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KEITH MILLER IS REFUSED VISA NOW GRANTED AFTER QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

LAST WEEK SAW A HAPPY ENDING TO WHAT MUST BE ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL AND MYSTERIOUS EVENTS AT I.C. FOR SOME YEARS. KEITH MILLER, THE PRESIDENT OF GUILDS UNION LAST YEAR AND A PRIME MOVER IN THE FOUNDING OF THE EXPLORATION BOARD, WAS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

During the debate it was announced that the ban on Miller, imposed by the Pakistan Government, had been withdrawn. All I.C., knowing of the tremendous untiring effort he has made in getting the forthcoming expedition to the Himalayas on a sound footing, will rejoice at this news. There can be little doubt, however, that some of the facts behind the story are truly amazing.

It appears that news of Miller having been banned was received some weeks ago by the senior members of the Exploration Board. Some attempt was made to have the decision reversed, both obviously meeting with some difficulties, they reached a conclusion that this was impossible. It is noteworthy at this stage to realize that during this period, neither student members, nor any I.C. Union Officer, nor EVEN MILLER HIMSELF, were informed. Eventually the Exploration Board informed Keith that, much as they naturally sympathised with him, there was little or nothing he could do about it. In an endeavour to keep the whole event quiet, and so that no-one need ever know, it was even suggested that Keith should resign because of "ill-health". Even without knowing why Keith had been banned, the Board advised him to accept the decision with as little fuss as possible.

For those who know Keith personally, it will be no surprise to hear that he did not take too kindly to this treatment. He visited the M.P. for Blackburn (his home town), Mrs. Barbara Castle, and the High Commissioner for Pakistan in England. He asked Mrs. Castle to raise the matter in the House of Commons. In addition, Keith approached several College dignitaries for help in providing references that might lend weight to his appeal. The student presidents and the Warden of the Hostel readily agreed to help, and letters were sent to Mrs. Castle, the High Commissioner for Pakistan, and Mr. A.H. Abu, who is an M.P. on the governing body of the College. The letters explained that, he is not only a member of the expedition, but also its originator.

Miller had been a valuable and industrious member of college society during his stay at I.C. The letters asked that the ban be withdrawn or else at least some reasonable explanation be given.

The lively discussion that took place in the House on May 9th. was fully reported in the Times next day and mentioned in a number of the other daily papers. Mrs. Castle asked a number of questions about the nature of information that is passed by the British Government to the Governments of the Commonwealth in such circumstances and the right of appeal in such a case. She also asked questions about the Miller case in particular. The discussion included a speech from Mr. Abu who spoke up for Keith and Mr. Callaghan commented that the whole case smacked of McCarthyism.

A copy of Hansard has been purchased and placed in the reading room for all those who would like to read the proceedings in full.

The result, as we now know was a resounding triumph for Keith and his band of determined supporters. Mr. Alport (Under Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations) announced that the Pakistan Government had withdrawn its objection to Miller (this was presumably based on information supplied to them by the British Government).

KEITH MILLER, who was President of Guilds last year obtained a 'first', and has been working at Rugby since. He hopes to return to I.C. next year.



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WHEN BATTERSEA CAME TO S. KEN

After months of comparative peace, ragging broke out again as a result of the Flying visit to the Union of a Battersea Poly publicity team of "hot gossellers".

Shortly after 1 p.m. a fawn Morris truck was seen to approach the Union at high speed from an Easterly direction. The publicity campaigners were dumped outside the Beit Archway and anticipating the tyre deflationary and sparking plug removal tendencies of I.C. their vehicle was then moved to a safer parking place. The men and maidens from Battersea dressed in underclothing and sheets - which they pro-

bably always wear - and carrying placards explaining the purpose of their visit, crossed the Beit Quadrangle and entered the Union Building by the door near the bar. Hopes for some good sport in the bar were however dashed when the party turned left into the lounge. They made a short but noisy tour of the ground floor without being molested but on reaching the Beit Archway found that their way was barred. Hoses belonging to the stone cleaning company came in very handy and the occupants of the New Hostel had their water dispensing receptacles primed. The Poly hop publicisers, male and female, escaped after the brief but energetic aquatic sport session which followed and very little effort was made to prevent their departure by truck. This vehicle made a return run past the Union at high speed scattering the assembled crowd.

At this point, civil war broke out. Long standing differences of opinion between the floors of the hostel became apparent as hostilities broke out. The crowd in the road were treated to an enjoyable display of water throwing. The President of I.C.W.A. undeterred by one drenching, now protected by a bathing cap, reappeared at her window and gave vent to her feelings by dousing those sheltering under an umbrella on the balcony. Several blue helmeted gentlemen were observed in the background, and one was seen to enter the Union.

On the opposite side of the road a considerable amount of water leaked from the top floors of the Aero department. However, the aeronauts discovered that the pressure in the fire hose was insufficient for the water to reach the other side of the road. All hostilities ceased at 2 p.m.

- A number of anomalies merit contemplation:-
- 1) Why did the senior members of the Exploration Board not inform the student members of the decision considerably earlier than they did.
 - 2) How was the conclusion reached that the ban was irrevocable. It seems somehow strange that in a week Mr. Miller has managed to reverse the decision not to grant him a visa, when the Exploration Board had failed to do so. Kitch was informed that raising the matter in an endeavour to change the decision might only lead to more troubles and Keith jeopardized even more if the ban became widespread knowledge.

On the face of it there can be only one answer - that the college in trying not to dirty its nose with any public exposure did its best initially to keep the whole procedure 'in camera'. Considering the position in which the college finds itself, that was understandable as long as Keith did not know. However, when he had declared his intention to have the whole matter thrashed out, if need be at the highest level irrespective of incidental risks, it was the college that should have stood at his shoulder and given him wholehearted support.

KEITH MILLER, continued on page 2.

PROFILES



THE POWERS THAT BE

While none of the characters in this photograph is actually carrying the Times, they are all Top People. Felix offers no prize to the first to identify them. Their separate likenesses have each adorned these papers before, and they now do so together because of the editor's metaphysical belief in emergent evolution: the doctrine that the assembly may add up to more than the sum of the parts.

The parts themselves are intrinsically remarkable. The seated sages, Tony Goodings, John Hart and Mike Rutter, who guide the destinies of R.C.S., Guilds and Mines, are each formidable figures. The last two, particularly, bring a wider vision to Union discussions from their exotic backgrounds in Rhodesia and Lancashire. All have admired the versatile mastery of this trio at freshers dinners, Union meetings, carnivals, and in the dignified old world atmosphere of the various formal dances. Then, looming from the insets, there are the less-publicised figures of retired oarsman Kim Ash and barnstorming Les Allen. These gentlemen, the Chairmen of A.C.C. and S.C.C., spin a mysterious financial web in the background, and distribute vast sums of Union money to the clubs.

Standing left, and much improving the picture, Miss Wendy Pipe, the President of I.C.W.A. Seldom can this depressed class have had a livelier leader, or one so accurate with a saucepanful of water.

Standing right, Union Secretary Andy Levine, one-time Guilds president, twice Student Orator, and now (supreme honour!) Student Bedell-elect for May 28th.

Centre, bestriding the whirlwind and directing the storm, the originator of the Kitchener Doctrine of 'give 'em hell'. The Union President, a man of foresight (tipped Crepello for the Derby at Christmas), has served in many offices, but never to such valuable (and sometimes devastating) effect as now.

Above the individual eccentricities of this exceptional octet rises their collective contribution to student democracy and independence during this year of re-establishment and re-consolidation. The Union depends on the willing and capable characters who man its (frequently tedious) committees and give up much of their spare time to man them. If the electorate picks as good a collection of forthright spokesmen for next session it will have done well.

CHARTER JUBILEE

For the convenience of its readers, Felix reproduces the more important details of the official programme for May 28th.

3.02 Mr. Allen will take the Gentleman-in-Waiting's hat, and will place it in the Powder Room.

3.14 Mr. Rutter, Mr. Goodings, Mr. Hart and Mr. Levine, who will be in the Procession and on the Platform, should be in position near the Powder Room at 2.40, and when the Chancellor has entered the Reading Room they will take position for the Procession (with Mr. Levine, the Student Bedell in front) near the entrance to the vestibule just inside the Senior Common Room.

3.24 Before the Chancellor rises, Mr. Seaford who will be in the wings (north) will move the nearest microphone and place it handy to the Chancellor.

When the applause for the Chancellor's speech dies down, Mr. Seaford will place the microphone in front of the Rector.

3.28 When the applause for Mr. Seaford has died down, the Rector will express the thanks of the College to the Chancellor.

3.33 Eight tall members of the Guard of Honour, instructed by Mr. Newby, will be in charge of the eight large umbrellas, and will shelter Her Majesty and other members of the processional party across the Garden and Prince Consort Road.

(See Water Rag Report)

4.06-4.10 The Chancellor, together with those in attendance, will go by the west entrance of the Large Structures Laboratory to the court yard where the 3 College mascots will be drawn up to the south.

4.10-4.14 If the weather is wet the Large Umbrellas will be used for the return journey.

When Mr. Annas sees the Chancellor inspecting the Mascots he will go to the Beit Archway and inform Mr. Harley who will go to the Union Building and inform Mr. Newby who will be at the Union door. Mr. Newby will warn the stewards on each floor and the stewards on the first floor will warn those in the Dining Hall.

4.17 Tea will be served.

5.00 Mr. Allen will take the Gentleman-in-Waiting's hat from the Powder Room and hand it to him.

THE EDITORS' ALARM

"Will you write a little sooner," said the Editor to his men,
"Press day is now upon us and we haven't raised a pen.
Think how angrily our readers and subscribers would protest
If they hadn't got their Friday rag with which they always jest."
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you start to write?
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you start to write?

"You really have no notion how demented I shall be,
If they write and tell me even once they hate the guts of me."
But all the board with one accord immediately said
"You know it really is through us that Felix can be read."
Can't you, won't you, can't you, won't you, can't you start to write?
Can't you, won't you, can't you, won't you, can't you start to write?

"It matters little at what time we all see fit to come
For no matter when we start, the job is always done."
At last the suffering Editor decides HE will begin,
And his merry band of helpers decide they will join in.
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you start to type?
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you start to type?

ENGINEERS' BALL

The Engineer's Ball last Friday night turned out to be its usual unrivalled success. It started at a few minutes past eight when a somewhat inebriated top table stumbled in, and after finding their places, the dinner was served. This was an excellent meal - with shrimps, chicken, etc. The only fault with the dinner was that the main dish provided was beer. One or two of the ladies seemed to like this, but on the whole they preferred to remain dry.

When the dinner finally finished the band had already been playing for over an hour to the few non-diners. The arrangement of the Concert Hall was well done, with arm-chairs and tables suitably arranged. The dancing lasted until 3 a.m., the floor being never empty and never crowded. Our correspondent considers that this was one of the best social events for a long time.

FAIR DEAL FOR MILLER

KEITH MILLER, continued.

Last year Miller was rightly highly praised for his work in helping to found the Exploration Board which was one of the college showpieces. This year when trouble is in the air, the college even though assured of the good publicity from the Expedition tried to hush up the whole business. Apparently loyalty to its students does not extend to the risk of a little publicity. Not that such publicity would have any adverse effects on the college for is it not reasonable to suppose that everyone would sympathise with a college seeking to have such a ban removed or at least to be informed of the reasons why the ban was placed? As Mr. Miller has been heard to say in the Bar, "You know who your real friends are when you really need them".

It is reassuring to know that the democratic machine does operate and that secret governmental decisions can be reversed and someone had to climb down. Readers of Felix will rejoice in this and wish Keith and his merry band the very best of luck in their thar hills.



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may phone students' school of 'IT'.



It is unfortunate that Dai Griffin should be away from his regular post at a time when the news has reached national proportions - we do not ask him to be in any way responsible for the opinions expressed, although we suspect that he will agree with them.

The news of Keith Miller and the sentiments it provokes are dealt with elsewhere but there is one point we would like to emphasise. The skeleton in the Government department's cupboard has been well and truly rattled by Mrs. Barbara Castle; such is the means by which democratic rule is maintained. There still remains the smell in our own back-yard - not wishing to base our argument on more than fact (although detailed rumours seem almost beyond denial), we would underline the attitude of authority described on the front page.

"Suggest you resign because of ill health." "No-one need ever know". "Advise you to accept the decision with no fuss." The British Parliament quickly raised the stone that the College was afraid - yes, AFRAID - to touch. And a very unpleasant affair was found underneath. We do not seek to defend Miller, however much we may sympathise with him. We only demand that those responsible for assisting him to obtain a fair hearing be made to realise how badly they let him down. In doing so, they have caused rather than avoided the adverse publicity which seems to be their ruling passion and made the student body distrust the administration under which they find them-selves.

I.C. Union Meetings have been fairly well attended this year - for the Union to represent us all, this is a very necessary factor. Despite exam. pressure it should not be too much to expect to see you on the 23rd. May. (Anyway, it would please Kitch !).

A last serious note - Felix takings in Guilds entrance were nearly ten shillings short. We assume this is due to copies not being paid for (rather than theft of cash) and would remind readers that if we are to remain independent the few shillings which separate us from bankruptcy are very vital.

With that I hand you back to Dai - and the best of luck !

THE PHOENIX



COMING SOON

SPECIAL
JUBILEE
EDITION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent, Mr. Recchini is talking through the top of his head when he says that our privacy will not be endangered by women drinking in the bar. At present the bar is one of the two places into which these insidious creatures have not yet infiltrated. There are already several strains of male flora and fauna in our bar which frankly make us baulk; women would be the last straw.

This apart, English Womanhood should be protected from the sight of the wireless and milk bottle smashing element in their cups. NO Sir, as anyone who has been to U.C. on "Union Night" will agree, keep the monsters out.

Yours etc,
J. Carter
J.L. Sellers

Dear Sir,

Last Issue's letter from Mr. J.C. Wright prompts me to add a further query concerning the college crest. Why does the word *SCIENTIA* have to be written with such a mixture of scripts? Also I would like to know a reasonable translation of the motto "*SCIENTIA IMPERII - DECUS - ET - TUTAMEN*" as I have yet to find one though I have asked several people. Another point which I have noticed concerns the R.C.S. ties. Which way up should the white and purple stripes be? I have seen specimens both of the possible ways.

Yours etc,
Gerard P. Moss.
R. C.S.

Our Heraldic Correspondent replies:-

(1) 'does it matter'

Our Classical Correspondent was heard to mutter *Scientia imperii decus et tutamen*.... 'It is imperative that scientists (get) tea (pints) a day.' as he wandered off to the 'Qu...ns' (the bar was shut on Sunday.) Ed.

INDEPENDENT COMMENT THREE POINT LANDING

BY DAEDALUS

It is with a certain amount of disillusionment that I sit down to pen the second instalment in this series. The first, in the last issue, was expected to promote a flood of angry letters. The response has been negligible.

Having been in the College for a sufficient time to justify an opinion, it is mine that the student population shows an unwarranted lack of familiarity with the rules of English grammar and with spelling. One may find examples of this deficiency in this very journal (although many of the errors are typographical ones, it must be asserted). The opinion is quite widely held that schooling up to G.C.E. may be blamed.

Passing from walking to running, examination of a fair sample of reports by undergraduates and postgraduates of their practical work shows that industry might benefit if some formal instruction were given in technical writing at the University stage. There have been Third year courses in Guild's devoted to this aim, but this appeal is for more widespread instruction. The writing of

what Professor Kapp styled "functional English" is an art not easily acquired in the short time of three years without guidance from someone who practices it well. Acknowledging Shaw, these paragraphs are intended as an object lesson and not as an example.

The topic of the "brownbagger" is worth keeping alive and especially comes into prominence at examination times. If a man decides to work as hard as he is able, and to resist the temptations of the playing field and the bridge-table, and through strength of character adheres to his decision, surely his conduct is to be admired. On the other hand the weak-willed person who lapses into "brownbaggging" because it is the easiest way by which he can reach examination standard, and who is too lazy to be tempted by extra-curricular activities, is nothing but a parasite. The next time you sporting readers pitch into a beery denunciation of "brownbaggers" remember that there are many species of worm and at least two species of bookworm.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JAZZ CLUB BAND.

Last Sunday the band spent several hours recording some of their numbers. They hope to have a long-playing record on sale towards the end of term. As the cost per record will go down as the numbers ordered go up, it is hoped that as many as possible interested will order copies. Contact Tony Hodgson, (Room 22, Old Hostel), or Graham Harvey, (Chem I), for further details. Remember, this record will be a sound memento of your stay at I.C.

GUILDS UNION MEETING

At the ordinary General Meeting of the C. & G. Union held on May 9th., the President outlined the plan to exhibit the spanner, and informed the Union that it was hoped that the spanner would be mounted before the next Union Meeting.

The Union were informed that the N.C.M. was to be held on May 30th and all nominations were to be received by the 23rd. The Vice President spoke a few words about the Field Cup Race which is to follow the A.C.M. and the meeting ended, as usual, with a Boomalacka.

MAYFLOWER II:- FELIX AND FLYING-FISH.

"The following signal, dated May 16th, has been received from the Mayflower:-

Felix, the month-old cat, caught first flying fish to fly aboard and now maintaining constant patrol in scuppers for more such fishes."



CLEMENTINE.

After many hours of toil, and the expenditure of vast sums of money, 'Clementine' was seen in action the other day, going uphill at considerable velocity. All I.C. and U.L. men and women will agree that the engine should be considered inviolable. Temptations to bedaub her with paint or interfere in any way with the machinery should be resisted in all circumstances.

ROMANCE AT COLLEGE

Beginning a new serial of love and passion set in the heart of the Union.

Leonora stood on the edge of the dance floor a pathetic figure - mousey hair just touching her drooping shoulders, her squinting eyes misty with the unshed tears, her mouth a little too large for true beauty. Those swimming eyes followed the dashing Rugger captain as he swept by laughing gaily over the shoulder of a beautiful woman, and it was like a knife turning in her tortured breast.

There was a choking sensation in her throat, and rushing from the hall she threw herself down in the Ladies Cloakroom, the bitter tears flowing unchecked down her ashen cheeks. Soon the sobs wracked her body less often, and the convulsive shudders ceased. She sat up and looked at her reflection in the mirror. How had she come to this sorry state?

Her thoughts went back to the day she had first met Snotty as his friends affectionately called him - the tall handsome Snotty who only ten minutes previously had cut her dead out there on the dance floor.

It had not been a romantic meeting - the refectory queue and Leonora struggling to manage a lunch tray, a bottle of milk, a book and a purse. Suddenly Snotty had appeared in front of Leonora - scarf slung rakishly around his neck, duffle coat askew and with that one sided smile which she had come to love so much, he had bowed low and in one sweeping movement relieved her of her purse. "You look so beautiful in that white dress with the pea green soup stain showing off your slender neck and shoulders - I can't resist helping you." He touched her elbow and a shiver went through her whole body which set her pulses beating and sent the blood rushing to her cheeks. "But I hardly know you," Leonora stammered, but by the end of lunch she felt that she had known him for a long time. They had so many things in common - they both read books, ate fish and chips and drank tea; they both liked washing in the morning and shaving only once a day - oh, there were so many things. When at the end of the meal he had asked her to walk with him across the quadrangle

it had seemed the only natural thing to do.

Her thoughts sped on over the happy days that had followed - their first ride on a bus together, their first film together, and then the first time he had kissed her - just four months after their first meeting. They had been to lecture on rug making and had walked back to the station through the subway. When they were nearly at the end Snotty had suddenly stopped and turned, and sweeping her face with his gaze he caught her shoulders and his smouldering eyes looked deep into hers as he said softly, his voice trembling, "Oh, Leonora - come and have coffee with me tonight?" and then he had kissed her very gently on the lips, but she could feel the burning passion behind his touch and she had gone gladly to coffee with him because she knew with all her heart and mind that she would never be as thirsty as she was at that moment.

And now - Snotty was out there dancing with another, looking into another woman's eyes, saying to her all those little things which mean so much.

"Oh Snotty, Snotty", she whispered, "how could you spurn my love?"

She collected her crash helmet and oilskin and walked out of the Cloakroom. Outside she bumped into Willy - the boy who worked on the bench next to hers. Willy had made it obvious from the first day that they had shared the rabbit's rectum that Leonora was the only girl for him; but to her Willy had always been just the boy with the best gall bladder and nothing more.

But now he took her hand with a friendly gesture, and her eyes fell to the floor beneath his penetrating gaze. Once again the pearly drops welled up in her china blue eyes and voice cracking she murmured, "Willy, what can I do?" Willy gathered her into his arms. His head bent over hers, and she looked up at him eyes glazed, lips slightly parted.... At that moment the door was flung open and Snotty stood there, muscles rippling, nostrils flaring. Leonora fell back startled

What does Snotty want?
What does Willy want?

Read next week's instalment of this passionate love story.

NELSON

Like many of the fittings in this New Union of ours, the new lift appears to be wholly inadequate. It was out of action recently for several days, and even when one can use the thing everything is not so well. For one thing, the doors take an interminable length of time to open and it appears that if the lift sticks between floors the only escape is by starvation. However, we are informed that the porters are to be instructed in rescue methods. It would also help matters considerably if irresponsible couples refrained from stopping the lift between floors in order to use it as a private snoggery.

Perhaps the fact that there was no women present at the second year Engineers dinner recently, accounts for the excessively rowdy behaviour which caused Ted Smith, at one stage, to refuse to serve anyone. While this column is not averse to "a bit of sport" now and then, throwing glasses over one's shoulder, we feel, is taking things a bit too far. Incidentally, we hear that making cutting remarks is getting pretty unpopular with this group. Talking about Engineers, at the dinner preceding the Engineers' Ball, Mr. J. LeBart was heard to say that he had failed to seduce (sorry - induce) the Dean's secretary to do something or other.

Who was the young lady who was seen to disappear smartly through a refectory window after being invited to coffee in room 17, Old Hostel on Sports Day? And while on the subject of young ladies, our pet subject, the following remark was heard from a young lady zoologist, "If you will lend me a suit of armour, I will go to the carnival with you".

Some Miners were present at a strip-tease display given by some inmates of the hostel for young ladies, which is visible from the upper refectory. Incidentally it is believed that if one turns about, the view there isn't bad either. Perhaps these were the same miners who came back from their survey trip in Cornwall leaving their staff to finish the survey and possibly patch up relations with the Cornish folk.

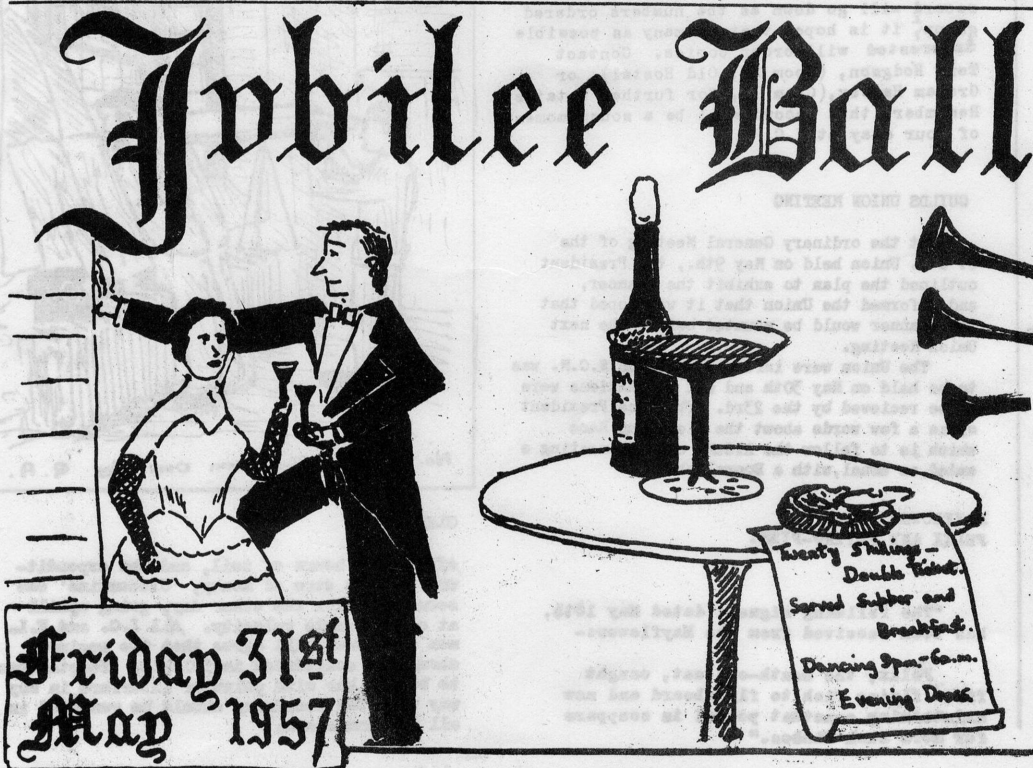
As readers are already fully aware, the Queen Mother is opening the Roderic Hill Building on May 28th. Her detective is believed to have already made several security hunts about the place, to find suitable places for dropping architectural clangers. Two high officials of the governing body were being shown round by a prominent planner. The elder official was heard to say, "Oh, it's a nuisance having all these doors. You realize that these will all have to be open so that she can walk straight through, because no one can walk in front of her. And what about these?" (Pointing to a pair of swing doors leading to a dark corridor) The planner replied, "I think we can arrange that the appropriate doors are open, as for these doors, she doesn't have to go down there, so they can remain shut." Little does Her Majesty know how her visits are arranged.

Incidentally it is also brought to our notice that Mr. Len Sweett, the stage electrician, has to have 27 passes to reach the lighting gallery, where he will be guarded by a contingent of policemen and guard-dogs. What happens to the lighting if Len loses a pass?

I.C. Union
Thurs 23rd May

AGM
Elections
for Council
and Entertainments
Committee

Jubilee Ball



Friday 31st May 1957

Twenty Shillings - Double Ticket
Served Supper and Breakfast
Dancing 8pm-6am
Evening Dress

DRINKING - FOUNTAINS

The many drinking fountains and cattle troughs in the Borough of Kensington are a legacy which dates back nearly a century. Within one mile of the Albert Hall there exist more than twenty drinking fountains, three of which are integrated with cattle troughs. Surprisingly the majority still function and most of the fountains are fitted with some sort of battered alloy drinking mug hung on a length of chain. The provision of this fitment enables one to drink in a civilised manner - instead of suffering the indignity of presenting one's face to a wavering jet of cold water.

Thirsty dumb animals are not neglected either. The production model drinking fountain supplied by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountains and Cattle Troughs Association, (M.D.F. and C.T. Assn.) has a small foot-bath in the base of the fountain from which lower creatures may drink.

Many of the local drinking fountains are interesting as examples of monumental work and as sources of local history. The old fountain opposite the taxi rank on Kensington Gore shows the charitable nature of the local residents. 'Presented to the Parish by an inhabitant of Kensington in 1859' it is now believed to provide tea-water for the nearby taxi-drivers' canteen. The cattle trough beside the canteen bears the inscription, 'be kind and merciful to all animals; in memory of Esther Benjamin, 1824 - 1879.' Through the M.D.F. and C.T. Assn. the Benjamin family have been associated with other cattle troughs; one in Bayswater Road is attributed to David Benjamin, 1845 to 1895.

Just off the Broad Walk in Kensington Gardens a bronze fountain was 'erected in 1951 to mark the site of an ancient spring which in 1856 was named St. Gervase's Well

after the patron saint of Llanover by Sir Benjamin Hall, the first Commissioner of Works, 1855 to 1858, and created Lord Llanover in 1859.'

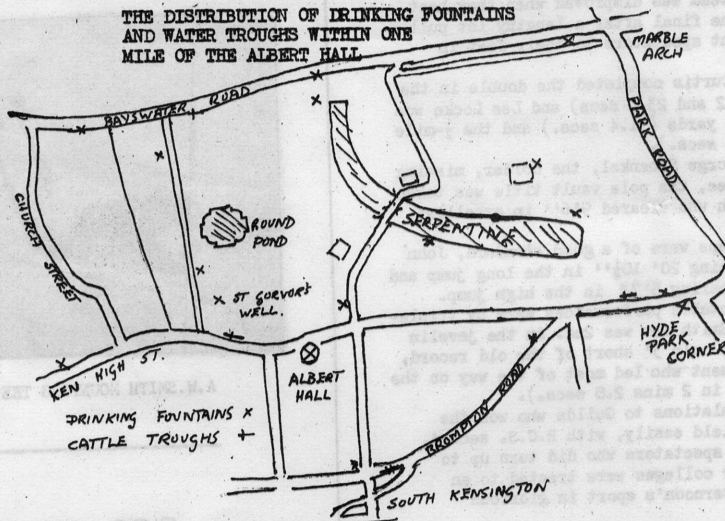
The fountain given by His Highness the Maharajah of Vijayanagram is certainly the largest fountain in this district and is the only one with royal associations; for this, 'Cattle Trough' has been omitted from the M.D.F. and C.T. Assn. title on the plaque. It was erected in 1867 but unfortunately the sandstone steeple with its buttresses, griffins and gargoyles has been severely eroded and it is now surrounded by a paling fence for protection.

The fountain marking the 80th. anniversary of the Association is crowned with a charming bronze statuette of two bear cubs fighting; it is the work of Keeble Smith.

Other fountains are too numerous to describe in detail. On one in Hyde Park, a nymph seated on a water-lily leaf holds a spouting dolphin under each arm. By St. George's Hospital a flower seller uses one as a vase, and the fountain in Exhibition Road (in memory of L.S.P., June 8th. 1879 is used by the vendor of a technical publication.

There is no information on the physical and chemical properties of the water flowing from the fountains or on its rate of flow. The Association is still erecting fountains, the latest being outside Calter House in Brompton Road. They will surely mark their centenary in two years time with a more fortifying liquid than water flowing from the fountains.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND WATER TROUGHS WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE ALBERT HALL



ICWIZ

Discover what kind of man (or woman) YOU are.....

(After answering these questions honestly, turn to page 7 to see what type you are)

- 1) Do you get up
 - a) in time for breakfast
 - b) in time for lectures
 - c) in time for lunch
- 2) Do you wash
 - a) before meals
 - b) once a day
 - c) not at all
- 3) Do you eat
 - a) at the Savoy
 - b) at Jane Brown's
 - c) at Mooney's
 - d) not at all
- 4) In lectures do you wear
 - a) a skirt
 - b) trousers
 - c) both
 - d) neither
- 5) Do you have your hair cut
 - a) once a week
 - b) once a term
 - c) at harvest time
 - d) not at all
- 6) Do you like your girl-friend to be dressed
 - a) in afternoon dress
 - b) in evening dress
 - c) in nightdress
 - d) not at all
- 7) Do you expect to receive your degree
 - a) this year
 - b) next year
 - c) sometime
 - d) never
- 8) Do you go to bed
 - a) alone
 - b) with a hot water bottle
 - c) with a teddy bear
 - d) with

COMING EVENTS

Fri. 17th May
R.C.S. Country House Ball. Silwood Park. 10p.m.
-6a.m. Coach departs from Union 8.45p.m.
Jazz Club. A.G.M. 1.15p.m. Rm 21 Guilds

Sat. 18th May
Swimming Club Hop. 8p.m.-11.30p.m. in I.C. Union
Tickets 2/- single, 3/6 double

Thurs. 23rd May
Union A.G.M. 1.15p.m. in Concert Hall. Presidents report, election of next year's Council and Entertainments Committee. Reports of A.C.C. and S.C.C. Chairmen.

Tues. 28th May
Riding Club A.G.M. 1.30p.m. in Committee Room of Union Lounge

Thurs. 30th May
Guilds Union A.G.M. and Elections. FIELD CUP RACE

U.L.U. Summer Term Dances
Held in Union Assembly Hall (the "Hut"). Tickets 2/6 from College U.L.U. Agent or from U.L.U. Office. Dates :- Sat May 18th
Sat May 25th
Sat June 8th
Sat June 15th

GUILDS' DINNER

On Wednesday, May 8th, a dinner was held for second year Guildsmen, with the object of promoting interdepartmental fraternisation. About 30% of the year attended, with Marian Bianek, from the Mechanical Dept., presiding.

After a few short speeches, the diners adjourned to the bar where a boat-race (*) was organised between three teams representing Civils, Mechanicals, and a combined team of Aeronautics, Electricals, and Chem. Techs. The "combined services" won with a time of 1 minute 38 seconds.

After this sporting event, community singing was perpetrated.

(*) Boat-race : bōt'rās : Colloq. Eng. n. A race between teams of eight individuals. The first man in the team has to drink a pint of beer, and having finished, place the glass upon his head, whereupon the next man in the team does the same. The first team to finish (i.e. with every man having an empty pint glass on his head) wins.

Upper Refectory

Now, at last, the Upper Refectory is open, and the large queues at Mooney's other eating places should be expected to shorten as it comes into more general usage. It is open Monday to Friday at the following times.

- 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. For salad lunches and sandwiches.
- 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. Light snacks (e.g. beans on toast) and teas.
- 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. As above plus one main hot dish for light supper (varied daily).

There is also the added attraction of a good view into Q.A. (see Nelson).

Personal Advertisements

For Sale: 1 pair of Rugger boots, and 1 pair of blue shorts. Must go. Apply Business Manager, Felix, via Union Rack.

FOR SALE: 1 BSA 500cc. M20 motor cycle. Reasonable condition. £15 o.n.o.
1 Royal Enfield Sports Model Bicycle. £50.o.n.o.
John Hart, Rm 53, New Hostel, or Guild's Rack.

TWO TRAVELLING COMPANIONS (male) to share expenses on car trip to Malta. Journey to start early July, via Paris, Riviera, and Rome.
P.Sullivan, Old Hostel.

Would the persons who ordered photographs last term of the Felix Beard competition please collect them from the Felix Room as soon as possible between 1 and 2p.m. The Felix Room is on the third floor of the Union Building, opposite the lift shaft.
J.E.T.



SPORT



SUCCESS AND FAILURE

In the U.L. Trials, three members of I.C. distinguished themselves; Brian Curtis in the furlong, Terry Hyslop in the 120 and 440 yds. hurdles events and Dave Smith in the Hop Step and Jump. The latter produced a jump of 47'2", which unfortunately was not allowed.

These three members of the Club, plus Les Locke, represented the University in the match against Paris on Sunday 5th. May. Here Smith won with a triple-jump of 46'6". This, and Hyslop's performance of 55.6 secs. in the 440yds. hurdles, make them rank in the best twelve performers in Great Britain in the last year. The previous evening in Paris may have had some stimulating mental effect.

I.C. have had one match, versus Sheffield and Birmingham Universities (at Sheffield), in which we were last. However, we introduced new songs into their bar and enjoyed their Hop. Much sport (but no can-can dancing) was also exhibited on the early morning train home.

We had a weak team at the above meeting and this is partly due to the indifference shown by members in their support of the College club. In some events we cannot even raise the required number of competitors and the points for placings are thus being thrown away. More enthusiasm is required and all members are asked to keep a close watch on the notice-board. New recruits of any standard are still most welcome.

Coming Athletic Fixtures:

Sat. 18th. May St. Mary's College (H) Wimbledon
Wed. 22nd. May Queen Mary's College (A) "
Sat. 25th. May Bristol & Cardiff Univs. (A) Bristol
Wed. 29th. May Loughborough (A)

I.C.W.S.C. SHOCK THE JUDGES

Once again ICWSC fielded a team of gallant, brave, dauntless, unflinching sportsmen to participate in the U.L. Championships. They fought their way to the finals, their spirits undamped by torrential rain, there to give a magnificent display of their ability. As one judge was heard to remark to another during the 440, "Oh, here come the other two. Do you think they are going to finish?" And they did (eventually) to win 5 points for I.C.

One competitor in the high jump calmly announced her intention to start jumping at 4'6", the I.C. entrant however flew with grace and comparative ease over 3'6" to finish equal 5th. The hurdler excelled herself by completing the course leaving all the hurdles standing and undamaged, to come a valiant 5th.

The long jump finalist, apart from being surrounded by cameramen clamouring to take her photograph, also learnt how to do the long jump, never before having attempted such a magnificent feat.

The results? Well ICWSC came 6th for the U.L. Challenge Cup and a close third for the Sherwood-Factor Cup.

Special mention should be made of Janet Peterson who came 2nd. in the 880 yds. and has been asked to represent London University in the British Universities competition.

RUGGER CLUB

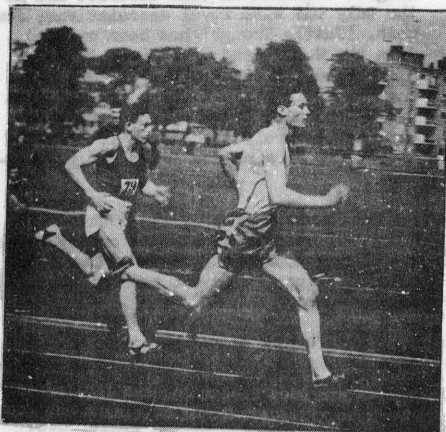
At the A.G.M. held on Thurs. 2nd. May the following officers were elected for next year.

Captain - R.D. Stone
Vice-Captain - O.H. Gilbert
Hon. Sec. - D.M. Harry
Hon. Match Sec. - A. Seed

The business of organising a tour in S.W. France next Christmas was put in the hands of next years capable secretary before the meeting retired to the bar. Here Les Wilson, our Cornwall tour coach driver, led a convivial evening and later the assembled company departed in his dilapidated coach to a local hostelry.

athletics

SPORTS DAY.



100 YARDS

Despite the fact that this major event was held much earlier in the season this year, College Records were set up in the Shot Putt (J.W.S. Newman - 40' 5 1/2"), Javelin (M.T.L. Evans - 171'8") and the mile medley relay (Guilds - 3 mins 42.4 secs.). "Best Sports Performances" were set up in two other events. One was in the 120 yards hurdles by Terry Hyslop in 15.5 secs. and the other was in the 1-mile by John Evans (4 mins 13.1 secs) who made other runners resemble cripples.

Rumoured lack of training of the R.C.S. tug-of-war team was disproved when they beat Guilds in the final after a lengthy 1st pull which brought spectators to their feet in excitement.

Brian Curtis completed the double in the sprints (10.2 and 23.3 secs) and Les Locke won both the 440 yards (51.4 secs.) and the 1/2-mile (2 mins. 1.8 secs.).

With George Schenkel, the holder, missing a bruised knee, the pole vault title was taken by A.W. Smith who cleared 9'6" in excellent style.

Both jumps were of a good standard, John Hobson producing 20' 10 1/2" in the long jump and T. Hyslop clearing 5'7" in the high jump.

Other notable performances were by triple-jumper Dave Smith who was 2nd. in the javelin with 160'7", only 3' short of the old record, and Pete Rayment who led most of the way on the 1/2-mile (2nd. in 2 mins 2.8 secs.).

Congratulations to Guilds who won the Challenge Shield easily, with R.C.S. second.

The few spectators who did turn up to support their colleges were treated to an enjoyable afternoon's sport in glorious weather.

CRICKET

The 1st. XI has not made a good start to the season, due mainly to the instability of its batting. However this early season rustiness is beginning to disappear, as seen last Saturday, when I.C. hit 154-8 declared against O. Sinjuns, and lost a very close match by two wickets in the last over of the day. Murden (53) and Shepherd (40) were the main contributors to the total.

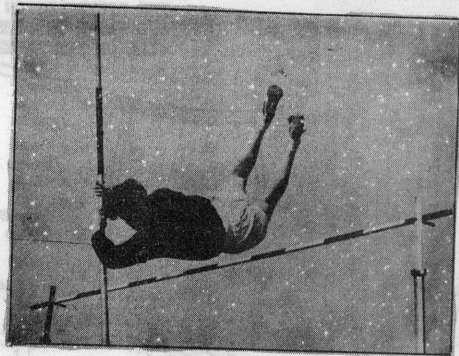
Against L.S.E., the 1st. XI lost by one run, the last eight wickets falling for 12 runs. In the match against Reading University they scored 207-6, whilst I.C. only managed to make 109-9. R.A.E. Farnborough were no match for the I.C. bowlers and were all out for 34, I.C. winning by eight wickets. The most successful bowler to date has been N. Bhatti, while J. Carter has bowled well but has suffered the fate of all slow bowlers - dropped catches.

The 2nd. XI has played three matches so far, all of which have been drawn.

U.L. CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the finals of the U.L. Championships on Sat. 11th May at Motspur Park, I.C. narrowly lost the Roseberry Challenge Cup to U.C. by 84 pts. to 70. The result would have probably been much closer but for a motor-cycle accident to Hyslop on his way to the track to appear in four finals, and the absence of Locke, playing football for Scotland. We can look forward to next year with considerable confidence, as several of our freshers performed extremely well, especially in the events in which we have not had finalists for several years, Curtis 2nd in the 220 and third in the 100yds. and Newman 4th in the shot. Evans, winning the mile in 4m 12.6 secs and Smith 1st in the hop-step-and-jump, were our only individual winners, and deserve congratulations on their performances. Other I.C. positions were as follows :-

100yds.	3rd	B. Curtis
220yds.	2nd	B. Curtis
440yds.	6th	J.T. Hyslop
880yds.	4th	P. Rayment
1 mile	1st	J.S. Evans
	6th	K. Wall
3 miles	4th	D. Briggs
120 hurdles	3rd	W. Melbourne
220 hurdles	2nd	J.T. Hyslop
	6th	A.L. Smith
440 hurdles	2nd	J.T. Hyslop
Long jump	4th	J.A. Hobson
High jump	5th	W. Melbourne
Hop step & jump	1st	D.C. Smith
Shot	4th	J.H.S. Newman
Hammer	7th	D.W.J. Mackenzie
2 mile walk	5th	M.A. Clarke
3000m steeplechase	4th	D. Thomas
Pole Vault	5th	A.W. Smith



A.W. SMITH MOUNTING THE POLE.

REGATTAS

The regatta season has started. On Saturday, May 11th. the 2nd. VIII had some hard luck when they lost the Junior Eights final at Putney Regatta. Having beaten Thames Tradesmen and London Transport by 4 lengths, and Putney town R.C. by 1/2 length. The I.C. crew raced Vesta R.C. in the final. This resulted in a dead heat and a re-row was necessary. The I.C. crew was unfortunately too spent and lost by 1/2 length. It was excellent racing and we should soon have our revenge.

The third eight had a close race in their Maiden eights event. They lost by six feet from Parkside and Lensbury. Parkside had previously beaten I.C. by two lengths at Hammersmith, so this showed an improvement for the less experienced crew.

Martin Gaylord, sculling the Junior-Senior Sculls final had a bad start in the rough water and lost four lengths a distance.

On May 25th. U.L.B.C. will hold their regatta. I.C. hope to sweep the board clean so come and support your crews.