, Feb. 19th., Cheers,

**John Whitehouse
Chem PG. (int.4162)**

AFRO-CARRIBBEAN SOCIETY

To All The Afro-Carribbean Students.

Could all those who have as yet to return the "TEAR OFF" leaf please do so as soon as possible (before the forthcoming general meeting).

Those who have lost the slips can neatly write a note of similar format and state their intentions appropriately. All slips should be handed in at the security desk of the Mining and Metallurgy Building (i.e. the one with lion sculptures at the entrance!!), by the 26th February addressed to the Publicity Officer, Afro/Carribbean Society.

The date of the general meeting is still to be fixed.

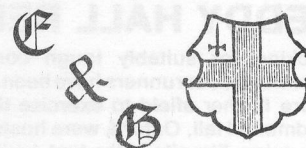


Do YOU recognise the 'logo' illustrated above ???

No it's not anything to do with the underground, technical drawing or faulty Polos. It is, in fact, the symbol of one of I.C.'s three major entertainment and news media, STOIC. (Student Television of IC).

If you've never heard of STOIC or are not satisfied by the service provided by STOIC, do something about it!! Join STOIC and improve the programmes! STOIC needs more members so that it can extend it's coverage to events external to I.C. and also improve the coverage of internal events.

If you are interested or would like further details of STOIC's activities you are welcome to attend STOIC's production meetings at 12.40 in the STOIC office in the Union building on Mondays and Fridays. Or come to the TV Studio (Near Elec. Eng.) at 16.30 on Wednesdays.



Some imminent events are, the GUILDS/IF Valentines party to be held in the JCR on 16th Feb., tickets are 50 p in advance from Guilds Union Office, IF and social reps, - an event not to be missed with a disco, free food and late bar.

On 20th Feb. is that amazing event - the Field Cup. For an evening of solving clues, collecting treasure and getting ever so drunk submit a team to Dave Walls on the night. Teams should consist of five or more people. Also needed for this event are marshals, who stay in one pub all night and give clues, mark up points and accept lots of alcoholic bribes - please put your name up in the Guilds Union office as soon

On Sunday 25th Feb. are the Guilds Soccer Sixes, teams to be submitted to Clive Whiteside (Mech 3). There are free barrels for the winners and free transport for all, spectators included. So get training all you budding athletes - even Doss Soc. are submitting a team - GASP!

HUNK

THINKING OF STANDING FOR ELECTION TO A UNION POST?

Anyone who is likely to stand for election to any IC Union Post and would like to make a short promotional programme for transmission over STOIC's network should contact **Dave Warwick (EE2)** of STOIC via the Elec. Eng. letter racks, or via the college TV Studio.

It is essential that anyone wishing to make one of these 'pro mos' should contact Dave as soon as possible because STOIC's studio time is very limited.



SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY

TEDDY HALL RELAY

Lacking for suitably tough competition nearer home, our runners have been forced to venture further afield to exercise their legs. St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, were hosts for a 4 x 3 mile relay. The site of the first 4 minute mile did not inspire an absentee-weakened team, keeping us out of the medals, these being taken by Bristol, Leicester (2nd and 4th) and Reading. The former won in 65 minutes, almost 3 minutes ahead of our A team. Ian Morton led off, showing well in 5th position along the river, but failing under a late-onset hangover, handing over in 10th to Bryan Axford who streaked round in our fastest time of the day to gain four places, eyes set intently on catching a female acquaintance still finishing the first leg. The short legs of Dave Rowson, happy on home ground, could not however cope with the impromptu steeple chase over Villis left straddling the towpath, passing baton in 7th place to Mick Pickard who held position, striding out over a final straight of 90% puddle to maintain a creditable 7th place.

Way back in 31st, and last, position, the two man Jesus College team encouraged each other on this final quarter mile splash with cries of "Come on Jesus, walk on water". They paid for their blasphemy.

Meanwhile, a vendetta motivated Gary Longhurst was running hard to place the B team in 21st after the first leg, with Geoff Sherwood recovering from being overtaken by a middle-aged jogger to gain a place but then lose it again, retching under the strain of a sprint finish and a college pork pie. Nick Bullock raised us 3 places, demonstrating our strength in depth, which depth abruptly ended with a borrowed Oxford and England orienteer gliding us up to a final 13th position. This was still too low to avoid a shower queue in changing rooms boasting a dry-ice heated stone floor.

G. Sherwood

Last Saturday the 1979 Southern England X-country championships were held at Parliament Hill fields and Hampstead Heath. North London, and some of the Club were present to compete in the Junior Men's and Senior men's races.

After making use of the luxurious changing facilities and trying to get filmed by the beeb, which seemed to depend on whether or not you were swearing about the complete lack of changing facilities as prompted by the Sound Recordist. We were then ready for the start of the Junior race which consisted of 2 laps of the 3 mile circuit and proved to be very heavy going. In this race Ian Morton ran well to finish 82nd and Gary Longhurst came 129th.

After the Junior race the main race of the afternoon the Senior Men's race was then held. This race was of 9 miles duration consisting of 3 laps of the circuit and was of a very high standard, being contested by Athletic Clubs from all over the South of England.

The First IC runner to finish was Mark Pickard in 256th, who had opted to run in the Senior although he was still a Junior, he was followed home by Brian Axford in 292nd, closely followed by Dave Rosen in 348th, with Geoff Sherwood coming 396th. Mick Kelly was also present and helped with the collecting of numbers and recording the scores.

ORIENTEERING

The Orienteering Club made its weekly excursion out of town on Sunday, this time to pastures new, pleasant and very fast under boot, by the name of Worth Forest which sits at the far end of the M23.

The day's best run was by club captain Andy Quickfall, running well to win the "Mean B" class by a margin of seven-and-a-half minutes. Club stalwarts David Rosen and Steve Kirk finished within seconds of each other in 7th and 8th places in the "Men A" class, and Ken Warren, having won his weekly battle, getting out of bed in time, dawdled round to finish 11th in the "Men 19-

20" class.

The competition was blessed with a local 4 pm bar extension. I can't think why because Orienteers don't drink alcohol.

I would, at this point, like to disclaim on behalf of the club, all responsibility for the malicious falsehood printed on these pages last week under the heading of Orienteering. This tale of drunkenness and head-banging originated from the cross-country club which should have been obvious to anyone reading the article anyway.

Run Greenwood

P.S. If anyone would like a ride with a path in the middle they should see ken rabbit.

TABLE TENNIS

I.C. I V HONG KONG S.C. (Away) 6-3

The feature of this match, quite apart from the six excellent wins achieved by Kumar and Lakhani, was the bat-smashing Jeff Stean (3rd team captain and voyeur) debacle - a two-piece bat is no excuse for losing three games (I do it with a one-piece bat).

I.C. II V DEPT.OF.EMP.III (away) 6-3

The winning run of the seconds was continued here, despite all three players losing to the D of E number one (who was beaten by a certain fourth team player not long ago).

The match was very close with both Tyre and Sobhampanak having match points against them before finally winning in three games.

I.C.III V DEPT.OF EMP. IV (Home) 9-0

This was a close match which IC dominated totally - the low point being the brilliant play by Kwaku ping-pong Ansa, (sorry, Frimpong!) who played in my absence (Surrey Univ now lack several signs). Stean and Reed also appeared in this farce (which received rave reviews in the Underground Press!).

I.C. IV V FULHAM (IV) (Home)

The disaster of this week was this loss by default to a far inferior (one place below) team. Pete Rutherford's flu bug (can immortals catch flu?) and the non-appearance of a second player presented 3 pts to the opposition - i.e. the b-----s claimed the match.

Super Pewk (Hic!)

TEN PIN BOWLING

SOUTHAMPTON
AMAZED

Last Saturday, the Captain of Southampton University Tenpin Bowling team was amazed when London succeeded in fielding four full teams, including a full ladies team, for the first time in two years.

His amazement turned to worry when two-thirds of his team failed to arrive by roll-off; with about ten minutes to go before London were entitled to claim a walkover in the first game, the rest of the away team arrived, rushed onto the lanes, and proceeded to take the upper hand. Although the London 2nd and 3rd teams found some consistency in the second game, both were only level on points with Southampton after this stage.

Meanwhile the 1st team looked set for its first defeat of the year. After losing two games, the first by only two pins, some marvellous bowling in the third, with a team average of 191 brought a win; a better total pinfall resulted in a draw, preserving the 1st's unbeaten record. Another consistent game from the 3rds brought a 3-1 victory, but the 2nds were unable to find the same rhythm and scraped a draw by one pin in a total of 2279. The ladies lost 4-0 despite a 192 game from Pan Sak.

Hence overall a very close match was lost 4-6, but the high pinfall kept alive London hopes for qualification to the next round.

Firsts: Tubby Woo, Roland Hsie, Joe Ng, Edmond Ng, Danny Lau.

Seconds: Laurence Poon, John Knight, Fred Rad, Brian Macgowan, Ron Johnson.

Thirds: Pete Churchyard, Edgar Fung, Nuri Nourshargh, Tim Hillyer, Alan Wong.

Ladies: Pan Sak, Linda Sim, Shirin Khamereh, Ruby Wong, Ida Fok.

BRUNEL
SHOCKED

The following day, London again managed to field four full teams, even having two reserves, which meant the Captain, Pete Churchyard, had to select a team for the first time this season. After dropping himself, after only one game, Pete had to substitute for Ron Johnson, of Kingston Poly., who was suffering the after-effects of too many parties and too much drink.

The unfamiliar lanes at the Airport resulted in 4-0 defeats for the ladies and the 3rds. The 2nds did little better, despite a 490 series from Albert Yue and a 202 game from John Knight, and only succeeded in the third game by one pin, giving a 3-1 defeat. The only success for London came from the 1sts with another good total pinfall bringing a 3-1 win. Edmond rolled a 588 series, following a 589 from Tubby on Saturday, two of the best series rolled by students nationally this session. The final result was a 2-8 defeat, but again good pinfall should mean progression to the quarter-finals.

Firsts: Tubby Woo, Edmond Ng, Joe Ng, Roland Hsie, Danny Lau.

Seconds: Brian Macgowan, John Knight, Fred Rad, Albert Yue, Ron Johnson (Pete Churchyard).

Thirds: Baz Heath, Lawrence Poon, Nuri Nourshargh, Tim Hillyer, Edgar Fung.

Ladies: Ida Fok, Helen Chan, Della Wong, Shirin Khanereh, Ruby Wong.

Many thanks to all who played, especially the drivers and Simon Spurrier who was reserve for both matches.

This weekend, the Club finishes the Divisional matches, home to Portsmouth at Tolworth tomorrow, and away to Portsmouth on Sunday.

SPORT

WHAT A CUP-TIE

IC V 3:3 MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

IC V 4:3 MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

After two tense and dramatic games with Middlesex Hospital the Fifths, showing great determination, finally won their way through to the semi-finals of the U.L.U. Cup.

In the first game played on Saturday at Chislehurst a very close-fought game was marred only by a poor referee whose knowledge of the rules was non-existent, positioning disbolic, and fitness pathetic. The referee capped his performance by booking the Fifth's captain Alan Cable (the mild-mannered sweeper who often quotes lines from Shakespeare at opposing Forwards). On the credit side the Fifth's always looked in command in this first match and Aled Phillips produced a storming performance making the first goal for John Healy and scoring with two other spectacular efforts.

It was with this in mind that the Fifth's looked forward to the replay at Harlington on Wednesday, (several players seeming far happier to be going to the ground by coach than someone's car). This match was however to prove one of the most dramatic ever seen at Harlington.

The early running was made by the Fifth's and two fine early goals only served to spark Middlesex into action. The first goal by Dennis Cook, a very handy one, coming from a Stu Dillon corner and the second an unstoppable drive by Al Cable. For the remainder of the half Middlesex were doing most of the attacking and only some fine defending by IC kept the score to 3:2.

At the start of the second-half IC substituted Steve Kaye who, despite having played very well, had to make way for an extra forward. This seemed to bring the Fifth's back into the game and after good work between Steve McPhail and Mark Clegg, Adam Esberger hastened onto the pass and seeing the keeper off his line chipped a super lob over the keeper into the top corner of the net. The Fifth's were now moving into top gear, and finally took the

lead when Bob Dhillon broke up a Middlesex attack and laid the ball out to Damion Kelly who ghosted past three defenders before passing the ball to John Healy who was left with the simple task of slotting the ball past the keeper from about thirty yards.

With IC now ahead Middlesex, true to the spirit of this cup-tie, came charging forward and for the last twenty minutes play flowed from end to end with both teams having several chances to score. In fact in the dying minutes a Middlesex forward did break through the IC defence, and it was only a breathtaking save by Steve Veats that maintained IC's lead.

When the final whistle was blown both teams departed in the certain knowledge that they had competed in a very fine and sporting match.

Team (Sat) Al Betts; M. Foster, S. Kaye, D. Cook, A. Cable (Capt), M. Clegg, A. Donaldson, A. Esberger, J. Healy, B. Dhillon, A. Phillips, sub: D. Mallet.

Team (Wed): S. Veats, S. McPhail, S. Kaye, D. Cook, A. Cable, M. Clegg, D. Kelly, A. Esberger, B. Dhillon, S. Dillon, A. Phillips, sub: J. Healy.

FOUR PTS. FOR FOURTHS!

Four vital league points rested on the result of this away game against Guy's seconds. With only ten men the Fourths played their best and most enjoyable game of the season.

It started badly, however, with Guy's taking the lead very early on. A minute later Hanke headed in from O'Kelly's free kick.

Guy's scored from a rebound later on during one of their rare sorties up field. The IC equaliser that followed was surely the best goal of the game; Hanke volleyed a loose ball from outside the area into the top right-hand corner giving the surprised keeper no chance whatsoever.

IC snatched the initiative and went ahead when Porter knocked the ball past the keeper after O'Kelly had dazzled Harry (their fullback) with an amazing run and sent in a viciously curving cross.

Just before the interval the IC defence were outnumbered and a low hard shot made the score at half time, 3-3.

The second half began well with Rake and Hanke combining neatly on the right wing and O'Kelly popped in the fourth goal.

Guy's started to apply the pressure and Marten, who had performed well in an unaccustomed position was unlucky when the referee (otherwise perfect) pointed to the spot. Thankfully Veats saved miraculously but the pressure was sustained.

Full-backs Caffyn and Morris kept IC in the lead by making many heroic tackles, and overlapping usefully to make the extra man for the

IC 2nd'S REACH FINAL....ALMOST

Last Saturday IC 2nd's played their cup semi-final against QMC II and their luck ran out when they were beaten 2-1 after extra time. On the way to the match, spirits were high in anticipation of winning and of the ensuing celebrations. After changing, Phil Niccolls cigars were ceremoniously laid on the dressing room table for consumption by the goal scorers after the game.

The conditions were ideal for the game; a firm pitch and a fairly strong cross-wind giving no particular advantage to either team. IC lost the toss and were soon under pressure from QMC with Al Betts producing the best saves of his season and Neil Price having to clear off the line for the third match in succession. However this early pressure paid off for QMC when following a very long throw in (to the 6-yard box!) Barry Hatton was adjudged to have elbowed the QMC centre-forward in the back when challenging for the header. Despite polite protests from Chris Beer mainly consisting of "Oh no!, Oh no! etc." the penalty was given and Al Betts, although diving the right way, stood no chance of saving the kick.

Following this setback, IC played better football and instead of passing to their opponents so often, began to create good moves which produced a few shots at goal. QMC missed a few easy chances of increasing their lead with IC's defence still playing a bit shakily, but following one of these misses IC scored their equaliser. Phil Niccolls collected the ball in midfield and bolted a ball to Dave Higgs who beat the two defenders to the ball and chipped the ball over the goalkeeper's head. The game consisted, until half time, of a series of attacks from both sides with no more real chances being created by either side.

IC played their best football of the match for the first 15 minutes of the second half. Alistair Lenczner, being fed by balls from Adrian Clarke, continuously beat QMC's full-back and, crossing the ball, creating chances for Dave Higgs and Paddy Leaney (substitute for John Demnitz). There were several goalmouth scrambles with Adrian Clarke hitting the crossbar, Phil Niccolls hitting the goalkeeper's legs and several balls being cleared off the line. After those frenzied fifteen minutes the game degenerated a bit with QMC's 'smooth self centred' centre-back and extremely beefy right-back doing 2 footed tackles on anything that moved, and N. Price trying to even up the casualties donned his leather gloves to keep his 'delicate' hands warm, and kicked the ball as hard as possible in the QMC midfield player's face. Unfortunately he only stopped playing for a couple of minutes.

IC continued doing most of the attacking, and Alistair Lenczner remained cool after being viciously hacked down - in fact so cool that he froze into the background for the rest of the game. Indeed the only event at any mention from then on to full time was N. Price's attempt to do an 'overhead scissor's kick' which resulted in nothing but great embarrassment.

When the full time whistle went, it was decided to play extra time, fifteen minutes each way, however the referee only played ten minutes each as we discovered having lost. Anyhow two minutes into extra time QMC were making a rare dangerous attack with Chris Beer and Neil Price running back covering two forwards. Chris Beer, in clearing the ball, kicked it straight at Neil Price's face, who, remembering what he had done to the QMC player earlier in the game, put up his hands to protect his face. In doing so he patted the ball down in the path of one of the QMC's forwards who then miskicked the ball over Al Bett's head. The ball hit the crossbar and went in the goal and Chris Beer summed this up saying 'Oh, really'. IC now began desperate attacks with Clive Whiteside hitting roof of the net, but time had run out for IC with only ten minutes each way. IC were out, Neil Price had been let down by the rest of the team and is now seeking a transfer. IC trooped back to the changing rooms, Phil Niccolls' cigars were unceremoniously crushed in the ashtray, Barry Hatton re-applied his hairspray and donned his shades, Chris Beer disappeared for a sherry party and in his quaint Birmingham manner, Paul Barnet summed up the day 'So near and yet so far'.

Team: - Betts, Barnet, Hatton, Beer, Price, Clarke, Niccolls, Whiteside, Higgs, Demnitz (Leaney), Lenczner.

Al Betts Brother

IC 1ST XI 6 V 1 QMC 7 FEB.
IC 1ST XI 8 V 2 GUYS HOSP. 10 FEB.

Last week saw IC gain two further wins in league games. This now puts them in a very strong position, second in the table to Bedford College. The only notable fact to be recorded is the scoring of the team's 50th league goal in Saturday's watch against Guys.

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busy midfield.

The danger relented and with Reeve's sensible influence as sweeper IC pushed forward and when Rowley chipped through for Hanke to complete his superb hat-trick, the result was beyond doubt.

Team: Veats, Caffyn, Morris, Reeve, Marten, Rowley, Rake, O'Kelly, Porter, Hanke.

AFTER THE BOYCOTT

There can no longer be any doubt that students are dissatisfied with the refectory service at this college.

That is the view of IC Union Executive members and several Union Officers after last week's 24-hour boycott call was followed by almost the entire student body.

For much of the day's meal times the refectory was empty save a few lonely eaters who had defied the pickets. Refectory staff stood huddled around the service counter demoralised and watched the pickets turning away customers at the entrance.

Only 45 meals were served in Southside student refectory on Thursday: 8 breakfasts, 27 lunches and 10 evening meals. In Linstead Hall, where the evening meal is brought from the Southside kitchens, only 24 of the 120 residents ate in hall after the Union had asked them to sign out in support of the boycott.

Refectory Committee Chairman Professor Eilon is not, however, convinced that there is widespread dissatisfaction. In his view students obeyed the boycott call purely out of loyalty to the Union and because of the presence of pickets on the door. He pointed out that the boycott leaflet had told students to stay away from Southside even if they were satisfied with some meals.

I saw several people being turned away by the pickets. And the Union's alternative food service, which provided about 120 lunches, certainly influenced many.

But Union Secretary Mike Elkin told FELIX that it was mainly staff who needed persuading not to eat in Southside and that many students made no attempt even to approach the picket line.

And Barry Austin, proposer of the boycott motion at the Union meeting, said that he visited Southside refectory the next day and people had told him that they had taken part in the boycott because they agreed with its aims.

The Union alleges that the quality of food is poor, prices are too high and inflation price increases are too great. The boycott was called to protest at all these.

But refectory staff were confused over the students' aims and many took the boycott as a personal attack on their work. They did not understand why Southside should have been singled out and had expected the boycott to be called off after the abandoning of a threatened price increase in January.

The Southside Supervisor said she had seen many students eating in the refectory for three years, which did not indicate widespread dissatisfaction. Complaints were usually only about food not being hot enough and staff said that if a student made a genuine complaint about a meal it was always exchanged.

Staff had prepared food for about 200 at lunchtime and said that the meals would be wasted.

Catering Manager Victor Mooney, whose name is synonymous with College food, told FELIX that the meals would not be served again the next day. He said that his thoughts about the boycott would be unprintable. Such action could only result in further cuts in services and unemployment of refectory staff.

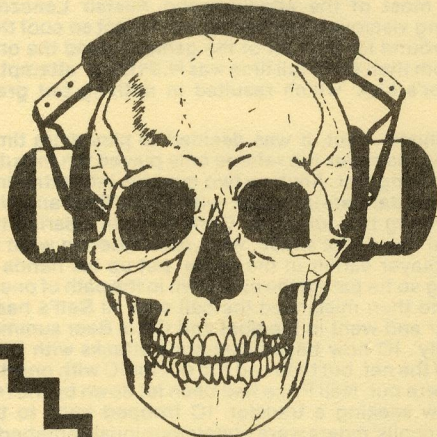
He recalled the far greater choice of refectories available to IC students in the late 60s and claimed that boycott action in 1969-70 had brought services down to their present level.

He said that the cheap restaurants had an easier task than he as they were open all day and 52 weeks a year. He was providing a service tailored to the needs of IC students. This was the only London College serving meals at weekends, he claimed.

As if the boycott itself was not enough, when the refectory closed 20 minutes early at lunch time due to lack of customers, Paul Davies, one of the pickets, led a group of students to sign the complaints' book in protest at the early closing.

What the boycott has achieved remains to be seen. Professor Eilon, in a statement reprinted elsewhere in FELIX, says that such action can only undermine the financial position of the refectories and that the burden will fall on the customers. The food was not perfect but improvements were being made.

Union Officers however consider the action very successful and say that the College must now take note of students' feelings.



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