



Felix



NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

ROWE RESIGNS Porn Rumpus

Publications Board Chairman David Rowe resigned yesterday afternoon after an Exec decision not to purchase an Alternative Prospectus Editor's pot.

The decision to have a pot had already been approved by Pub Board itself, and also by IC Union Council. After the Exec turned down the decision once, Mr Rowe wrote to the Exec explaining that he would be forced to resign if they didn't reverse their decision.

Pots are normally purchased for well-established Union posts and Mr Rowe felt that the AP Editor's post fell into this category.

Anger was expressed by AP Editors past and present. The production of this year's AP will not be affected, however.

It is unusual for the Executive, which comprises the three sabbatical officers and the CCU Presidewnts, to overturn Council decisions. The Constitution allows the Exec to make decisions on domestic matters



Dave Rowe: Disappointed

and matters of urgency affecting the day to day running of the Union. Exec Committee minutes are subject to scrutiny by ICU Council.

An allegedly pornographic story has overshadowed the launch of IC's literary magazine, The Phoenix.

The magazine went on sale for the first time on Wednesday this week. Already there have been complaints about the story, which deals explicitly with scenes of rape and 'impure acts alone'

The article, a short story by Michael Newman, has been described as "shocking and degrading to women" by Christine Teller, Union Deputy President. Mr Newman is, ironically, better known for his outspoken campaign *against* pornography on the College campus.

"The story does contain shocking and disgusting things,

and things that degrade women," said Mr Newman. "I wasn't careful enough when writing the story. I believe that I have the right to write such an article; I do not believe that anyone else has the right to put on pornographic displays. My opinions on that have not changed one jot," he added.

Ex-Publications Board Chairman David Rowe was tight-lipped and ashen-faced on Wednesday after reading The Phoenix. "I went rigid when I read the article," he said, "It was like a bolt from the blue."

At the time of going to press, The Phoenix is available from the Bookshop and libraries, price 30p.

New Gym

The new gym facility in Southside completed over the Southside was completed over the vacation and is now available for use by Union clubs. The gym is the former refectory, and the conversion consists of a single changing room, two showers and toilets in one corner of the room.

The new laundrette in the former ladies toilet in Southside basement is now almost complete and should be open on Monday. The laundrette has eight washing machines and four driers. It is expected that the charge will be 50p for a wash.

Meanwhile progress on the new STA office in the JCR has been slower than expected. It now seems unlikely the office will open on Monday as planned.

Refectory

The Chairman of the Refectory Committee, Dr Simon Perry, will be presenting proposals for the Union takeover of the refectory in the Union Building at a meeting of the Rector's Policy Committee on Tuesday.

It was reported in FELIX No 671 that the Union taking control of the refectory had been agreed in principle by College Secretary John Smith. Since then detailed discussions have taken place between the College and the Union to iron out the details. Union Deputy PResident Christine Teller said she felt that the Union had made its case well and felt confident that approval for the takeover will be given on Tuesday.



Next year's Royal School of Mines Union President Mike Osborne pictured after being elected unopposed at the Mines Election UGM at the end of last term. The meeting also elected Steve Rucker as Vice President and Greg Simpson as Hon Sec for next session.

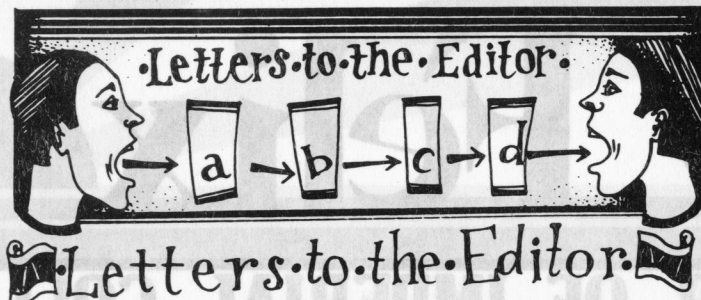
Nasty and Vindictive

Dear Pallab

I am moved to write a nasty and vindictive letter about Michael Newman.

One would think that Michael Newman, with a brain the size of a star system, would be able to ensure the publication of his *magnum opus* The Wellsian in good time to publicise the H G Wells' anniversary celebrations, given six months in which to complete his task. But no, it comes out to inform everyone of what they've just missed.

Michael Newman will perhaps in time develop sufficient maturity and strength of character to fully comprehend the meaning of the word 'commitment'. Perhaps also he might mature enough to realise that there are two sides to every argument and that he should desist from ramming his purile sexual clean-up fantasies down the throats of students far



maturer than himself. That might even give him more time for his commitments.

I must say that Michael Newman is certainly honest and forthright, but quite clearly he has not grasped that honesty without humility and forthrightness without thought are not virtues. Is he honest and forthright enough with himself to realise that this can never be any substitute for grey matter between the ears? The sooner he asks himself just what the fuck he's doing on this planet the sooner he will emerge from the primordial slime of intellectual puerility he is currently flashing at a disinterested student body. The sight of exposed genitalia in

public doesn't bother me, but mass exposure of the rantings and ravings of a puny and undemanding intellect like Michael Newman's offends me greatly. People will tell you that size isn't important but take it from me that it most certainly is.

Steve Marshall

RSM Newsletter

Dear Pallab

You may not wish to print this letter since to some extent it implicates the FELIX personnel. I refer, of course, to the vandal-

ism of the Royal School of Mines Newsletter.

It would appear that Michael Newman has hit on a further tactic in his campaign against alleged pornographic acts, films and shows as perpetrated by RSMU.

Whilst I respect his right to campaign as actively as he likes to change Union policy or even the minds of individuals by picketing the Revue, I should like to point out two things.

1. Traditionally the Revue is not a vast money spinner and is probably only kept alive due to the publicity afforded it by 'dogooders' attempting to protect the minds of the innocents. The cost of publicity was halved due to all the posters, drawing attention to the revue, put up by the protestors.

2. Vandalising the Newsletter could be conceivably considered a criminal act and has caused further expense to the Union. This is not behaviour that is likely to command respect.

Yours sincerely
David Hobbs

S M A L L A D S

FOR SALE

●**BBC Micro** and modified Ferguson tape player £340ono. Contact M Cottle, Civ Eng 1/Guilds Office/Bernard Sunley House.

●**Ten speed gent's bike**, 531 tubing plus alloy chain set and drilled brakes for only £75. Phone 904 8936.

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●**Ladies pedal cycle**, 26" x 1 1/4" wheel, resprayed and overhauled, £30ono. Contact M/Eng messenger.

●**Guitar effects pedals**: wah-wah, distortion and chorus pedal. J Woollett, 373 8675.

●**New single bed** never used. Cost £58. Will sell for £25. Buyer collects. Tel 603 4073, between 9:00 and 11:00pm (Valerie).

●**2 Simple Minds tickets** for tomorrow at the Odeon, £4 each. M Field, Mech Eng 1.

●**Hi-fi**: Mission 77 loudspeakers (1mth old), Pioneer SA420 amplifier, Pioneer PL120 turntable, all boxed, vgc, £180 inc cables, will demonstrate. Adrian Bradley, Physics 2 or flat 2, 18 Queens Gate Terrace.

●**Typing of theses, essays, cvs** etc at moderate rates. Contact Debbie on int 4101.

WANTED

●**Urgently need ticket** for Silwood Park. Ivan Olazabal, Physics 1, 581 2403.

●**Responsible students** required for reception work during the summer vacation. Details from Ms Christine O'Sullivan, Conference Office (on corridor to NatWest Bank), Sheffield Building.

ACCOMMODATION

●**Large 3 bedroom flat** in Peckham, SE15 available for summer holiday. Rent only £45pw total. Contact M Bazalgette, Physics 2, tel 701 6715.

●**Summer accommodation**: Shared room in Southside Penthouse available from end of term. Contact Robin Graham, int 2924.

●**Double room** available in Hamlet Gardens. Two bathrooms, lounge, kitchen, video, TV, central heating. Rent £20pw. Ring 748 7503.

●**Single room in house in Chiswick**, £35pw full board, inc weekday lunch, 15 mins from Gunnersbury station.

●**Flatshare**: female wanted for shared room in Hamlet Gdns, rent £20.50pw. Two bathrooms, kitchen, colour TV and video, washing machine, available now. Ring 748 7503.

●**Accommodation for Oct 84**: flats in Fulham, S Ken and Putney for groups of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10. Also single and double bedsits with own cooking facilities and shared bathroom and showers. No charge over summer. Phone 385 9882.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**There will be a Transport Committee meeting** in the Union Dining Hall on Tuesday 8 May at 5:45pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

●**Tae Kwon Do**—The Korean martial art—for sport, fitness and self defence. Excellent martial art for kickboxing. The application of Tae Kwon Do is also very good for women's self defence. Please contact Greg Smith for further details and membership form, 373 4759. Training fee: £1.40. Gradings: Every three months.

●**Cycle coding**, Wednesday 9 May, 12:00-2:30pm, Ante Room, Sheffield Building. Also advice on marking of personal items, ie stereos etc.

●**SCC Elections**, Thursday, 5:45pm, Union SCR.

●**Please note that all photocopying**, stencils, duplicating paper from the Union Office must be paid for in cash.

●**Calling all wind players**. You are invited to play in the big 1812 concert. Rehearsals: Tues 5:45, Quiet (!) Rm, Level O, Sheffield, Mon week 5:45 Great Hall Concert: Tues 15th 1pm.

PERSONAL

●**Piero**—come to bed with me—love Roz.

●**Ann Collins quote**: "I hope to be flat on my back on Friday." (tonight)

●**Rob (527)**—I prefer Tropical Fruit Juice normally—Pilfering Pete (321).

●**The hills are alive** with the sound of Jose.

●**Invasion of the body scanners** showing now in Huxley.

●**CES, Geo 1**, will take you to the cleaners in 30 minutes flat.

●**Cripple Soc** for information contact R Hart, JCR Bar most lunch times.

●**Chris, LFRFLFSRF** is the pool. What's SLFSL?—Paul.

●**I slayed the dragon first**. The Princess Daphne is mine—Paul (The real Dirk the Daring).

●**Calling all Jade Knights**—be alert for a goblin rising in Chem 1.

●**The Queen** was down my street last night? What was she doing? About ten miles an hour!!!

●**Do you want a Chorley?** Ramblers rule blah blah!

●**What do you do for crowd**, cardboard cutouts?

●**The Cricklewood Republic rules F19**, the sixth form suite and quite a bit of the Commonwealth Institute.

●**Dulwich Omellette** for the London Senior. Defeat is inconceivable, it's been declared intelligible.

●**Bungle, George and Zippee**, the chestnuts are going to explode.

●**There now follows a tannoy announcement**, Prefectman is number one, Dr Who is Harpo Marx. Scott me up Beamie.

●**British Telecom**, Imperial College, the London School of Hygiene and the Dulwich Hamlet programme shed have been relocated in Shoreham.

●**The whole world is intelligible!!!?**

●**Don't be late**, make it date...I'm sure you know the rest.

●**I will not be pushed**, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, de-briefed or numbered. Why? Only the playschool clock can answer that one.

●**Message from Patrick Mcgoohan...** next time I'm going to Butlins!!

●**Dem stones, dem stones**, goona walk around, now hear the world of...CENSORED!

●**I'm a floppy floppy scarecrow**, in a floppy floppy hat. I can shake my head like this and shake my arms like that.

●**I thought they were gonna play it at Selhurst Park.**

●**come back STAR 3** all is forgiven.

●**2 cheese and onion and a salt and vinegar please.**

●**Today is commonwealth day**, and not a lot of people know that.

●**Prefect Man** says 'Don't be late, make it a date, the Pizza Party'.

●**Martin Machine**. Tannoy or not tannoy, that is the quick lorraine. The Wizard of Az.

●**Mean Dean's Tea** now available in lead lined containers. For details see Neville Noddadde.

●**Dulwich Hamlet** for the London Senior Cup. Come onnn Dulwich!!!

●**Anonymous small ads will not be accepted.**

●**It's as simple as Robo-Harvey.**

●**Read the Quarry and Mining News**, free coal mine in next issue.

●**Studying in Canada next year?** A reception for British students studying in Canada next year is being held on 12 June 1984. You will have the opportunity to meet: Academic Relations Officer, Agents from the Canadian provinces, Representatives from Canadian Manpower and Immigration Dept, and Canadian students studying in UK. Send your name and address to: Anne Tupker, Reception Co-ordinator, Canadian Universities Soc, 12 Charles II St, London SW1 (839 2350).

NEWS IN
BRIEF

The College has set up a new Centre for Composite Materials to co-ordinate research and expertise in this important and expanding area of engineering. The Centre will be a central point of contact in the College for industrial users of such materials.

The Maths department has formed a Mathematical Advice Centre to co-ordinate its consultancy to staff and research students in other departments.

The College has raised a total of £7,655,915 in research contracts this session up to March from a total of 229 projects.

Two IC students attended the International Conference of Students in Science and Technology (INCOST) in Helsinki during the vacation. A full report will appear in FELIX shortly.

About £200 has been claimed in expenses for travel, food and accommodation by the two IC observers sent to the NUS Conference during the vacation. A report of the conference is on page 6.

The Environmental Safety Group at IC has been awarded a contract by the Department of the Environment to investigate enhanced levels of radioactivity in domestic dust. They will be analysing samples of dust and assessing the radiological significance of their radioactivity.

Professor Bruce Sayers has been elected as Dean of the City and Guilds College in succession to Professor Henry Sawistowski, who relinquished the post on 20 April.

Professors J B Pendry and F T Smith of Physics and Maths respectively were elected Fellows of the Royal Society in March.

Expedition to Ecuador



The team of IC climbers taking part in the expedition: (l to r) Mark Dixon, Mike Homer, Bill Alexander, Neil Travers, Andy Fanshawe and Simon Lamb.

An extinct volcano in Ecuador is the objective of an expedition being undertaken by IC Mountaineering Club this summer. A team of six students will spend nearly three months pioneering new routes in the Andes and carrying out scientific work in fields such as meteorology and geology.

The volcano, El Altar, rises to a height of 5,465m and is regarded as one of the most spectacular and challenging peaks in South America. The team hopes to make the first

British ascent of Obispo, the highest peak of El Altar.

The group will be giving a presentation in College next session on the outcome of the expedition. They are being sponsored by IC Exploration Board, W H Smith, Waitrose, Woolworths and NatWest Bank.

The expedition is also being helped by IC Bookshop, Sheffield Refectory and the Health Centre. A raffle is presently being held as the latest in a series of fund raising efforts by the team.

Electronic Locks Delayed

The installation of new security locks on the entrances to the Southside Halls of Residence has been delayed due to problems with their design. The locks will be magnetic, operated by a small key-card, the size of a key fob, which will be issued to each resident.

The new security system will involve two sets of doors on each entrance. The outer doors will be as at present, opened by the residents' room keys. Inside there will be a second set of doors operated by the magnetic cards. The Selkirk/Keogh entrance already has two sets of doors, but the Tizard/Falmouth entrance at present only has one set. Work has recently begun on the installation of a second set inside the present doors.

The reason for the delay is problems with the matching of the magnetic device with the College's ASSA locks. When fitted there was a gap between the device and the door which would have allowed the lock to be interfered with. The company supplying the magnetic devices, Cor Keys, has now solved this problem and is expected to demonstrate the modified device to the College this week. Geoffrey Reeves, College Security Officer, told FELIX that he hoped the new locks would be installed later this term. He said no decision had yet been taken on the hours when the doors would be locked with the new locks. At present the doors are locked at 7:00pm every night.

False Alarm

Southside residents were kept awake for two hours from 4:00am Wednesday morning due to a fault in the Southside fire alarm system. This is the latest of a series of false alarms since the installation of the £100,000 system.

Wednesday's false alarm was due to a faulty detector going off spontaneously. The source could not be located from the central monitoring board and an engineer had to be called in during the night to fix the system. The alarm went off intermittently for two hours as each detector was tested to locate the fault. The main Southside security desk was flooded with calls from angry Southside residents who had been woken by the disturbance.

In a letter to the Estates section Dr Henry Hutchinson, Warden of Selkirk and Tizard Halls has expressed concern about the frequency of the false alarms and the fact that people are now ignoring the alarm.

Fire and Safety Officer Mr Bob Foggon said that smoke detectors in kitchens were being replaced by less sensitive heat detectors and that although the system's teething troubles were not completely ironed out the 'battle was being won'.

The new system has been in operation for four weeks and was installed to bring the Southside Halls in line with the fire regulations contained in the 1971 Hotel Accommodation Act. Although the Act does not cover student accommodation the College have been forced to install the new system because of the increased letting of the Halls as Hotel accommodation over the summer. Since then the system has gone off several times during the Easter vacation, mainly due to over sensitive smoke detectors in the kitchens.

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Government Cuts

Travelling and Housing Slashed

The Easter vacation has seen two sources of bad news for students' financial position. Firstly, the beginning of April saw the implementation of the government's cuts to the troublesome Housing Benefit scheme which will reduce term time benefits for many students; and secondly, on 4 April, Sir Keith Joseph announced the forthcoming changes in the grant arrangements for meeting students' travel costs. Both these changes will particularly hit students in London where rents are high and where many students are forced to live some distance from their colleges.

1. Housing Benefit

During the Easter vacation the 'Unified Housing Benefit' system celebrated its first birthday. Since the scheme came into full operation last April, it has dragged the benefits network to new depths of chaos and disrepute and has hoisted severe financial hardship on some of the poorest members of the community.

Now the government have decided to mark the anniversary of the scheme's birth by imposing more cuts onto an already inadequate system. The draft proposals for the changes, announced in the government's autumn statement, were greeted with severe public criticism which forced a re-think of the strategy. However, the final proposals, announced on 6 February, made no substantial alterations but naively attempted to defuse opposition simply by delaying the implementation of some of the cuts until November 1984. Although this delay and confusion within hard-pressed local authorities who are now faced with having to implement two sets of complex changes in the regulations, with the resultant administrative chaos, in both April and November.

The April changes are designed to reduce benefits for those with incomes above the government's 'Needs Allowance' figure and that unfortunately means term time rebates for many students will be affected. Thus many of you will not have been delighted to find a letter awaiting your return for the new term informing you of the amount by which your benefit has been reduced. Particularly hit will be students receiving *rate* rebates during term time, and those who have extra income above their grant eg sponsorships, scholarships etc. Average term time losses should be around £1.00 per week so if you seem to have lost much more than that it could be worth checking the figures with the Student Services. Luckily vacation rebates should not be affected (this time) apart from the extra delays the changes will cause.

2. Grants and Travelling Expenses

On the 17 November 1983 Sir Keith Joseph announced that the main rates of student grants would be increased by 4% from Autumn 1984. Thus, the main rates of grant for 1984/5 will be:

Students studying in London £2,100

Students studying elsewhere £1,775

Students living at home £1,435

At that time the Education Secretary also indicated that plans were afoot to review the arrangements for the reimbursement of student travel expenses. The results of this review were duly announced in the House of Commons on 4 April 1984.

At present there is an element of £50 per year included in the student grant towards travelling costs. In addition, students are entitled to claim back any extra amounts they spend above £50 on daily traveling costs to College and on 3 return journeys to their parental home. From September 1984 all this will change. The flat rate of £50 included in the grant will be raised to £100 which is good news for those students whose travel costs are below £100. However for those with higher travel costs the news is that you will no longer be able to reclaim monies above the flat rate unless your travel costs exceed £250. This means that all those students whose travel costs are between £100 and £250 will have to meet the excess out of their own pockets. Needless to say this will particularly discriminate against students for who it may be unrealistic to seek alternative accommodation partway through their courses to take account of the changed regulations. These students will be allowed to claim reimbursement of any costs above £150 although this will still leave them having to meet any deficit between £100 in their grants and £150 above which they can claim, from their own pockets.

'Summer Letting' Vacation Work

INTRODUCTION

Last year there was a major re-organisation of the way in which many of the College's residences are dealt with during the summer vacation.

In the past, many rooms were left empty during the long vacation. Last summer, however, effective organisation and marketing resulted in all residences maintaining high occupancy levels throughout this period and the income which we produced was more than double that of any previous years.

Although marketing is carried out centrally the letting schemes are managed by teams of students who are responsible for almost all aspects of management from keeping financial records to cleaning the rooms.

THE JOBS

Each scheme will be operated by Assistant Managers and cleaners and there will be a Co-ordinator who has overall responsibility for the schemes as a whole. The Assistant Manager's job is hard to define since it requires a willingness to do whatever is required.

At the beginning of the scheme the main task is to clean the rooms ready for the summer guests and set up an office. As soon as the lettings start, vast numbers (we hope) of guests will arrive. This will involve handing out keys, taking money and dealing with a lot of enquiries from guests. This period tends to be incredibly hectic calling for considerable stamina and patience to cope with the volume of work and the long hours.

After the initial period the job settles into a routine of taking new bookings, collecting rent and maintaining a high standard of service and cleaning. At the end of the scheme, all the rooms have to be prepared for the returning students.

The volume of work is high throughout the summer, but there is a great deal of variety and it offers an unique opportunity to gain management experience on an exciting and challenging project.

For those of you who are looking for a slightly less demanding summer, there are a number of vacancies for cleaners. Although the work is mainly concerned with cleaning rooms, changing linen and showing guests to their rooms, it is a chance to work as part of a team in a lively environment.

THE SCHEMES

Evelyn Gardens

This is the largest of the schemes with around 400 beds to fill.

There are eight cleaners.

Duties include running a small continental breakfast service.

Hamlet Gardens

Initially we are looking for three assistant managers. Traditionally the managers at Hamlet have done the cleaning themselves in order to increase their earnings. We will need to discuss this possibility with the new managers before deciding on cleaners. Hamlet Gardens offers accommodation for over 200 guests which includes some specially equipped flats for families.

Beit Hall

Beit Hall is being included in the summer letting scheme for the first time this year. We need one assistant manager here whose job will be to assist the housekeeper in all aspects of the scheme's management.

Remuneration

The basic wage for assistant managers is £80pw plus free accommodation and a bonus at the end of the scheme.

We can offer cleaners £1.70 per hour, plus free accommodation with a minimum of twenty-four hours work per week and opportunities for working additional hours.

Application forms for all these jobs (together with the answers to any questions that you might have) are available from Student Services.

The closing date for applications is 18 May.

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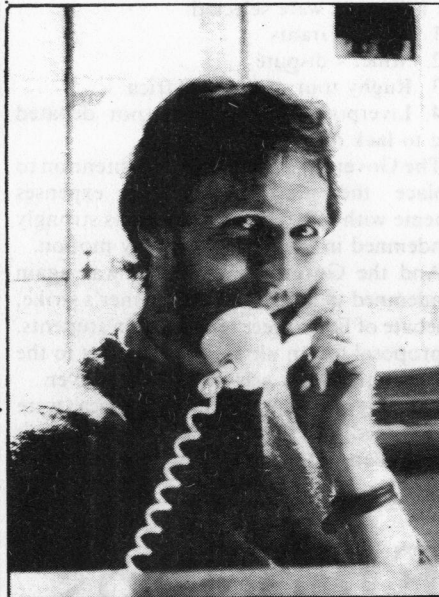
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For the summer, we will again be offering our unique 'Sunbeds in Greece', which allows you to buy your accommodation separately from your flight. We will also be offering our own camping holidays in Northern France. For details of these and other holiday ideas, drop into our office, and pick up a copy of our 'Student Travel Manual' which outlines many of the unique services



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OVERSEAS STUDENTS COMMITTEE FILM FESTIVAL

DATE	FILM TITLE	DIRECTOR
Wednesday 9	State of Siege	Costas Gavras
Thursday 10	The Immigrant (8:45)	Charles Chaplin
Friday 11	Memories of Underdevelopment	Gutierrez Alea
Monday 14	Free Namibia (8:30)	UN
Tuesday 15	And quiet rolls the dawn	Mrinal Sen
	Fritz the Cat (8:15)	Ralph Bakshi
	Strike	Eisenstein
	To live in freedom (8:30)	Simon Louvish
	The herd	Zeki Ökten
	Themroc (8:45)	Claude Faraldo

9 - 15th MAY
MECH ENG 220

TIME 6.30
ENTRANCE 20p



The National Union of Students (NUS) held its Easter Conference at Hull during the vacation. Imperial College sent two visitors, Hugh Stiles (RCC Chairman) and David Rowe (Publications Board Chairman), who report here on their findings.

The annual NUS Conference at Christmas chiefly considered the report and plan for next year, whereas the Easter Conference debates policy and the financial estimates. In addition the hustings and elections for the major Union posts are held at this time.

The Conference was held in Hull's City Hall, and was

attended by about 1,500 delegate students from all over the country. The first impression that anyone gets at the Conference is that NUS is still an intensely political animal. The presence of the student groups such as the National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS), and the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) was very evident. At caucuses, held between Conference sessions, they exerted a great influence on the voting behaviour of delegates. Despite this, however, the proceedings were very democratic and every attempt is made to allow any delegate, whatever their politics, to have their say.

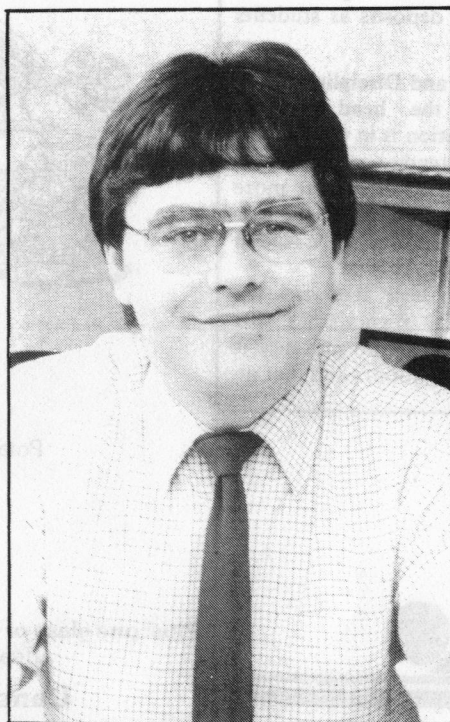
“Together we are strong” says Stewart

Opening Address

“Whether you like it or not, the public recognises the NUS.” With this quote Neil Stewart opened the NUS Conference. And delegates were stunned to learn that these words came from none other than John Selwyn Gummer, chairman of the Conservative party. Stewart went on to warn us of something that we were soon to find out for ourselves. The delegations to NUS Conference contain “small groups of unrepresentative dogmatists”. “The new leaders of the FCS,” we were told, “toy with racism, sexism, ignorance and prejudice.” He criticised the far Right and the far Left for their politics of fatalism, defeat and despair. “We will stand against them, we will defeat them as we did in the past,” bellowed Stewart to rapturous applause.

The President made special mention of the ‘New Deal Campaign’ which calls for every student to be treated as an independent adult. He said that this would be the centre-piece of the conference.

The President ended his stirring address on an optimistic note. He said that NUS was stronger now than for many years. It had routed all dissaffiliations (for the simple reason that NUS is now democratic) and enjoyed a high standing with the public and members alike.



Neil Stewart, retiring President of the National Union of Students.

Motions

—the great policy debate

The motions debated at Easter were the most important part of the Conference, since they determine the policy of the NUS.

Of the hundreds of motions proposed, only seven are ‘prioritised’ for debate. Most of these are of immediate concern to students; others affect society as a whole.

Motion on Further Education

The NUS condemned the Government’s white paper ‘Training for Jobs’. The motion on Further Education was critical of the centralised control of FE and pointed out that the White Paper does nothing to tackle unemployment, challenge the crisis in FE and expand opportunities for training and education. Further Education Colleges now account for more than 50% of the NUS membership.

The increasing influence of FE colleges was evident in some parts of the motion, encouraging a concentration of resources in the FE sector within the NUS. The Conference voted to instruct the executive to launch campaigns on ‘Political Education’ aimed at FE and Youth Training Scheme students.

Motion on Disabled Students

The Conference voted to campaign against discrimination towards disabled students. There was a call for integrated education for the disabled, and improved access to buildings in schools and colleges.

An amendment condemning the NUS campaign 'Students with Disabilities' as being under-staffed, under-funded and under-prioritised was defeated.

Greater participation in Union affairs by disabled students was encouraged. At the same time, the setting up of a 'Social Policy Group' for disabled students was recommended.

New Deal Motion

The NUS 'New Deal for Students' campaign replaces the old Grants and Cuts campaigns.

Conference called for opposition to *all* cuts in *all* educational sectors. The general theme of the debate was the insistence that students should be treated as independent adults and not as children living away from home. A set of right wing counter proposals, suggesting that NUS should "mind its own business" were heavily defeated.

Along with the main motion a call for better lecturer training was passed.

Law, Civil Liberties and the Police Bill

The Conference voted to campaign against the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, but rejected more radical moves which would have included non-cooperation with the Police.

All the hard left proposals were heavily defeated during the debate. The Union was mandated to write, however, to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, calling for the immediate withdrawal of the bill.

The motion, approved overwhelmingly by Conference, said that the bill would lead to a lack of trust between the Police and the community.

Financing and Ultra-Vires

Conference passed the motion condemning the fact that student union autonomy and financing were being increasingly subject to attack. This particularly impinged on the ability of student unions to make payments to outside bodies (ultra-vires).

A more extreme amendment, advocating illegal payments by student unions, was defeated.

Racism and Fascism

In a heated debate on racism and fascism, Conference voted that anyone who was a declared racist of fascist should be banned under the NUS policy of 'No Platform', which should be vigorously upheld.

There was some debate about who should decide who were racists and fascists and who were not. A right wing motion calling for freedom of speech for *all*, including racists and fascists, was heavily defeated.

National Health Service

A motion concerning the principle of free, universal health care for all was passed by Conference. In addition, the nationalisation of the pharmaceutical industry, and the abolition of all private medical care was called for.

Emergency Motion

Of the emergency motions proposed, ranging from discipline of students, Sarah Tisdale, VAT on take-away food and Travel Grants, the following were selected:

1. Travel Grants
2. Miner's dispute
3. Rugby tour of South Africa
4. Liverpool City Council (not debated due to lack of time)

The Government's announced intention to replace the present travelling expenses scheme with a flat rate payment was strongly condemned in the first emergency motion.

And the Government's policy was again condemned in a debate on the miner's strike, a debate of little direct relevance on students. A proposal for an ultra-vires payment to the miners strike fund was defeated however.

Sporting links with South Africa were condemned, and there was a call for the spirit of the Gleneagle's agreement to be upheld.

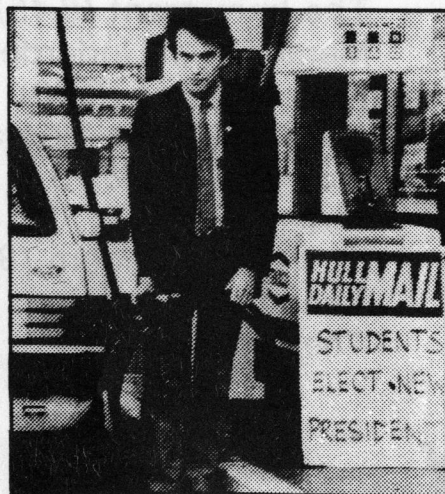
Elections

*-Labour
maintain hold*

Elections

In the election for President of the NUS Phil Woolas (Labour) narrowly defeated Jane Taylor (Left Alliance). The Labour majority was slashed from 319 last year to only 26 this year, an indication of the increasing influence of the broad-based Left Alliance grouping. The National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS) held all the posts they wanted and therefore kept their grip on the executive for the third year running.

Of the seventeen members of the National Executive for next year eight are Labour, four are Left Alliance, one is Socialist, two are Independent, one is Conservative and one is SDP.



Phil Woolas, the newly elected President of NUS, prepares for the year's journey ahead of him.

Guest Speakers

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The speakers nominated were:

1. Arthur Scargill, President NUM
2. Peter Heathfield, Gen Sec NUM
3. Des Wilson, Campaign for Freedom of Information
4. Paul Lucock, Liverpool City Council
5. Dave Barmer, a rank and file miner
6. Women's African National Congress
7. Iraqi Students Society
8. Nicaraguan Teachers' Society
9. President of the Union of Irish Students
10. A visually handicapped FE student
11. A Birzeit University representative
12. A CND National Council representative
13. An Iranian student

Of these, the first six were invited to speak as a result of the ballot held.

Peter Heathfield and the rank and file miner predictably spoke out against the Government's policy of pit closures and redundancies. Both of these speakers were very popular with most of the delegates and received standing ovations.

Conclusions

The main arguments put forward in recent years against IC's re-affiliation to NUS have centred around politics, democracy and money. It has been said that NUS is too left wing, undemocratic and too expensive. The political complexion of the Conference, and therefore the NUS, is moving towards centre-rather than far-left, since delegates are now elected by cross-campus ballots. The cost of re-affiliation would be £15,000 which is about 6% of the Union's budget. One must consider what £15,000 means to IC Union. It could mean new vans, new sabbaticals or new clubs and societies. It could also mean membership of the NUS coupled with a leaner look to IC Union. With our £15,000 the NUS could afford to take on two new members of staff and thereby possibly provide services of greater value to IC. We could not be sure of this.

One thing, however, is sure. Join NUS or not, IC cannot afford to continue to plough an independent furrow, mindless of the intolerable divisions that exist in student society today, and which threaten to undermine our future, our jobs and the future of education in Britain.

Hand on heart, we cannot say that re-affiliation to NUS could give a big, independently minded College like IC, value for money. But on moral grounds, if none other, we must look to align ourselves with the aims and policies of the National Union and to seek closer links with other colleges (especially in the London area). To use a phrase from Conference: 'Together, we are strong.' Think about it.

Vacancies for Head Tenancy Managers

THE WARDEN

The Warden is based at Hamlet Gardens and a self-contained flat is available which would be suitable for a single person or for a couple.

The Warden is responsible for the management of Hamlet Gardens, the largest of the head tenancies (see below for what this involves) but is also responsible for general issues in all of the head tenancies and arranges meetings with the head tenancy managers where these issues can be discussed. The Warden represents the head tenancy managers on the Students' Residence Committee. The ideal candidate for this role would be a postgraduate student with at least two years left at College.

THE MANAGERS

The accommodation which is available for the managers is normally only suitable for a single person.

The manager's role can be considered under three headings:

1. Domestic

Before residents move in the manager is responsible for making a note of the readings on all gas and electricity meters, so that any bill sent to students can be verified. The manager is responsible for checking residents in at the beginning of the session and giving out keys.

Throughout the term, various domestic supplies such as bin bags, cleaning materials and light bulbs are required. The manager is responsible for obtaining these from the College Stores.

In those head tenancies where cleaners are employed the manager should ensure that this is properly carried out.

The landlord is usually responsible for the majority of repairs but because repairs cost money, a manager will soon learn

Although managing a head tenancy involves a certain amount of hard work, the main requirement is an interest in Residence and a commitment to making your head tenancy a success—socially, administratively and financially.

We are currently looking for two managers for Lexham Gardens, one for Hamlet Gardens and one for 8 Earls Court Square who would take over at the beginning of next session.

We are also looking for a Warden who will have responsibilities in respect of all the head tenancies.

to detect just the slightest hint of reluctance in the landlord's manner when the question of repairs is mentioned. Nevertheless, it is the manager's job to report defects to the landlord and encourage him to rectify them.

At the beginning of each session managers should collect a list of all existing defects. This is partly to prevent the new tenants being blamed for damage caused by the previous occupants.

2. Finance

The manager is responsible for collecting the bills and bill reminders from Student Services and delivering them to the students. Prompt action is essential in this area. Managers are also expected to chase up outstanding bills.

In some head tenancies, managers have to empty gas, electricity and telephone meters.

Occasionally at the beginning of session, the managers collect any unpaid deposits as students move in.

3. Social and Discipline

Much of the head tenancy accommodation is in the form of flats, which tend to generate their own social life. Others are more like Student Houses where it is very important to give the lead in organising social events.

In all the head tenancies the manager is responsible for making sure that no nuisance is caused to neighbours and that no

damage is caused to the accommodation. Managers need to have a weekly 'clinic' where residents can report defects and when other matters can be dealt with.

Although this description makes being a manager look like a full time job, in fact it is not as bad as it sounds.

Most things only have to be done once or twice a term and are not particularly time consuming. Nevertheless, these jobs involve a high degree of responsibility and commitment and if you are thinking of applying you will need to talk to your personal tutor or supervisor before doing

so.

The work tends to be concentrated into specific periods such as the beginning of term (particularly the first term). Experience has shown that research students find it easier to reconcile the management role with their academic work.

The job can be demanding at times. Student Services is able to help with many problems, but the manager is often left to his/her own devices.

Nevertheless, it provides an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in Residence to develop administrative and management skills.

If you are interested, and would like to discuss what the job involves in more detail, please come to see me in Student Services.

Application forms are available from the Students' Union Office and must be returned to the students union by Monday 21 May.

*Michael Arthur
Student Services*

Midsummer Dinner & Dance Thursday 17 May



Melon

Ham Cornets

Chicken Chaudroid

Potato, Rice, Tomato & Green Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad

or

Black Forest Gateaux

Coffee

Plus: one glass of wine on arrival. Other wine may be ordered in advance and there will be two bars.

Dance & Jazz bands plus disco

Cost: £10 per double, £6 single ticket

Names to Pat, Union Office by 5:00pm Wed 9 May

Overbreathing is DANGEROUS

Most swimmers know that taking a lot of deep breaths will enable them to swim further underwater. Some do not know, however, that this is a potentially fatal practice. By taking a lot of deep breaths one blows off carbon dioxide from the blood stream. It is carbon dioxide which makes one feel the need to breathe while holding one's breath. If normal levels of carbon dioxide have been reduced beforehand, by overbreathing, the need to breathe will not be experienced. Instead oxygen lack will lead to unconsciousness. OFTEN WITHOUT ANY WARNING AT ALL. Unconsciousness while swimming underwater is likely to be fatal.

PS If you insist on ignoring this medical advice, then please ask someone to watch you and fish you out if you suddenly stop swimming at the bottom of the pool. Prompt action by your minder might just still save your life!

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

Dr Raanan Gilon

The Pregnant Pause...

by Dr Bernard Lamb



An extract from *The Phoenix* 1984.

The writer turned over in bed, torn between composing the next dramatic sentence of his novel and the subtle lures of sleep. Just as his subconscious formed the phrase: "There was a pregnant pause..." his mind relaxed into sleep.

The thought was trapped where it was formed in his brain, deep in the word-generating convolutions of the cortex. Swiftly, the denizens of the verbal underworld pounced on it.

"Have you heard?" hissed the quotation mark.

"Heard what?" asked her partner at the other end.

"About the pause. The pause is pregnant!"

"Well! Well!" cried the exclamation mark. "Whatever next!"

"What I'm in a terrible hurry to know," panted the dash, "is who did it—who's the wicked father-to-be?"

"You can stop looking at me," said the dot dot dot dot. "I'll admit I often insinuate, but I never inseminate. Maybe one of the parentheses did it... They always seem to need a suitably curved partner."

"You're asking for a punch up the bracket," retorted the parenthesis. "We need a suitable partner, yes, but no one could say a pause was a possible partner for a parenthesis. Anyway, how do you know the pause is pregnant?"

"I can answer that," replied the full stop gravely. "The pause missed her period twice, and that's a most serious matter."

"Well, I didn't do it," said the colon. "I was feeling much too turgid when the pause must have conceived, though I feel a new man since my irrigation. It could have been the solidus who did it: we all know he has his inclinations."

"You're doubly dotty to accuse me, colon," replied the solidus. "After all, I'd only just had a stroke."

"Yes, but stroking whom?" chipped in a kinky comma.

"Look up there!" indicated the caret.

They looked—and saw that a question mark hung over them all.

"Which of you made the improper liason?" it asked.

"Not I," replied the ampersand, curling its curves tighter and hugging its tail. "I was only briefly standing in for AND. Perhaps it was the hyphen—always trying to cut a bit of a dash and link up with anything in sight."

"Thank you, but I'm a hyphen, not a lowphen," came the dignified reply.

"I don't believe that any of us respectable punctuation marks would ravish a pause," said the semicolon. "After all, most of us put a stop to things or at least come in in the middle; we don't usually start things on our own. It's far more likely that one of those words did it."

"Yes," said the apostrophe, "it must've been that horrid little word OF. Not only is he terribly possessive, but he frequently has tendencies that can only be described as pro-genitive."

"Of course it wasn't me," replied OF indignantly. "It was far more likely to be you, apostrophe, always hanging around those sinuous s's—might easily go for a pause, too."

This reply made the apostrophe so cross that he was almost beside himself with rage, looking more and more like an umlaut every minute. Pairs of 'acutes' and 'graves' twittered in foreign accents, looking like sets of raised eyebrows beside the from of the circumflex. The cedilla softened gently under the sea.

"We're all getting nowhere," snapped the asterisk. "We still haven't identified the *ing villain who *ed the pause. My guess is that INTO done it. He's always trying to proposition things."

"All right, so I take the accusative," said INTO, "but I can't simultaneously be dative or genitive."

"He's got a case there—several in fact," remarked the ablative absolute, "so we must see that his case goes to the right court."

"That's easy," pointed out a rather demonstrative pronoun. "It all depends on the type of word. If it's lower case, it goes to the lower court; if it's upper case, it goes to the higher court, where it can be sentenced to capital punishment."

"I don't think a preposition would proposition a pause into pregnancy," remarked INTO. "It's far more likely to have been a verb: they're always doing things, not just showing others the way."

"Don't blame me," said WAS DONE. "I've been in a passive mood for ages! The guilty party must have been in an active mood, like FORCE."

FORCE looked threateningly at WAS DONE.

"No!" he shouted. "Force, forced. See, I'm only a weak verb. I couldn't have raped the pause single-handed. It would have taken a strong verb, like DO, DID."

"But I didn't!" answered DID, "not with the pause, any way. I had my heart set on a gorgeous feminine noun, but when I wanted to conjugate, the noun simply declined!"

"Well, that's indicative, I must say," declared the imperative bossily. "Come on, own up you verbs. Tell us who did it."

"Not I," said WAS SAYING. "I may be imperfect, but I'm past falling for pauses. Surely HAD DONE has done it?"

"Impossible," snapped back HAD DONE. "I'm too old for that sort of thing. They tell me I'm past historic but recently I've been falling positively pre-historic."

"And may your future always be perfect," added a kindly adverb. "Personally, I think BUT did it, in conjunction with others of his kind."

*Who made the Pause pregnant?
To find out, buy THE PHOENIX, now on sale in the
Bookshop, the Lyon Playfair and Haldane Libraries
and in the FELIX Office.*

Football



Football: Cup Final Defeat
QMC II 1 IC III 0

In a scrappy, closely contested match last Saturday at Motpur Park, IC III were narrowly defeated by QMC II. The game was dominated by mid-field stalemate, both sides playing 4-4-2. The pick of the chances went to the opposition. Paul Simpson keeping IC in the hunt several times with a solid performance between the posts.

Dave Lynne was unlucky in the first half when his flashing shot was turned past the post. Apart from this, few other chances fell to Dave or Steve Cussens up front and the half-time interval arrived with the score still 0-0.

A fighting mid-field of Paul Snedker, Dave Wadsworth, Mark Whitehead and Anton Milner set the pitch alight early in the second half, but the flames of passion were doused seven minutes from time when an unlucky run of the ball in the box ended up with Paul finally being beaten. Substitute Martin Barnes pulled a muscle, Captain Chris Gordon shouted at everybody but it was all to no avail. The rest of the defence, John Barden, Bryce Goldborough and Dave Kelland all contributed to a solid back four performance but in the end the lack of penetration was our downfall.

Special thanks to our most loyal supporter, Sue Matthews, who lasted right to the Vindaloo end, and to all the others who came along.

Kings II 1 vs 2 IC II

A Bill calling for IC 2nds to be awarded the Divisional Cup was passed by a two to one majority on its First Reading in the Chamber of Colliers Wood on Saturday. The Final Reading will be on Wednesday 21 March.

The debate began with a strong attack from a Militant King's Left Winger which forced Defence spokesman Rob Richards of IC to concede an early clause. There followed some heated exchanges and several times the Speaker was forced to make controversial interventions. John King from the IC front benches redressed the balance of the proceedings by forcing home a Point of Order. The Speaker called for an immediate adjournment.

After the second sitting produced no more than forty-five minutes of filibustering from the King's members, the Speaker agreed to a guillotine under the 2 x ten minute rule.

David Lynne the IC spokesman on Energy with clear Right Wing tendencies leapt to his feet and carried the day with a sweeping attack on an Opposition back-bencher. In an Amendment Mr Barry Tuzio (Independent) called for more Bank Holidays and a re-ordering of the days of the week. This left both Whips a little non-plussed. Nevertheless after a division the Motion was carried and the House rose at 4:45pm.

Sailing



IC Intergalactic Sailing Tournament

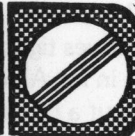
The sun rises, and IC Sailing Club are changing their gear in the open air in preparation for the international tournament of the year in Tilburg, Holland. Jones was not deterred by the onlookers (or pursuits). Racing began with a fresh wind and freezing conditions, but the two IC teams were undeterred by this harsh environment as they sailed towards victory after victory.

The event was sailed in Vauriens—best described as a shoe box with a point at the front. IC perfected the art of rolltacking these tubs, while opposition's imitations failed miserably (interesting fact considering it was our first experience of these boats). Even so, the racing was close and some matches were quite tricky. The tension could be felt both on the bank and on the boats. IC's consistent team work pulled us through. Tostevin's tactic of confusing the opposition by altering the start line produced some amusing results. He managed to sail off with the starting buoy. In another eventful race, Robson managed to maintain the team's winning position despite persistent attempts at abandoning ship, following the trend set by Jones earlier in the week. Kennedy had considerable success in a very reluctant boat—it stopped still after each tack.

The après sail was equally enjoyable and was centred around various pubs/night clubs in the town. We delighted the natives with a display of British vigour and managed to totally dominate the dance floor in our own inimitable style.

Our windsurfing attempts were less successful and our thanks must go to the Tilburg team for winning our only race. The sailing crews should also be mentioned, for without their continued efforts such excellent results would not have been achieved. Finally our two captains—Jones and Bevan should be thanked for leading us to our respective victories.

Cricket



With the weather getting warmer by the day, and the smell of freshly mown grass drifting on the breeze, some of you must be itching to get back into your whites, and to hear the sound of leather on willow once again. IC Cricket Club plays on Wednesday and Saturday throughout the summer. As well as friendly games, we are entered for the ULU and UAU Knockout competitions.

We hope to run three or four XIs, but because of College's uncivilised behaviour, putting our exams in the summer term, we need a very large 'pool' of players.

If anyone is interested in playing either all season, or only occasionally, please contact P Eastland, Chem Eng 3 (Captain) or T Helsby, Civ Eng 3 (Sec), giving playing standard and type (ie bat/bowl/wkt), for further details.

Indoor 6-a-side

IC's set off early Sunday morning to make their debut in the UAU 6-a-side (Indoor) tournament at Brunel. LSE were dispatched with consummate ease (they never arrived!) and the team progressed to a straight showdown with Warwick University for a place in the final. IC batted first and, after start by Eastland and Helsby, collapsed. Jarret managed to steer the side to 122 after 12 overs, with 42. IC then dismissed Warwick for 71 thanks to a sprawling, one-handed catch by Eastland.

And so to the final. IC found themselves in the field and some good bowling and tight fielding restricted their opponents, UEA, to 94 runs off their allotted 12 overs. IC scornfully breezed to 95 off only 6 overs with some notable performances from Helsby (25), Harlow (20) and Jarrett (20).

IC deserved to win as they provided the balls for the tournament (in every sense) and the most competent umpire, Stuart Turner. Now the boys must go to Lancaster for the finals on April 2.

Cross-Country



Detective Gregor Booth had been hired by the Wimbledon Wombles to investigate the theft of a horde of badges from Tobermony, who wanted them back to make into a necklace for his lover, Madame Cholet. Suspecting a team of West Country wombles, Grego was led to Winslade Park, Exeter. Perchance, the final race of the Réebok Southern Universities Cross-Country League was taking place. Our hero ran in it, purely to avoid suspicion, and finished 25th. He then turned to greet the rest of his CID team as they finished the race.

'Well done Sam,' he said to Sam.
'Gee thanks, Gregor,' was the reply.
'Nice run Graham,' he commented.
'Yeah, thanks,' Graham answered.
'Well run Rob,' he said to Rob finishing 51st.

'Well done to you to,' Rob replied.
'Good one,' Gregor said to Dave Evans as he finished last.

'Piss off, you pear-faced bastard scumbag,' spluttered Dave casually.

In the end it was all too easy for our hero detective. Hundreds of badges were given out at the prize ceremony afterwards. Imperial College took home six for being the best overall college team. They won't be returned to Tobermony.

Don't forget the Hyde Park Relay is tomorrow at 2:30pm.



Tonight is the RCSU Annual Country House Ball. If you ain't got a ticket then hard luck—try again next year. If you have then meet in Bot/Zoo for some sherry at 6:30pm.

Then on Sunday we have Jez's Brighton Run starting from the garage at 6:30am or to wave her off at 7:15 at Battersea Park. If you want to come along for the trip then find Gareth Fish and promise faithfully to work on the

beast for the next 48hrs and he might find a space.

Coming up in the next couple of weeks are: the AGM, a glorious mixture of pomp and ceremony and mixes, joint Gen Comm, where if you've ever wondered what happens when you play wine draughts watch someone from the exec lose.

That is, of course, followed on the weekend of 19-20 May by the IC Rag Fete, with lots of stalls, trips up Queens Tower etc on Saturday afternoon, and a trip to Biggin Hill Airfair on 20 May—see G Fish for details.

SUMMER JOBS

Students required for cleaning work in Linstead and Southside Halls during the summer vacation: 2 July to 21 September 1984, 9:00am to 1:00pm, six days a week, including both Saturday and Sunday. Rate of pay: £1.70 per hour (£2.55 per hour at weekends). Accommodation available.

Application forms available from Ms Christine O'Sullivan, Conference Office (on corridor to NatWest Bank), Sheffield Building.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Come to the Health Centre early in the term to discuss the immunisations, malaria prevention and other aspects of health care for travel abroad.

All advice and injections given in the Health Centre are free.

THE CROMWELLIAN



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NIGHTCLUB

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Entrance to Night Club half price on presentation of Imperial College cards

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Whats On

friday

1000h
Jumble Sale by IC Day Nursery.

Consort Gallery

1230h
Conservative Soc AGM.

Mech Eng 569

tuesday

1230h Huxley 140
Socialist Society Film 'To Die In Madrid'.

1745h Quiet Room
IC Windband Rehearsal for '1812' concert.

1800h Southside Upper Lounge
Vegetarian Soc AGM.

saturday

1000h Holborn Library
Theobald's Rd, WC1
1000-1700h Philippine Support Group conference. Contact John Sattaur, Physics 3 or PSG 221 6601 for further details.

sunday

1900h Africa Centre
38 Kings St, WC2
Remember Kassinga. Namibia Support Committee presents plays in remembrance of the

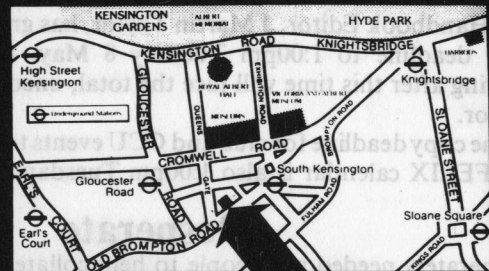
wednesday

1300h Rm 341 Huxley
Joint meeting with ICCU for fellowship and prayer.

thursday

1745h Union SCR
SCC Elections joint meeting.

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Demented

Any pretence of credibility Michael Newman had must surely have gone out of the window following the publication of his pornographic short story in *The Phoenix*. The story is strewn with references about the protagonist 'enjoying himself alone' and contains one particularly distasteful rape scene. Mr Newman claims that it is an honest and personal comment about our society, a cry from the heart—however, the only insight to be gained from this story are the workings of a filthy little mind.

Don't let Mr Newman's story put you off buying a copy of *The Phoenix*. It is arguably one of the best *Phoenixes* produced for several years. Apart from Newman's little jerk off *The Phoenix* is full of excellent articles and short stories and is to be thoroughly recommended. It is on sale at the moment from the FELIX Office, Haldane and Lyon Playfair Libraries.

Apathetic

Summer time, a time when students are forced to resist all the attractions warm summer days and nights have to offer. Instead they must work diligently inside wrestling with unfathomable concepts, incomprehensible lecture notes and illegible equations. Naturally all social and Union activity grinds to a halt and everything winds down. There is less to write, comment or complain about this term so FELIX is inevitably going to be considerably slimmer this term. As well as letters, small ads and club articles, any contributions such as opinion articles, essays, cartoons, malicious ideas will be gratefully accepted.

Uncontrolled

The Handbook Editor, J Martin Taylor, has graciously extended the copy deadline to 1:00pm Tuesday 8 May. Anyone with articles arriving after this time will face the total, uncontrolled wrath of Mr Taylor.

The copy deadline for club and CCU events to be inserted in the fun fun FELIX calendar is also 1:00pm Tuesday 8 May.

Desperate

Desperately needed are people to help collate FELIX on Thursday evenings. Collating entails inserting folded sheets inside each other—a simple but vital part to producing FELIX. If you have anything between half an hour to two hours to spare on Thursday evenings then please please pop into the FELIX Office at about 9:00pm. Reward includes a free drink, an advance copy of FELIX and a mention in the credits.

Credits

Jon Jones, Lynne James, Dave (Spend, Spend, Spend) Rowe, *Ulysses*, John Scott, J Martin Taylor, Nigel Atkinson, Hugh Stiles, Diane Love, Karen Stott and of course Maz and Peter.

NEXT WEEK: The secret life of Internal Services Chairman Hugh (Boy George) Southey.

Pallab Ghosh



ULYSSES

The puzzles will generally be fairly easy this term, as I don't want to take up too much of your revision time.

Yesterday, I met five members of the orchestra in the bar, and spoke to them for quite a while. When I got home, my memory, for some reason, was a bit hazy.

I met them again today.

'Would I be right if I said that John plays the trombone, Katy plays the violin, Louise plays the oboe, Mike plays the clarinet and Nigel plays the cello?'

'No,' they said, 'but you've remembered our names correctly, and our instruments.'

'In that case, would I be right if I said that John plays the violin, Katy plays the oboe, Louise plays the clarinet, Mike plays the trombone and Nigel plays the cello?'

'That's closer, but not right.'

'Would I be right if I said that John plays the oboe, Katy plays the cello, Louise plays the clarinet, Mike plays the violin and Nigel plays the trombone?'

'That's closer still, but not right. Louise doesn't play the clarinet or the cello.'

Who plays what?

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office by 1:00pm on Wednesday, please. £5 from Mend-a-Bike for the randomly selected winning entry.

Cross-number puzzle

ACROSS: 1. 38720; 5. 91; 6. 44; 7. 384; 8. 1110; 10. 72; 11. 1918; 14. 792; 15. 27; 16. 16.

DOWN: 1. 340; 2. 7921; 3. 21; 4. 544; 6. 48; 7. 30976; 8. 12; 9. 11; 10. 792; 12. 19; 13. 829.

The method is too long to go into here, but with a bit of perseverance it is possible to work it out.

Thirteen correct solutions and Steve Morgan of Physics 3 was the randomly selected winner.

The extra square

An old puzzle, but I thought it was worth setting as most of you probably hadn't seen it before, and it seems to have confused a lot of people. The extra square comes from the fact the hypotenuses of the two smaller triangles do not form an exact straight line; the discrepancy amounts to about three per cent of the large triangle's area.

Again, thirteen correct solutions, and C H Eldridge, an Elec Eng PG, was the randomly selected winner.

Try to Lose

White: P—KN8, promote to bishop

Black: B—B6

White: P—N8, promote to rook.

Black: B—N7

White: B—B3

Black: BxB, mate.

Thirteen correct solutions and the winner was M Begley of Maths 3.

The winners can pick up their £5 cheques from the FELIX Office after 1:30pm on Tuesday.

EXEC NEWS

IC UGM

Thursday 10th May

1:00pm

Union Concert Hall

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the Meeting 8th March.
2. Matters Arising.
3. President's Report.
4. Deputy President's Report.
5. Honorary Secretary's Report.
6. Returning Officer's Report.
7. Other Officer's Reports.
8. Motions.
9. Any Other Business.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO UGM.

1. Union Receptionist.
Jo, our receptionist has left. She has accepted a job in Graphic Design (her original qualification) and thoroughly enjoying her new job. We all wish her the best of luck and many thanks for all she has done for ICU.
2. Union Refectory.
At the end of last term College were considering radical changes to the Union Lower Refectory. IC Union put the proposal to College that the Union manage the Lower Refectory. We have been compiling information on similar refectory outlets since last August. The proposal has been discussed with Simon Perry, Refectory Committee Chairman and John Smith, College Secretary. The last issue of Felix gave a misleading impression regarding whether or not the decision for ICU to manage the refectory had been taken. The decision has not been taken yet. We will be continuing the discussions on Tuesday 1st May. I expect a final decision to be taken at this meeting, and then if a favourable decision is made, the proposal taken to the Rector's Policy Committee on May 8th. I will report verbally at the UGM the outcome of the various meetings. If College ever manage to make a decision.
3. Student Residence.
Together with representatives from the Hall and House Wardens I have compiled a report noting all the outstanding aspects of the Lawwerys Residence Report and any unsatisfactory aspects of the recent decisions taken regarding student residence. This report will be discussed at the Student Residence Committee on Wednesday 2nd May, as will the student rents for next year. I will report any decisions taken verbally at the UGM.
4. INCOST.
Steve Bishop was unable to attend the INCOST 1984 Conference, and so Joanna Claydon accompanied Jim Boucher to Helsinki to represent IC. I approached the Rector asking for financial help with travelling costs for the delegates, which he agreed to do. The Conference was extremely successful, the delegates are expected to give a full report to next Council. One of the outcomes of the Conference was the suggestion that IC host INCOST 1985. At present I am looking into the feasibility of hosting INCOST 1985, the subject of which will be Biotechnology, and will be discussing the issue with College on Wednesday. Anyone interested in helping please come and see me.
5. MS Conference.
Following the last decision at a UGM to send observers to NUS Conference, Dave Rowe and Hugh Stiles represented IC at the Easter Conference in Hull. They intend to report their impressions both in Felix and at the next Council.
6. Transport.
Due to a re-vamping of present transport booking procedures, I have been negotiating deals with some local hire companies so that vans may be hired at lower rates than present commercial charges. At present two companies look promising.

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7. Southside Gym and Central Laundrette.
The Southside Gym is now complete! The Central Laundrette, as far as I am aware is incomplete, however, I am assured the completion is imminent.
8. Security.
At the end of last term several meetings were held between the Chairman of the Student Residence Committee, Estates, the Security Officer, the Southside Wardens and myself, to discuss security in the Southside Halls. Due to the costs of security and messenger personnel being transferred onto the residence account, a new system of messenger and security manning was proposed - to reduce costs and in order to maintain a high level of security, changes to the Southside Entrances were proposed. The work has been started and should have been completed for the beginning of term - however, it is behind schedule! The proposed system is a set of double doors on both entrances, the outer being on an ASSA key system, the inner on a key card system. The entrances may also be monitored by a TV camera.
9. House Wardens and Head Tenancy Managers.
A number of wardens and head tenancy managers are leaving at the end of this academic session. Anyone interested in applying for such positions should obtain an application form from the IC Union Office. The deadline for applications is Monday 21st May 1984.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO UGM.

1. Travel Centre.
A three way contract has been signed between the Union, College and STA enabling STA to trade at Imperial under the banner 'ULUJ Travel at IC'. The travel centre is being installed in the North West corner of the JCR on the site of the old bar counter and should be open by the second week of this term. The office will be open normal office hours during term and will provide a full range of travel services though Railcards will not be available.
2. Self Defence.
We are still waiting for the Metropolitan Police to set a date for the self defence course at Imperial (these are heavily in demand!). It is unlikely that we will be able to run a course this term but I am optimistic about being able to offer a course in October. Notes have been circulated to all those who showed an interest in the course and I will continue to collect names and notify people further when a date is set.
3. Estimates of Expenditure 84/85.
The Union Estimates are now being churned through the College system and I will not know until later in May the outcome. We will be discussing estimates at UFC on the 22nd May (note changed date) following the College Finance and Exec meeting.
4. Bars.
You will probably have noticed that the prices of draught products have changed. Most have gone down despite the Budget increase of 2p - 3p per pint. I am now looking at other product areas and hope to see further price decreases particularly in spirits.
The guest beers for this month are Burton in the Union and one of Flowers or Springfield in Southside. We have introduced Castlemaine lager into our range.
5. Refectories.
You will already have read that we have approached College about the possibility of taking over the Union Refectory and a decision should have been made by the time of this meeting.
We have also continued to press for firmer control and better management of College Refectories. However, a discussion at the last meeting of Refectory Committee about the targets for individual outlets - whether profitable outlets should subsidize unprofitable outlets was considered inappropriate by the Chairman leaving me to wonder exactly what Refectory Committee is there for. It still seems that administrators condone gross mismanagement rather than have to introduce change.
6. Transport.
We have sold OEW and are presently awaiting delivery of the new van which will be a 17 seater, we are also setting a discount arrangement with one of the major van hire companies.
After much discussion at the end of the last term we have agreed on a new membership and format for Transport Committee which will be similar to Union Finance Committee. After the constitution has been approved by Council the revamped committee should start work by the end of this term.

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT.

The following elections will take place at the UGM:-

1. Haldane Book Buyer.
2. Haldane Recore Buyer.
3. Felix Business Manager.
4. ICU Publicity Officer.
- 5-7. 3 Ordinary Members Union House Committee.
- 8-11. 4 Delegates to GUC.
- 12-13. 2 Ordinary Members of Union Council.

Papers for the above elections will be taken down at 5.30pm on Wednesday 9th May. Nominations must be fully proposed and seconded by then.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT TO UGM.

MOTION ON Q.T. SOCIETY.

Proposed by: Simon Neild.
Seconded by: Carl Burgess.

1. Colours.

I.C. Union Colours Committee met on Tuesday 1st of May to decide this year's Social Colours. After these and the Athletic Colours have been ratified at Union Council on Monday 14th May, they will appear in Felix on Friday 18th May.

2. Honorary Life Membership of I.C. Union.

This is awarded only to those people who have made an outstanding contribution to I.C. Union.

Any full member of the Union may propose people to Union Council for election of Honorary Members.

If you would like to propose someone, could you please give the nomination to me before Friday 11th May, and this will be discussed at Council on 14th May.

3. Commemoration Day Ball.

This is one of the most prestigious events in the College year and this year will take place on 25th October. Application forms will be sent out soon and the cost per double ticket will be approximately £30.00.

4. Parking Permits.

If you have a parking space and you are due to leave College soon, will you please return your parking sticker and barrier card (i.e. if you have one) to me as soon as possible as you will no longer have any use for them.

If you do leave College and do not inform me then your space will be totally wasted as I cannot re-allocate it.

ICU NOTES.

- 1) The recent refusal of Council to ratify the formation of Q.T. Society.
- 2) The presence of 60 signatures (three times the required minimum) indicative of an established need for such a society.
- 3) The presence of many societies, formed with far less support than this.

ICU BELIEVES.

- 1) That there is a need for a society representing the requirements of the "Lunatic Fringe" within College.
- 2) That by their nature, existing clubs, societies, and CCUs cannot adequately fulfill such a need.
- 3) That Council was in error, in refusing to ratify this society's formation.

ICU INSTRUCTS.

That this UGM ratifies the formation of Q.T. Society, overturning the recent Council decision.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

17th May: Mid-Summer Dinner and Dance.
Tickets: £6.00 Single
£10.00 Double
Available from Union Office.

19th May: IC Rag Fête. (Queens Lawn)
Anyone interested in setting up a stall, see either, James Benbow, or, Sean Davis in the Union Office.

21st May: Beer and Bangers at 170 Queensgate.
Starts: 5.30pm
Names to Jen in the Union Office.

21st May: Deadline for applications for House Wardenships and Head Tenancy Managers.
Application forms for these are still available from the Union Office.

24th May: Imperial College Union Annual General Meeting.

31st May: Deadline for clubs and societies paying for stationary bought from IC Union Office.
After this date only cash will be accepted.