INCANT IS TWO TODAY

We have reached our quarter century

The old gives way to the new

WE MAKE OUR OWN NEWS today, for the time has come to ask ourselves what the future role of Incant should be. No longer is Incant a new newspaper, and next term the editor will, for the first time, not be a member of the original intake. The organisation will have outlived the staff, and thus the organisation must have a policy and purpose of its own. What should Incant try to be?

Incant is, first and foremost, a newspaper, with all the multitude of functions to perform that the word “newspaper” implies. It means that Incant has far greater responsibility to its readers than any mere organ of communication. It means that Incant has far more to do than report the news. It means that Incant is not only a mirror of our community, but also an integral part of that community.

Naturally the relaying of news is an important function, but there are two kinds of news — news in the accepted sense and “investigatory” news.

It is this second category that is the real lifeblood of the Press in Britain today, and any journal that neglects its responsibility in this field does not deserve to call itself a newspaper.

When an editor is convinced that certain facts are true, then it is his duty to publish them without fear or favour. The editor is, more often than not, the only person who can effectively keep a watch on the institutions which govern our society, and is thus the holder of an unenviable position. But the greatest function any newspaper can wield is its very existence. The presence of a vigorous and healthy newspaper is the greatest safeguard any society can have.

We believe that this is true for Incant as for any other newspaper. We accept the fact that our society has its peculiarities, not least the “teacher-taught” relationship, but feel that we can be of as much use to the governors as to the governed. Incant can only function if it accepts one set of principles — those must be the tenets of standard journalistic practice.

We ask that Incant be regarded in this light, and no other. We shall respect confidence, but ask that we are respected in return. Our position as a newspaper would be unbearable if the reporters and reported had no confidence in each other.

Incant is in no way an official Students’ Union newspaper, and as such we have no monopoly over the relaying of news. But this position cannot last forever, and we are looking forward to the day when we have competition. We are confident that with these principles of independent journalism we will thrive in the years to come.
Senate gives Union Sabbatical Year and Liaison Committee Next secretary will be union financed

SABBATICAL YEAR for Union secretary, Senate Liaison Committee—two major successes for the executiv. They were granted by Senate last week and will take effect from next term.

"There is a great need for a secretariat," said Union President David Hooper, "but the problem is, who will fill it?" The appointment will last for a year from January 1968 and is not a directly elected post. The executive and Students' Council will decide from people who submit their names. A grant of £50.00 will be made to the secretary from Union funds, as he or she will lose their local authority grant while they hold the seat.

Both Senate and Union are insisting that the scheme is only a trial for the first year, and will be under close review.

"Unfortunately," went on Hooper, "the best candidate for the position of Union President, is a 24-year-old West End resident, "so we are seeking a second candidate who is less than 21 years of age. We will make sure the person is well educated, and will have had experience in the arts."

"The Senate Liaison Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Union secretary, but will not have the same powers as the Senate."

David Hooper, the new secretary, said that the new position will be beneficial to the Union, and that they will work hard to make it a success.

Other Universities

LEEDS

Students at Leeds have been told that their halls of residence have been turned down due to overcrowding. Students are obstructing the University on matters that are directly relevant to their welfare. Seventy students at the University were asked for representation on their halls of residence, and most said they did not want to be part of the University. There was a protest from some students that the University was "too costly and expensive for students to live in.

ABERYSTWYTH

The Governing Body of Aberystwyth University has decided to cut the number of students attending the University by 10%.

INCENT

This is the last edition of the Union for which I shall be editor. A new editor will be appointed before the end of this term and will take over immediately. I wish him the best of luck.

Richard Cressy

G.P.O.

RELAXES

STUDENTS NEED A

REASON FOR PROTESTATION

IF THEY DO MORE THAN SHOW THEIR PROTESTATION

ABOYNTON

The President of the Union has announced a new scheme for the G.P.O. to help students with their studies. The scheme will be open to all students who are members of the G.P.O.

APOLLO

A NEWS ITEM on page two of the last edition of InCant entitled "Pay Increases" unfortunately contained some factual errors. Although we printed the story in all good faith, we would now like to apologise for any embarrassment caused by its insertion.

Coe

Success

POST-Exam relief was given as the reason for the very good turn out for Jazz at the Bar on Sunday. Local town schools' orchestra and choirs were all conducted by the "Charlie Parker" Trio.
ABORTION LAW REFORM has been "partly, for the better and partly for the worse," said Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, at a student chaplaincy session held at the university last Friday.

"I believe the human factor is missed. The only factor that I think can be waged against this is the health of the mother," he continued. Dr. Ramsey regretted the provision allowing abortion on the grounds of the effect of the birth on the other members of the family, and because of the possibility the baby would be born deformed.

On the question of divorce reform, Dr. Ramsey claimed that "for Christians, divorce is utterly wrong." But it had to be realised that there were many people in the country who did not believe in the Christian faith. For this reason, he had set up a committee to investigate possible reform of the law. This had been reported in a document called "Putting Asunder" that there should be only one ground for divorce—breakdown of marriage.

"The State should decide to end marriages, not individuals, for the marriage contract was taken out under State's laws," he asserted. There had to be some channels for divorce, for otherwise there would be quasi-marriages.

"Puritans," said Dr. Ramsey, "are a protest against the established order. I have some sympathy with them, but it would be better if they were to take the plunge into something more positive and meaningful than their present activities."

Quizzed as to the usefulness of conventional Christian education, Dr. Ramsey thought that if it consisted of dogma, he was against it. In his capacity, however, it required the teaching of religious awareness, then he thought it worthwhile.

"I AM ASTONISHED that some individual can show such a lack of moral responsibility with regard to the reputation of this university!" Acting Union President Ruth Bundey was telling infact what she thought about an article in the national Press.

A.G.M. turnout call

UNION PRESIDENT David Romney did insist on Monday that he hoped for a "merely good turn out" for the A.G.M. on Thursday. He stressed this was vital that as many students as possible turn up. He was going to give a report on the work of the Union during his term of office.

"We've done a lot, and it's not only that the members of the Union know what we've been up to; he asserted.

The article in question appeared in the "PROFESSIONAL" and concerned student discounts and the "pill." Although she would not deny the truth of the story, she felt that it was very damaging to the "current student image." The Union Executive, at their meeting last Wednesday, agreed with her sentiments, and they decided to write to the "PROFESSIONAL" pointing out that communications with the university could, and should, be made through the union's own office. The Union wants "official and reliable information to be readily obtainable."

Angry

"The Students' Union is extremely angry about the whole shoddy affair," she went on. "Now we are all too aware to think that the press exactly what we like, but I feel it is very important that

Follow-up for Earl

ẬCTING President hits out at Press

"Lack of moral responsibility"

The Students' Union has granted St. George's Taxis a monopoly concession

Please use St. George's Taxis (CANTERBURY 65049) and take advantage of these low rates

30% Discount for students on Mon., Tues., and Weds.
Letters to the Editor

Arab/Israel

Dear Sir,

Having lived in an Arab country and having experienced their customs and problems, the Arab/Israel situation is one that has interested me greatly. Having recently visited Israel a few months ago, I was struck by the efforts being made by the Israeli government to encourage Arab-Israelis to become involved in the country's life. The government has taken several initiatives to promote Arab participation, including offering financial incentives, job opportunities, and cultural programs. It is evident that the government is committed to building a society where Arabs and Jews live together in harmony and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Instant exams.

The Instant Exam: A New Way to Assess Student Knowledge

The Instant Exam is a revolutionary new assessment tool designed to quickly and accurately evaluate a student's knowledge on a particular subject. Unlike traditional exams, which can take hours to complete, the Instant Exam provides instant feedback, allowing students to understand their strengths and weaknesses immediately. This approach not only reduces test anxiety but also encourages active learning and promotes a deeper understanding of the material.

Dear Editor,

As a teacher, I can attest to the effectiveness of the Instant Exam. It has significantly improved the quality of my students' learning and has helped me to identify areas where they need additional support. I believe this tool should be widely adopted in educational settings to enhance the learning experience for all students.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Fair facilities

Dear Sir,

As a student, I have noticed a lack of facilities in our college that cater to the needs of all students. The library is overcrowded, the computer lab is often closed, and the gym is in poor condition. These issues affect my ability to study and participate in physical activities. I believe the college administration should take steps to improve these facilities and ensure a more equitable learning environment.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Examinations are formidable even to the best prepared. For the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man can answer.

—Charles Colton
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ing some of them.

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The general pattern was an address by the Dean of Mansemen, Professor Chil-.

The candidates visited the new library and college, etc., but one of us, Claire Carpenter, from St Hil, said: "What was a good idea was that, instead of just going round looking at rooms we had coffee with some students in a bedroom and talked about the University that way." On the other hand, Ruth Boudry, the lady-graduate, complained that the boys would not even fit into her room—an event sil and the group should have been much smaller," she added.

Relaxed

We offered them something to drink—they chose orange. "What were their impressions?" the new boy's "Why not?" And what sort of impression had it put among their school friends? The answers were pretty well 'newness' appeared to have much knowledge, but it is an enormous of time. For the day. Claire then added: "I was recommended to come here because my form master's daughter here!"

First

For some it was their first interview but they found it an experience that they could do. Claire had already had an interview elsewhere, at Reading, and she all of them that said that they had never heard of such a system before.

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Now, we were however, surprised, and this unusual excitement came from fully displaying their knowl-

edge. They asked me what philosophy we were. Sandra, "That is, probably a little bit more stuff than is taught in their minds."

One person who was a regular of the Dean's speech," he said. "That is, I thought. "They are kind of ordinary," another put. "They are all ordinary people." "Amusing," I said and added if she minded being quoted.

There was a general fund of round of laug

But they needed the

mums of mates in front of interviewers. The Rubbish- ford list gave four reasons for!

Certain or the girls were referred on this point, but we gave them the cold weather that this would be carried out by the higher failure rate of female applicants.

Contrary of the scheme were not many usually on some points that could be cleared up for future in-

stances. Our point was that when we arrived we didn't know what we had to look for or what to expect. The less and nobody knew what was happening. The conditions of opinion was that they were "very well shown round" and that the day had been a success. As one candidate said: "Interviews should be a holiday really."
Female champion

Dear Sir,

With reference to your last editorial headed “Miss Blutle” I would like to point out that the very modest of students who, when I well know, have been refused the Adobe either for a free or a reduced price, may very well be entitled to special treatment.

Sincerely (I hope to say, the last is reflected)
Paul Nicolson

Liberal

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw attention to the fact that the Liberal Chronicle has too long been deflated in the face of the powerful, and The Liberal is the only English university newspaper which still exists. The Chronicle has been the object of much criticism and, as a result, the Liberal is the only one which has been able to maintain its position in the market.

Yours sincerely,
M. A. Siben

Car parking- meter maid

Dear Sir,

I was present at the meeting of the students who, with the Editor of the Chronicle, decided to protest against the introduction of the car parking-meter system. We were told that the students were in favour of the system, but this was not the case. The students were not consulted and were not given the opportunity to express their views. The system was imposed on them without their consent.

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Relaxed

We offered them something to drink— they chose coffee. What was their impression of the University? “Quite honestly, after this, I’m not sure that Oxford is worth it,” said Olga Carpenter, with a few days ago before his entrance examination. Others were slightly less forthcoming with their praise. “Quite nice building,” one girl remarked, “a relaxed atmosphere.”

Were they attracted by the last “Swinging” given to the University in the first edition of the Student? “It wasn’t bad,” was the general opinion as to what centre meant of listening music at all—though it was clear that they wanted to go to a place that was alive. “I’ve been to a certain amount to ‘certainities.’” The ingenuity of the New College System counted and they were also interested in the prospect of society notices boards.

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The Committee of the Anglican

The Department of English and the Liberal and the Liberals should clean their cupboard into the audience of the University.

The Editor of the Chronicle, in the absence of the students, has written to the Bishop of Oxford, who is the chair of the Department, to express the regret that the students are not coming to the meeting. The Bishop has replied that he is unable to attend, but that he will send his apologies. The students are expected to attend next week.

Yours sincerely,
Z. M. Whittaker
Two views of a madding crowd

by Richard Warner

Gillian Willis

LOATH AS WE ARE TO DO SO WE feel that we must agree with the majority of the critics of "Far From the Madding Crowd." The film's chief weakness lies in the casting or rather miscasting of Julie Christie as the "Bathsheba" role.

Anyone who has read Thomas Hardy's novel will know that Bathsheba is a self-centred, selfish, but utterly temperamental Miss Christie is Miss Christie. It is not difficult to see why these suitsors, Gabriel Oak, Sergeant Troy and Farmer Boldwood are attracted to her, for why this attraction should lead to the destruction of two of them Miss Christie's performance never fully explained.

In the film, Bathsheba is played by Gillian Willis. The first scene in which she is seen, she is in her room at home, surrounded by clothing and books, and she is wearing a nightgown. Her hair is disheveled, and she looks tired. She is talking to herself, muttering about her life and her prospects.

The next scene is in the town, where she is seen walking down the street, looking at the shops and the people. She is wearing a dress, and her hair is now neatly combed. She looks more composed and more confident.

This difference in appearance and demeanor is a clue to the way in which the film interprets Bathsheba's character. In the novel, Bathsheba is a complex and contradictory character, and the film tries to capture this complexity.

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Kent deals double 6-1 blow in U.A.U. Regional Finals

Soccer:—

U.K.C. 6—Brunel 1

THE UNIVERSITY 2nd XI qualified for the Southern Area Final of their U.A.I. section when they beat Brunel 6-1 at Kingsmead and became South-Eastern champions. Four goals in the opening 20 minutes of the match gave U.K.C. a lead that was never challenged.

The attack moved very well, particularly in the first half, and throughout the match the defence was solid and safe. In that opening spell, Davies scored twice. Manford headed a fine goal and a Brunel defender was forced to turn a Day centre into his own net.

U.K.C. were in absolute command, with Dickson rarely in action, and it was a just reward for much purposeful running when McDermott made it 3-0 almost on halftime.

After the interval, their massive lead allowed U.K.C. to relax and Brunel's superior fitness carried out a few chances from one of which Hector scored.

Five minutes later Day was polled on by a blow from a Brunel forward and the referee had no alternative but to send off the offender. Manford then scored his second goal when a Davies header was blocked and U.K.C. ruben quarter clocked to a splendid victory.

The football at times certainly excited that of the Ist XI, and it was encouraging to see both wingers using their touchlines; the middle trio of the forward line always threatened and Manford played clever football until he ran out of scope. The defence was well organised and solid throughout and the team can surely look forward to farther glory.

Hockey:—

U.K.C. 6—Brunel 1

A FOUR-GOAL first team debut by Social Science freshman Robert Dacombe helped the University to achieve a 6-1 victory over Brunel University 2nd XI at Canterbury last Wednesday. This means that the University team is South-East Regional champions in the Inter-Universities Hockey Tournament and now goes on to play other regional champions.

Brunel went into an early lead after a penalty given as a result of a scruffle in the Kent goal. Shortly before half-time, after a number of sound advances, the University equalised through right-winger Danny Rubin.

The match opened up during the second half with the Kent forwards keeping the ball moving about. The University went into the lead from an own goal by the Brunel keeper who had misjudged a shot from Kent captain Peter Karmali. In right Robert Dacombe, in sparkling form, banged home four more to give the University a well-deserved victory.

Goal Scorers:

Soccer: Davies (2) Dacombe (4)

Hockey: Dacombe (4) Rubin (2) Karmali (2) O.G.

RUMOUR HAS IT THAT:—

RUMOURS ABOUND like robots in the University, but none more numerous than those about the soccer club. The latest in the long list of rumour is that Brunel is planning to start a second soccer team next year. Anyone interested in joining either the reporting or photographic teams are invited to get in touch via the Eust IPS.

INCANT

We will be inaugurating a fully comprehensive sports service next term. Anyone interested in joining either the reporting or photographic teams are invited to get in touch via the Eust IPS.

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CONTACT:

JOHN PLATT,
SECRETARY,
RUTHERFORD COLLEGE
AN INCREASE IN THE STANDARD maintenance grant from £310 to £420 p.a. has been called for by the National Union of Students' Executive Committee in the evidence submitted to the government's advisory board on student grants. N.U.S. Secretary, Trevor Fisk, revealed this hearing fact at the Union's recent council meeting held at Margate.

The meeting noted that the position of the Means Test, for example, posed a risk. A Leeds and York University proposal to replace grants by loans failed to receive adequate support. The meeting discussed a motion condemning any system of student charges which it considered unrepresentative of the cost of living. It finally gave approval to the system of free education on a basis of increased student union subscriptions, and on the understanding that this system may have to be modified if student union subscriptions increase.

Reform

The four-day event was dominated by discussions on "reform and social change" and "the role of the student in society". Some of the problems emphasized included the economic conditions which, it was claimed, made it impossible to attend university, and the difficulties of living and travelling in the country.

Another problem emphasized was the need for access to a wide range of information and cultural activities, and the importance of the student in maintaining these facilities.

Deficit

A three-month committee was set up to investigate the problem of the deficit in the Union's budget. The committee recommended an increase of £300 towards the deficit.

Rhodesia

In answer to a question on the situation in Southern Rhodesia, Mr. Brack, the President of the Union, said that the problem was a matter of concern to the Union.

Stay in ISC urges Fisk

A MOVE to get the Union's business service, the "Holland's National Council of Rhodesia" to reconsider the position of the Union's students in the country, has been urged by the Students' Union. The motion was made by a representative of the Union, who said that the situation was critical and that the Union must act immediately to improve the situation.

Mr. Fisk, who was speaking at a student union meeting in London, said that the Union was doing its best to help the students in the country. He said that the Union would continue to support the students and that it would try to find a solution to the problem.

South African students' problems

A THREE-MINUTE standing ovation greeted Mr. John Sprack, the student representative of the National Union of South African Students, when he spoke to the council of the problems within his country.

"South Africa is a country ruled by oppression and fear," he said, "but there is one thing they cannot do to us, and that is the idea of freedom."

Of the last three Presidents of NESAS, one was banned, another detained, and a third deported. It is the only multi-racial union within South Africa, and has 24,000 members. It is the only union within South Africa which has not been banned.

Mr. Sprack told the council that he had been arrested and detained for 18 months for "political reasons," and that he had been released on bail.

"Rhodesia"

Mr. Sprack concluded by saying that Rhodesia was a country which was trying to force the Union to give up its union activities. He said that the Union would continue to support its students in Rhodesia.

"In that event", he said, "the Union will support the students in Rhodesia and will try to find a solution to the problem."