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WEEKS HALL IN PRINCES GARDENS TO OPEN IN 1959

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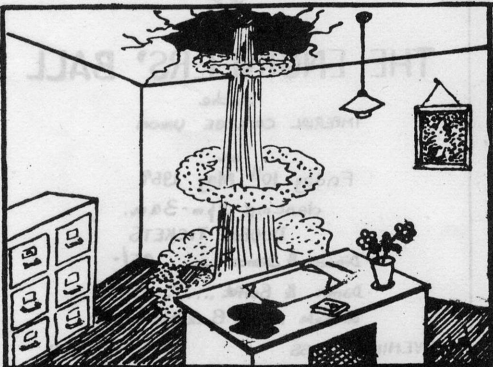
DURING MARCH IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE NATION THAT MESSRS. VICKERS LTD. HAD DONATED £150,000 FOR THE ERECTION OF A HALL OF RESIDENCE. THIS DONATION WILL ENABLE THE COLLEGE TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRINCES GARDENS SITE.

The new Hall will be known as the Weeks Hall will be built at the east end of the north side of the Gardens. It will accommodate seventy students and we understand that it is hoped to be opened in the autumn of 1959.

The drawing of the 'proposed design' which appeared in several newspapers had been pirated by the press. The architects spent several weeks trying to find where it had come from. This drawing gave only an indication of the probable architectural style of the buildings of the Princes Gardens project. No plans have yet been officially released. However, some time ago the Planning Department disclosed that the architects, Messrs. Richard Sheppard and Partners, were taking some inspiration from the design of the excellent new student accommodation which is being erected in Paris; thus it appears that the published drawing may not be far removed from the actual design.

It is rumoured that money left over from the Vickers' donation (if any) will be sunk in the swimming pool that has been proposed.

Vickers have also announced that they propose to award 15 scholarships for engineering at Imperial College with residence in Weeks Hall.



CHAIR OF NUCLEAR POWER!

WINNER OF BEARD COMPETITION



THE WINNER ROBIN SUTTON

ON MONDAY, THE 25TH. OF MARCH, onlookers in the Union Lounge gazed with envious eye at the collection of facial fungi assembled there. Even more envious, however, were the expressions when a full bottle of the best Scotch potato fermentation appeared on the scene, together, however, with an enormous shaving brush inscribed with a Felix-type cat. The Board of Judges took their seats while the Editor announced the names of the competitors, whose beards ranged from a diminutive chin embellishment to a thick, cave-man-like growth.

The competition was divided into four categories, together with an over-all winner. After much deliberation and intensive examination of each hairy protuberance, the Board declared Robin Sutton to be the winner. Amid great ovation, he received the two prizes. They both came in useful - while whetting his whistle with whisky, he varded off would-be drinkers with his wooden weapon - the Brush.

When half a bottle had been consumed, he very generously passed the bottle to the judges and the Editor.....no comment!

After further consultation, the judges made the following awards:

The THICKEST beard: Robin Sutton

The FUNNIEST beard: Colin Drake

The MOST AESTHETIC beard: Alan Thomas

The beard WITH THE MOST SEX-APPEAL: Brian Ellis

The last decision was made by the female portion of the Board only - Wendy Pipe and Elisabeth Krank, who called in Susan Coombs to make a casting vote, as they were undecided.

By this time, the contents of the bottle of liquor had disappeared, mostly down the throats of the male members of the Board; this probably accounts for the miserable expression on the face of Robin Sutton in the photograph above.

Again this years Guillas Carnival was a scene of uninhibited sport. Right from the start the well-planned organisation went astray. At 8.45pm. a policeman at the back of the Albert Hall scratched the back of his head in amazement as he watched a dozen striped shirted students belting around the corner with a small trolley on which a piano rested in unstable equilibrium. There being no clause in the Law dealing with being drunk in charge of a piano, he had no alternative but to let them pass. It was just as well he did, otherwise there would have been no dancing.

Three bands entertained those couples who had not already found entertainment of their own; and the bar did some lively trade until 2am, the effects of which were to be seen throughout the evening.

The cabaret, as usual, went its own sweet way, despite the rehearsals and Chad's prompting. Two minutes before the curtain was due to go up, the leading (or one and only) lady was being held from her hands halfway up the wings in order to stop the hiccoughs while other members of the cast were completely horizontal being made up. The big worry was that John Hart, Guillas President, would be carried away by his performance in the first act and contravene all standards of decency. Quite what went on or came off behind the kiosk, nobody knows, but we are assured that the feminine screams were genuine.

Our correspondent regretted that his report was totally inadequate, as he couldn't remember more than half the evening, and h's was the only one to be written. This would not have been the case had the Evening Standard reporter done her job, but unfortunately she was last seen leaving the Union horizontal, being supported by two members of the cabaret, who by this time could only just stand. She was laid carefully down on the floor of a cab, and the driver told 'Fleet Street'! Nobody knows what happened to her after that.

Taking all this into consideration, it is to be hoped that the Engineer's Ball on the 10th. May will be a little more sedate affair.

SPORTS DAY
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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

CLUB HOPS' ORGANISATION QUESTIONED

THE LAST MEETING OF COUNCIL took place on Monday, the 25th. of March.

There was a strong feeling against the Staff Common Room Committee's decision not to move to the 3rd. floor. It was suggested that they be told that the students were very disappointed with the Committee's decision. This was borne out by the reception with which the announcement was received at the preceding Union General Meeting.

INDEPENDENT COMMENT

THREE POINT LANDING

BY DAEDALUS

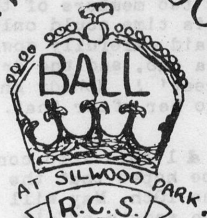
All too frequent recently have been the references in the popular national press to scientists and technologists. They say that we ignore the arts, religion and the humanities. Dr. Julian Huxley wrote an article in the "Daily Mail" claiming that Christian beliefs are no longer tenable and that the time has come for a new religion, worshipping fact. In this, the leading College, an examination of our Social Clubs, General Studies and Touchstone should allay the doubts of the journalists. As for Dr. Huxley, the more I learn in the field of Science and Technology the more I marvel at the Wondrous Works of God. Some people attribute these wonders to "natural evolution" - Who planned the evolution? If a survey were carried out, I wager that the general public would be surprised to find that Science and Technology is a comparative stronghold of Christianity. Let us not be complacent, however, there is room for considerable strengthening.

The plans for the future of National Service, announced by Mr. Macleod during the Easter Vacation, will have caused some despondency amongst I.C. men who had hoped for a system of selective recruitment which would exempt holders of the degrees they hope to obtain. Whilst the plans announced are undoubtedly fair, in that those who came straight to University from school should not gain an advantage over those who did their National Service first, they seem to have political rather than practical expediency. After spending a large sum of money training a scientist or engineer, is it not foolish to spend as much again giving him military training? After National Service his job would exempt him from conscription during a war, or he would be abroad anyway. Of course, practically 100% of the World's population does not want a war. If only they had control over their leaders!

An agitation of the undergraduate population of the three Colleges, akin to gaseous molecular excitement (the analogy is chosen advisedly!), reminds us of the approach of the Summer Examinations. Sales of 'bus tickets to Harlington, 'Hop' tickets, refectory lunches, and "Felix" will drop; those of coffee, cigarettes, aspirin and textbooks will rise. This usually happens and any doctor will tell you that it is just the reverse of what should happen to increase the average amount of examination success.

"SPEND A NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY"

COUNTRY AT HOUSE



(near Virginia Water)

Friday May 17th; 10.00pm till 6.00am.

Bar till 2.00am - Band till 5.00am.

Buffet included; Coaches leave Union 8.45pm.

Double Tickets - Ball 17/6; double return transport 12/6

It was announced that about 70 students, would now be accommodated in the Concert Hall for the Queen Mother's visit, instead of the previously announced number of 35. Invitations have now been sent out - mainly to officials of clubs and officers of the Union.

A lengthy discussion took place on whether a grand and an upright piano should be purchased. One Council member said that he was at a mining camp in Canada where they had both a grand and an upright; he said that the treatment which the pianos had received at the camp was probably similar to that likely to be received at I.C., and then went on to discuss how each piano stood up to its rough handling. A decision was postponed until further investigation had taken place.

The much-discussed question of the furniture in the Union Lounge was raised, and it was declared that the present furniture was to be distributed to various points in the Union and that solid, durable furniture was to be purchased - the Union is responsible for its upkeep!

The words "Ladies" and "Gentlemen" were to be put on appropriate doors, as, in the past, absence of these had led to unfortunate incidents.

A T.V. set is to be hired by the Union. Also a second billiard table is to be purchased.

The Entertainments' Committee expressed concern at the way Club Hops were being run - they had been instituted originally with the intention of providing hops of a higher standard than the ordinary ones and of lessening the burden of the Entertainments' Committee, but neither of these aims were being fulfilled; many club officials approached them the day before, with the result that in the end, it was the Committee who organised the hop. No definite decision was taken.

It was agreed that U.L.U. Clubs should not, in future, be allowed to hold dinners in the Dining Hall, as the demand by College Clubs and Societies was so great.

The undoubted highlight of the meeting, was when a police officer called to see Mr. Kitchener; this is reported in Nelson's Column this issue.

CHOIR CONCERT

I.C. Choir scored an undoubted success with their Spring concert performed before a packed audience in J.A. last term. The first half of the concert was made up of short works, beginning with the overture "Alcina" by Handel and Purcell's "Jehova quam Multe sunt Hostes Mei" made it clear the choir had worked hard and improved greatly. Balance and expression were particularly good. Rhianon James and Kenneth Sandford then sang two arias by Mozart.

After the interval was the major work, Mozart's Requiem, which was competently performed by the choir and the four soloists: Rhianon James (Soprano), Johanna Peters (Contralto), John Stoddart (Tenor), and Kenneth Sandford (Bass-Baritone). Instrumental accompaniment provided by Christopher Shaw at the piano and the Jacques String Orchestra, was above reproach.

We congratulate Dr. Eric Brown on a very fine performance and look forward to many more.

NELSON'S COLUMN

THOSE VULGAR HOOLIGANS, the Rugger Club have started to wreck the New Union fittings already. At the end of last term the quite charming gentlemen members of the Boat Club, who had been extra careful when washing behind their ears that day, were sitting peacefully in the Union Lounge reading their Bibles or listening to the Third Programme when in rushed those badly brought-up fellows. The beer-besotted louts kicked in the top of the Union's radio and then proceeded to fill it with beer.

A STRONG ARM OF THE LAW broke into the last Council Meeting and demanded an interview with our President. A plaque inscribed "Emergency Exit" is being fitted to the back door of the Council Room which opens into the area behind the building. Actually 'Honest Stan' had no cause for worry. When the meeting had hastily adjourned, it was found that the policeman was in fact one with a strong dart-throwing arm making arrangements for the forthcoming needle match with I.C.

WRITING OF DARTS, A STRANGE SIGHT was seen by one of your reporters in the bar last Saturday night. If the name of the person involved were mentioned here there might be no more Felices. This august military and administrative gentleman was playing a somewhat wild (anywhere within six feet of the board) game of darts whilst lying prostrate on the floor. He had equally devastating aim when crouching with his back to the board and throwing the missiles from between his legs.

HOW MANY MORE CLUBS? The latest to be formed is one to play the frog-like game of Croquet. When these clots start a club for playing Cat's Cradles, Nelson will leave I.C. in disgust.

JUST BECAUSE some 'Stanley Alan' or other in the Union hierarchy cannot afford to miss the Derby, Sports Day was changed from the original June 5th. to May 1st. Miners will have mixed feelings about this. On May 1st. their strong men of the 3rd. year Mining and Mining Geology courses are still toiling in Cornwall; but the Chaps always attend at Epsom on Derby Day. Of course, odds on John Evans in the mile event will be much shorter than those on the Derby favourite.

SAYING OF THE WEEK: "When I used to buy Felix, I used to think it was worth 3d."

-The Editor of this Paper.

Editor's Note: This Column was written this week by a new Nelson. Next issue it will revert to its original writer!

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on

Friday 10th May 1957

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EVENING DRESS

BAR



Coming back from the Easter Vac., there have been many changes apparent, which should have been seen when we came at the beginning of the session. The lawn has now put in a welcome appearance, the contractors are moving the last of their equipment, there is definite promise of new furniture in the Union Lounge, and the FELIX room is now ready!

This means that now we shall have an office to which you can bring all your troubles, be they little or big ones. FELIX photographs will also be on sale in this room, which is facing the main staircase on the 3rd. floor. There will be a member of the FELIX Editorial Board in the office from 1.00p.m. to 2.00p.m. on each weekday starting today. Also, FELIX "make-up" will be in this room every other Sunday. Anybody who wishes to help with this is very welcome, particularly at this time of the year so that staff can be trained for next year's production team - for the producing of FELIX is a skilled job requiring a co-ordinated team.

The next issue, the present Editor will be off on along week-end - a course, we hasten to add. So, the next issue will be made-up by next year's Editor with this year's Editor advising before the event - so don't believe anything you may read about the latter in the next issue.

Question of the week..... What are the two lugs above the clock in the quadrangle for?

R. S. M. ELECTIONS

At the Mines' elections at the end of last term, P.W.G. Wallace was elected President, and Brian Wallace (no relation) as Secretary. "Jock" Wallace is a second year Miner, and came to I.C. in 1954. He was last year's Captain of the Boat Club.

Brian Wallace has also been in the Boat Club, and has been Mines' Pornographer for two years.

Other officers-elect are:-

Vice-President.....John de Villiers
Hon. Pornographer.....J. Hoekema
Entertainments Officer...P. Scott
Editor Mines Journal....Ian Plummer
I.C. Bookstall Rep.....D. Thomas

KEEP OFF THE GRASS!

The College resumed activity this term to find that the unsightly mess of the quadrangle had been removed and in its place a pleasant formal garden laid out. There will not be, it seems, any "Keep off the Grass" notices, presumably since they would not remain in situ for long; but all are asked to cooperate in keeping the garden in its present condition by adhering strictly to the paths.

Our tame botanist reports that the trees planted in the 'quad' include a Silver Birch (Betula); a flowering Cherry (which masquerades under the name of Prunus Cerasus); four Horn-beams (Carpinus). (Our Racing Correspondent assures that no similarity is intended to the horse which arrived 4th. in the Derby and

The Esteemed Editor,
"Felix"

Your Excellency,

This is a matter of some urgency, which we feel should be brought to the attention of your esteemed readers. We are organising a very silent protest march at 1.15p.m. today; assembly point outside the Union Archway. We will march past several convenient embassies and will disperse outside a building in Exhibition Road.

Our protest has the support of all shades of opinion from East to West. We suggest the following slogans are the most pertinent :-

WE PROTEST !
STOP THEM NOW !
WE DEMAND JUSTICE !
REMEMBER THE LAST TIME !
THIS CONCERNS YOU !
SEND A GUNBOAT !
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER !
CONSTITUTION, RESTITUTION, PROTESTATION !

Other appropriate slogans will be welcome. We know they will be forced to take notice of this, lest the rising tide engulf them.

We are yours in protestation
'Purple' Pretty,
'Red' Cox,
'Buster' Cole,
'True-Blue' Saunders,
'Curly' Kale,
'Deep Pink' Billingham,

Monsieur le Rédacteur,
Tout en vous félicitant du haut niveau du français de votre cabaret, nous déplorons votre ignorance!

Malgré la séduction du regard de la "fille" qui ornaît le billet, le mot "rendez-vous" ne change pas de sexe et reste encore masculin-et pour cause!

Nous espérons que la prochaine fois vous veillerez à ce que le cabaret soit moins gênant aux innocentes demoiselles qui sont obligées de le regarder entourées des jeunes savants de votre honorable établissement.

En remerciant le comité qui a organisé une soirée formidable, nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments les plus respectueux.

Deux étudiantes de l'Institut
Français.

I.C. Hostel,

Dear Sir,

Without professing to go into detail (not being qualified enough to do so), as to which of the tie knots is better, one cannot ignore completely the fact that this particular aspect of a man's dress has not received the same attention within the scholastic walls of our College, as outside. Though one cannot wait for the day when "every man, young or old, will have a personal tie knot (and, incidentally, hair style) suitable to his age, face and character" it is too much to hope and desire that the tie knot, the object of which is to draw attention to the face, "the seat of man's character", and not entirely to conceal the collar stud, will have our more immediate attention?

Yours etc.,
J.M.Puri.

FELIX

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Since women are accepted into this College on equal basis with men, why are they 'barred' from the bar? This unwritten rule, in my mind, casts a sordid shadow over I.C. bar and is apt to set an outsider's imagination working along the wrong lines. I am sure that a male's privacy will not be endangered in any way because women are invited in by other males for a drink. The atmosphere and general aspect of the bar will definitely be improved by their presence and, whatever is said against the idea, it works perfectly well in pubs.

Yours sincerely,
R. Rocchini
C.G.G.

Potsdam,
New York,

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you could help me with a little problem I have. When I was at C&G in '51-54, I was familiar with a ditty which was something about "We're going to see the Hamburg Zoo". This is completely unknown on this side, and I would like to introduce it, but find I have almost forgotten it. Perhaps you and your colleagues could furnish me with the (authentic) words and tune; the solo parts are especially important.

I trust "Felix" is still in the best of health and full of fleas - I mean activity.

Regards,
Alan Phillips.

Editor's Note: Please send all verses to "Felix" who will pass them on to Mr. Phillips.

Dear Sir,

I am rather puzzled by the variations in position of SCIENTIA on the open book of the I.C. crest. A quick survey of the Union shows three distinct schools of thought :- the SCIENTIA S. of T.; the SCIENTIA S. of T. the SCIENTIA S. of T.

The followers of the first have the least support, their only emblem being the large crest in the bar. The other two both have more followers. SCIENTIA appears on the stage back cloth, the new embossed chairs, the pelmet in the committee room, on the bust of Sir Otto Beit in the archway and on some of the pots. The other pots belong to the SCIENTIA S. of T., with the small crest behind the bar, the crest over the Union entrance, the blazer badge and the notepaper headings. The large quantities of printed notepaper and blazer badges sway the count towards the latter, but is sheer weight of numbers enough for this to be accepted as correct?

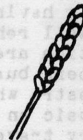
In these days of standardisation and mass-production much individuality is being lost and every effort should be made to preserve character, but surely in this case the variations are merely odd and not of an individual character, standardisation would therefore be an advantage.

By the way, which is correct?

Yours etc,
J.C.Wright

(Editor's Note. Our Heraldic correspondent writes that, having considered fully the merits and demerits of each of the above versions, and after having consulted suitable authorities, the last version is perhaps less incorrect than the 1st. and 2nd. versions.)

THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT.



NO 3:

IF CORN HAS EARS AND POTATOES HAVE EYES, WHO KNOWS?

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KARAKORAM TEAM

The Karakoram Expedition has at last received permission to enter Kashmir. The party, under the leadership of Eric Shipton and second in command, Dr. Graham Budd, an Australian, departs at the end of June.

PROFILES

KEITH MILLER

Former President of C.&G. Union, Keith is a native of Blackburn, married and with a small daughter. His delapidated trousers and hairy chest can often be seen adorning the crags around the Old Dungeon Gill in the Lake District.

PETER GRIMIEY

Pete comes from the holiday resort of Blackpool, and is at present a research student in Mining Geology. Having difficulty in climbing when the opposite sex is around, he does better in Labrador and Africa, where he has several first ascents.

GEOFF BRATT

Geoff, often known as 'The Wild Colonial Boy' comes from Tasmania. He is at present in the Physical Chemistry Department, and believes in a simple diet when climbing. He recently survived three days on a dozen eggs and two pounds of sausages. He has had many years exploring in the Tasmanian Bush.

ROGER CRATCHLEY

Roger is a geophysicist who comes from Stoke-on-Trent. He has had a great deal of experience in the British Isles and in the Alps. He is married and noted for expressing himself very vociferously but with an absence of ear-raising language if something goes wrong!



CHRIS GRAVINA

A second year Electrical from Kent, who maintains he commenced climbing at the late age of two. He was a member of the British Schools Exploration Society Exploration to Iceland, and has climbed from the Canadian Rockies to the Alps.

BRIAN AMOS

A research student in Geology, Brian is, at present, collecting rocks somewhere in Northern Scotland. He comes from London and is noted for his moustache and stiff collar when climbing.

Y.H.A. EASTER TOUR

They say that the Lake District is one of the wettest in England. It is more - it is one of the finest; true, when it rains it doesn't skip matter but when it is fine it is really blazingly hot, none of your dusty, hazy, choking London summer days.

On the whole I suppose the weather was reasonable, about four fine days, three very, very, wet days and about four cold but fine days. We had about fifteen people on and off, ranging from twelve at the start of the tour to about eighteen towards the end, all walkers of very varied walking capability - generally we split into two or more groups, a "walking party" who used to make for the biggest fell in sight and slog straight up it, and nearly kill themselves in the process; A "sleeping party" who used to perform just this function (in a pub if wet! and on a patch of bracken

if fine); and a certain couple who used to wander off hand in hand over the moors!

Memories and photographs - we have plenty of these; sore feet and blisters - those also! But I think it was worth it, the good cancels out the bad, and the memories last longer than the blisters. Outstanding were a great day's traverse of Gable, Scawfell, and Scawfell Pike in blazing hot weather, A dash over the fells in a howling gale which ripped a large number of pack a macs to pieces. The time when one of the girls sat down in a rather wet bog hole, the send off, we gave to another couple when they left.

All these things, and many others, combined to give a holiday, which for companionships, scenery, and sheer change was unexcelled.

SMOKING CONCEAL

HUMAN OSTRICH AND "HOFFNUNG" ORCHESTRA

Judging by the standard of material presented, this was probably one of the best Smoking Concerts ever, most of the acts obviously having been carefully conceived and well rehearsed. Especially worthy of mention are first year chemistry's taped opera burlesque and a Hoffnung-type orchestra which gave several pieces of music an original execution. The weary travellers hopes, fears and expectations were well portrayed in a sketch by some botanical types. This had the standard sexual Smoking Concert ending. Also bluish in tint was a monologue on Spring Cleaning which was well received. The Musical items which added to the variety were, in general, excellent. A good idea was the introduction of 'commercials' between acts, but these would have been better had they involved fewer people, and been a little slicker.

After the interval, the effects of alcohol became apparent, and the audience more vociferous. As a result Mr. Green's impression of Liberace, caviare at the Carnival, was little better than catfish on this occasion. In a finale, Dr. Evans shocked the audience into silence by making a meal of light bulbs, gramophone records, razor blades, and liquid oxygen. Finally a word of praise for Mr. Goodings, who, as compere, preserved his reputation by avoiding the corny gags which, unfortunately, so often cannot be divorced from this job. Let us hope that next year's concert is as good as this one.

D.F.B.

BOOK REVIEW

MAY NUMBER OF "MEN ONLY"

This month's "M.O." does not fail to maintain the magazine's high literary standard. The articles alone are well worth the price of the book. In particular, the articles "Gentlemen Qualified to Do So" by One of Them, "People in the News" by George Houghton and "The New Plague of Egypt" by J. Wentworth Day make very entertaining and interesting reading.

It is that other ingredient of the magazine that lacks quality in this issue. This is, of course, visual art. Of 17 cartoons only two are funny; six are 'corny' and six are just vulgar without being funny as well. The remaining three do not fit into any of these categories. Of the usual photography, a selection by Cardew Robinson of the savoir faire sex characterising a country cottage, a stately home, a Riviera villa and a penthouse should certainly stimulate readers to travel. However, Harry Secombe's choice for "This month's pin-up", the English starlet Lynn Shaw, is disappointing. A rather sparsely upholstered coachwork is not improved by an unattractive face and facial expression. These photos are not for the purist. The "Let's Join the Ladies" no. 37 by Vargas does not merit a place on a hostel bedroom wall this month. It has been felt for some time that this artist should take a course in anatomy. Perhaps he would then get his proportions correct.

H.E.S.

Important Railery

Politics ignore.
Westminster is a menage
Of persiflage
- Nothing more.

COMING EVENTS

Fri. 3rd. May

Sailing Club Dinner, Upper Dining Hall, 7.00p.m. to 7.30p.m.

Prospect of Venezuela - Exhibition of Photographs at Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, open till 18th. May.

Sat. 4th. May

Touchstone Weekend. - "Spiritualism" - guest speaker the (late) Dr. A.J. West, M.A., D.P.M.

Thurs. 9th. May

Lit. and Deb. Soc. - Annual Dinner, Upper Dining Hall, 7.30p.m.

Fri. 10th. May

Engineers Ball, I.C. Union, 9p.m.-3a.m.
Double Tickets: Dinner and Dance 25/-
Dance and Buffet 15/-
Evening Dress. Bar

Sat. 11th. May

Riding Club. Outing to Royal Windsor Horse Show. Transport available, - contact D.T. Bullock through Union Rack. Non-members welcome.

Fri. 17th. May

R.C.S. Country House Ball at Silwood Park. 10p.m.-6.00a.m. Coach leaves Union at 8.45p.m.
Double Tickets: Dance and Transport 30/-
Dance only 17/6

Sat. 18th. May

Y.H.A. Group. Sailing Weekend, Maldon Hostel.

Fri. 31st. May

Jubilee Ball. Double Tickets - 20/-, now on sale at Union Office.

Forthcoming A.G.M.s:

Fencing Club:- Mon. 6th May at 5.30pm.

Phot. Soc.:- Thur. 9th May at 1.15pm.

Socialist Society:- Thur. 9th May, 1.10p.m.

Y.H.A. Group:- Thur. 16th May at 1.15pm

N.B. All meetings held in New Committee Room off Union Lounge.

CONFERENCE AT LIVERPOOL

ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE DISCUSSED

The hosts of the third inter-varsities informal conference were Liverpool University, and the delegates from 27 Universities and Colleges, 63 people in all were accommodated at Derby Hall a hall of residence in the suburbs of Liverpool.

A very full agenda had been prepared for discussion, the background of this meeting being not to formally pass motions or recommendations but rather to promote the interchange of experience in the running of Student Unions and their subsidiary bodies.

A discussion of the Union buildings, catering facilities, bar, and finances of the University brought to light some of the difficulties that beset many unions in their struggle for financial stability. Interesting comments were made with respect to Union bars and there was a surprising number of universities where the male-female ratio is lower than at I.C., that were endeavouring to create 'men only' bars or solve the problem of women in their union bars.

Entertainments, indeed a major function of any union, promoted a lively exchange and it became apparent that many unions treat their functions as another source of finance. The system of running hops is fairly standard although diversity in the quality of club hops was noticeable. Some unions do not allow clubs to run hops whereas at others the clubs vie with each other to give better dances without any profit incentive. University women seemed reluctant to go to union hops or perhaps it was that outside girls were more eager.

Some apprehension was felt about the cultural activities that were being sponsored by the university authorities and unions felt that they would like to encourage an active interest in out-of-college efforts.

A discussion on the purpose of university education led somewhat long-windedly to the conclusion that the

informal conference was not the place to attempt such a topic considering the time available. Staff-student relationships in some of the unions are encouraged; others are in opposition to the point of phobia. A lot of interest was shown in our hall dinner system and although many unions organised tea parties etc. they were somewhat ineffectual.

Expansion is very fashionable and concerns all unions, the problem of a growing student body and already inadequate facilities is forcing all manner of emergency measures on the unions. The standard of architecture of new buildings and the planning of new facilities was deplored and it was felt that a much higher standard should be aimed at, and that planning at the earliest possible stages should take place between responsible student bodies and the planning staff. The provision of student Halls of Residence with increasing numbers is a common failing in all universities though it seems that the newer universities have a disproportionate number of their students in halls compared with the well-established universities. The regulations regarding students living in lodgings and flats was most illustrative of the reluctance

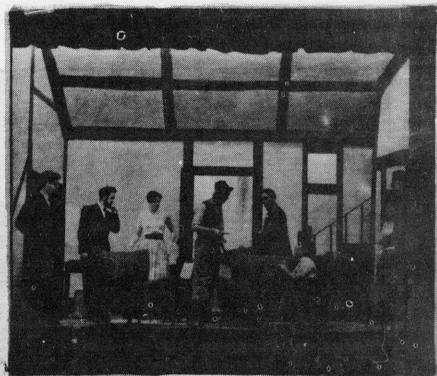
of some university authorities to allow the students any self determination. Such phrases, in connection with the question of flats were heard; over 21; over 23; 3rd. year; postgraduates only; fathers' written permission; which only indicates the diversity of university administration.

Other questions such as debates, elections voting system, freshmen receptions brought the lively discussion that comes of conviction in ones methods.

The amount of comment that we have found useful is doubtless less than the unions that are not so well run and stable as Imperial College but the contribution we can make is indeed very large and the informal conference is the ideal opportunity.

Q.E. SLEPT HERE

I.C. DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S EASTER PRODUCTION



On March 25th., 26th., and 27th., I.C.D.S. presented, as their second major production in the new Union Building, a farcical comedy by Talbot Rothwell, "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here". This tells of the misfortunes that befall a young couple who buy a tumbledown country cottage and have to brave the hardships of a rural existence: as with most farces, the story is of secondary importance, and the author uses it merely as a framework for a series of comic situations. While there is much in the play which will appeal to most people with a suitably-developed sense of humour, there is also much which can be described only as "corny".

The standard of acting was on the whole very high, though, perhaps not surprisingly with so many characters, there was a certain amount of miscasting. The pace of the production was also good, and the producer, Graham Matthews, must be congratulated on his handling of the large and comparatively inexperienced cast.

The actors were well supported by the technical departments, and in particular the many and varied sound-effects helped to create a suitably rustic atmosphere. Altogether an enjoyable evening's entertainment, though nothing more.

I.C. ON THE 'TELLY'

On April 12th. the Rector and certain members of various engineering departments appeared in a B.B.C. television programme. This programme outlined some of the steps being taken to increase the output of scientists and technologists for industry and was complementary to this year's Reith Lectures in which Sir Edward Appleton spoke of industry's growing demands for highly trained personnel.

Shots of practical work in progress, filmed some weeks before, included a close up of the Vice-President of Guilds and some unusually attentive aero students (obviously camera conscious) diligently taking lecture notes. The Rector spoke of the expansion programme at the college and outlined the work already under way. The important position in supplying the needs of industry held by Imperial College, now recognised by the government, was emphasised.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

The Thames Head of River Race showed that this year there are many crews of equal capabilities. This fact made it difficult to improve our position but the 1st. VIII did very well and were placed 16th.

Results:

HEAD:	Isis	19 min 14 secs
2 :	Goldie	19 : 21
8 :	Univ. of London	19 : 43
16 :	I.C. I	20 : 05
47 :	I.C. III	20 : 37
60 :	I.C. II	20 : 45
96 :	I.C. IV (old lags)	21 : 06
171 :	I.C. V	21 : 39
216 :	I.C. VI	22 : 06
232 :	I.C. VII	22 : 25
263 :	I.C. IX	23 : 40
266 :	I.C. VII	23 : 51

269 crews started

Next week the Regatta season opens and the college crews hope to bring home some trophies.

CRICKET TRIALS

Cricket trials were held in Harlington as usual. In view of the large attendance it is hoped that I.C. shall be able to run 3 teams this summer.

The first team opened the season with an away fixture at Wye against Wye College. The team included three freshers in Hare, Hackett, and Kapur, in addition to the recognised talent in Kitchener, Sheppard, Bhatti and Whiddon. I.C. batted first and were all out for 54 runs. Murden was the only batsman who shaped well in contributing a useful 15. Kitchener started the season as usual with a single, and Whiddon with a duck.

Wye College batted just as badly at the start. They were 6 wickets down for 19 runs at one stage but managed to win without further loss. Bhatti bowled well taking 4 wickets for 23 runs in 10 overs.

The evening opened partly at George's and partly at the hop in the college union. Any resistance by the coach driver to staying till late was softened by Charlie Whiddon's generous bribe of beer.



SPORT



RUGGER CLUB IN CORNWALL



April 1st. - All Fools' Day - and first man to play one of the traditional jokes was none other than the College jester, Brian Oggi, who is also I.C. Rugger Secretary. His victims were high spirited rugger players, for whom he produced what our correspondent described as an aged and rattling boneshaker to convey them on their week-long invasion of Cornwall. This world-weary wagon managed to reach the Dorchester Arms, Hook, but shortly afterwards filled its own interior with choking fumes, and with the emission of a great column of steam from its radiator and a puddle of oil from its under-belly, shuddered to a standstill in the middle of Salisbury Plain. The driver was undaunted by this apparent disaster and, after a 40 minute rest, he gently cajoled his charge for a further mile or so where the contents of a cow-trough were poured into the radiator. The first half gallon shot straight out in the form of superheated steam, but soon we were off again and reached Falmouth at midnight; though not before visiting the famous Jamaica Inn, where the co-operative and willing nature of young Cornish womanhood first came to the notice of the Vice-Captain and his associates.

The first match, against Falmouth, was played in misty and difficult conditions, and to the undisguised delight of I.C. supporters, was won by 9 points to nil. The whole team played with great spirit and determination and thoroughly deserved a notable victory. Stone kicked two penalty goals and began a movement which provided Berryman with a try on the left. Those who remembered our defeat two years ago led an uproarious celebration, which continued late into the night at a Falmouth supporters' club dance.

It was at this dance that the President was coerced into giving his own rendering of "Singing The Blues", and was only persuaded to stop when told by the House Manager that the noise might attract the police.

At this function, a frolicsome filly of Falmouth with, it was rumoured, the scalps of many previous visiting captains under her belt, made passionate advances on the I.C. skipper, D.M. Thomas. This stolid example of self-effacing British manhood at first seemed hooked - even to the extent of buying and drinking lemonade! However later in the week he produced an effective hand-off, and completed the tour battered, beery and bruised, but unconquered.

In describing the next match, against Penzance, your correspondent quotes from the Western Morning News: "The match between Penzance and Imperial College, which the former won 19-3, was one of the most attractive seen on the ground for some time. The College treated a very good impression by their open rugby and sound tackling, and well deserved the ovation they received as they left the field."

The visitors were most unlucky, for after only three minutes they lost their right-centre. B. Hearn, with a fractured collar-bone. Although opposed by a side which contained seven county players the College went into their task with a will. They were 14 points down at the interval, but conceded only one further try in the closing minutes the College reaped a deserved reward for their pluck when Stone scored a brilliant try which was not converted. It may seem invidious to praise individuals after such a splendid team display, but eighteen year old A. Seed, I.C. 2nd XV scrum-half, rose to the occasion and played a fine game under pretty tough conditions.

So to Penryn, where revenge was sought for a narrow and unlucky defeat two years ago. Alas, two hard matches had left their mark, and with one or two unavoidable team-changes, I.C. had lost their sparkle and went down in a close fight 6-0. One member of the party attributed defeat to the decision to play Stone, with a broken toe, in preference to the A XV fly-half who, although not quite match fit, at least boasted an entire skeleton beneath his ample covering.

The extraordinary proceedings that followed the Penryn game cannot be recorded here. They included a masterly commando raid, whose aim was to gain entry into a late-drinking establishment perched on top of a steep hill. The objects of this venture were successfully accomplished without loss of life, despite loose boulders and stinging nettles, and Thomas became Keeper of the Privy Key. You can hear further details in the bar.

Thus ended a fine tour with a great spirit. The writer's only regret is that R. Stone's carefully laid plan to get Oggi paralytic and then cut his hair off could never be implemented.

SQUASH CLUB

Once again it is possible to say that the club looks back on a good season. With potentially one of the best teams for a number of years. The few failings must be attributed to poor form rather than lack of skill. A notable example of this was in the U.L. 3-a-side tournament when the 1st team lost to King's. A little more concentration and decisiveness would have resulted in a victory over less skillful, but more enthusiastic opponents. Later in the season this defeat was avenged when King's were beaten by 4 ties to 1.

Perhaps the most enjoyable and instructive match of the season was against Whitehouse. This time in all cases the skill of the opposition far excelled the skill of the I.C. team and the latter had to counterattack by virtue of their superior fitness, by playing as robust a game as was possible. This almost paid dividends against the older opposition.

The second team has been unfortunate in all sorts of ways; injuries, power failures, last minute cancellations etc., but nevertheless has still managed to emerge with about a 90% record of wins.

Full colours have been awarded to F.D. Stevens and half colours to G. Hodgson and H. Mills.

WHITELY CUP TOURNAMENT.

John Braithwaite played John Hart in the final of Whitely Cup for the third successive year but carried off the trophy for the first time by winning in the fifth game. The match, though not of the highest technical standard, was full of the tension that is expected in a final, tension that was passed from the players to the crowd in the gallery.

ATHLETICS SEASON OPENS

The term's activities began with the I.C. trials held on Wednesday, 24th. April and then a match against Westminster on Saturday, 27th, which we won in no uncertain fashion by 90 pts - 31 pts. despite the fact that the team was weakened by members attending the U.L. trials. Westminster men won two of the fourteen events.

A full report of Sports day (May 1st) and the U.L. Champs. will be given in the next issue. One event held last term still has to be reported, this being the intercollegiate 3-miles, won narrowly by R.C.S. from Guilds and Mines. The points were 27-30-71. The individual winner, John Evans, set up a new College Record of 14 mins. 12 secs. - an excellent performance on a muddy track. This event forms part of Sports Day.

EASTER HOCKEY FESTIVAL

As in past years, the hockey festival organised by N.P.L. at Teddington was a great success. I.C. had three stiff matches against Teddington on Friday, N.P.L. on Saturday and Old Kingstonians on Monday. The Friday match was a shambles, I.C. being beaten 5-1. Saturday, however, proved to be a better day, and I.C. fought a 3-3 draw with N.P.L. Monday's match was a damp uninspired affair, I.C. losing 2-0 to Old Kingstonians. General impressions of the festival were good, the bar open all day, a good snooker table, plenty of beer and sandwiches.

A very successful festival all round.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Club finished off a successful season with members taking part in three events:

On Wednesday, March 27th the Intercollege 3 mile Championships was held, in which most members participated. In the evening the Club held its annual 'Bar Race' in which members run from the Club noticeboard into the Bar, 'swallow' a pint of bitter and 'run' back. - The winner was the Club President, John Evans in a time of 19.1 secs; Bill Lampkin was second in 19.5 secs and Chris Gravina third in 19.6 secs.

On Saturday, March 30th the Club entered four members in the gruelling Wigmore Harriers 15 mile Road Race held over a hilly lap course round Hampstead Heath. One member, however, had second thoughts on the subject and decided not to run. As a result there were only 3 I.C. men among the 132 starters.

After 7½ miles Mike Sanderson had to drop out with bleeding feet. However, John Collins ran a 'blinder' passing thro' the 10 mile point in 3 mins. under the hour to finish 21st in a time of 87 mins. 41 secs. Colin Wood also fought on to gain a certificate for finishing 59th in 96 mins. 17 secs.