Why isn't the gymnasium finished yet?

Once again we, the members of the Union, are suffering from the incompetence of the powers that be to plan anything in such a way that it is completed on time, or even within months of the specified date.

A week before the beginning of this term, workmen moved in to carry out work that was ordered to be done last term. Here time seems to be spent drinking tea rather than doing the work that the tax-payer is paying for.

The whole business of the gymnasium is one of blunders: this may sound a strong word to use, but its suitability is demonstrated by the following facts:

1. The gym was designed in such a way that it is too short for badminton. Consequently the Badminton Club will suffer for many years by having to play on outside courts.

2. The radiators were fitted into recesses in the walls so that they would be out of the way, leaving the walls flat so that ball games could be played in safety. However, over the radiators were built box arrangements which protruded about three inches from the walls, making ball games highly dangerous. This was both unnecessary and stupid, when a simple flat panel was all that was required. At great expense these are at last being modified by continuing the paneling along the whole length of the wall. The result looks extremely shoddy and the finished article is not nearly as good as it would have been if the job had been done correctly the first time.

3. The ropes are still awaited, and it is rumored that we might eventually get some wallbars.

4. The date of completion is still unknown.

In conclusion, the athletic clubs are to be congratulated on the restraint they have shown, and our sympathies go to them for all the inconveniences they have had to put up with.

BALL GAME PLAYERS VINDICATED

A comment that appeared in the Editorial of a recent copy of Phoenix with reference to "ball-game players" being unfitted to choose a grand piano was disproved on Thursday, Oct. 3rd. The new piano, chosen by Council in preference to a baby grand as suggested by some members of the S.G.C., whose members were directly connected with the instrument, was moved against all instructions to the Upper Refectory. The piano was intended to remain on the stage and be used by professional musicians.

An over enthusiastic group of irreproachable members of our Union managed to move the piano against all instructions to the Upper Refectory. The front panel was forced off and the piano badly damaged in an attempt to make the instrument available to the Jazz Band.

During the course of the evening two large burns appeared on the top — obviously made by smouldering cigarettes. The "ball-game players" are clearly more in touch with the standard of behaviour of the OTHER Union Members.

P A S

STOP PRESS

Nov. 5th, celebrations.

Easy on the after-statements and Felix for full details.

TODAY'S EVENTS

S.O.N. Open meeting. "Is there a God?" Prof. H.P. Lewis, Room 128. 6.30-8.30pm. Sandwiches available.

COLLEGE STEWARDS CHAPEL. Holy Trinity Church. 5-5.15pm.

CHRISTMAS ISLAMIC SOCIETY. "On the beach!" Dr. David Jones, Literary readings and discussion. Committee Room B (off Union Lounge). 5-10pm.

LIBERAL SOCIETY. Mr. Peter Bessell, prospective Liberal candidate for Bedford, will speak at 1.15pm in Committee Room B.

CHESS CLUB. Freshers' Crisis. In Chess room at 5-10pm.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. Open evening. All members, especially Freshers, welcome.

BRIGHTON CLUB. "Revising to Success." Discussion. Committee Room B (off Union Lounge). 5-10pm.

NEWCOMERS. "Meeting in Ghent." Meeting in Ghent, Thurs., at 1.10pm.

BRIGHTON CLUB. Meeting in Room 161 City and Guilds. All Freshers welcome. 5-7.30pm.
HEBRIDEAN EXPEDITION

BOTANISTS VISIT ORANSAY

During August this year, a party of seven members of the Botany Department took part in an expedition to the Isle of Oransay, one of the outer Outer Hebrides. It was led by Professor Martin, who is well known in the History Society, sometime in November, to provide a detailed report on the expedition, together with a film made during the trip.

The trip was run to gain experience in planning, cooking and working under expedition conditions and to see how the the members survived each other's company over a reasonable period of time. Armed with this knowledge, the planning of an expedition to Ghana in 1958, to follow

This was a revealing insight into island life. The members were able to examine the liverfluke of the island and general biological collecting, an investigation of littoral insects, a survey of the distribution of crane flies, an examination of the lichens of the island, and general biological collecting, were carried out with reasonable success.

A revealing insight into island life was obtained one night during a "Ceilidh" (pronounced caley as in tray) on a neighbouring island - the effects of which were visible for several days.

After this, gales from various directions combined with heavy rain showers began to play havoc with the camp. All the tents were damaged and running repairs had to be made continuously under all conditions of gale, visibility and rain. Eventually four of the seven tents collapsed under the strain. Two of these were of a design reputed by the makers to have been tested in a South Georgia winter - some comment on our English weather! Throughout this period the morale of the camp remained high, although we lost one member for external uncontrollable personal reasons (male).

With the subsidence of the gales the expedition ran quietly to an end. On August 30th, camp was struck and members regretfully left the islands for their homes. The kindness of the islanders impressed itself on everyone and their hospitality will be long remembered.

The whole venture was undoubtedly successful and provided all the experience hoped for. A detailed report will be given to the R.C.A. Natural History Society sometime in November, together with a film made during the trip.

R.C.A.

TO WORK IN THE ANTARCTIC

Every year a large number of those leaving I.C. go abroad in search of a change of scenery, or money, usually both. But very few have travelled as far as Dr. Smith (ex-Cham. Dept.) intends to go. He will spend the next two and a half years at a R.C.A. base in the Antarctic, to study the effects of gale, visibility and rain.

Martin, who is well known in the College for his mountaineering and photographic activities, sails soon on the "John Bischof", and after a short stop in Port Stanley he will be landed at the base, which he will share with eleven other scientists, the penguins and the seals. His spare time is to be spent doing photography and bird-watching.

We rather think that he will find life a little bit quieter down there than it is in I.C.

NOT FOR ENGINEERS

They're thrown us together, these Chemists up there and I hope you will see that it's really unfair - You're merely a number, whilst I have a name; our status in life is hardly the same.

All thermodynamics can't make us combine
For I'm Kangaroo in and you are I-9. You're merely a number, whilst I have a name; our status in life is hardly the same.
GHANA'S ECOLOGY STUDIED

The following is an account of the I.C. Geological Expedition to Ghana which took place this summer, sponsored by the Exploration Research Institute.

Ghana is a young country and is almost impatient in its desire to solve its many problems, especially in the cultural area. The object of our expedition was geological exploration with an economic inclination and touched on the most fundamental tropical problem, which is soil conservation. The usual method of farming, away from the coastal plain, is by clearing the native forest and planting crops in the forest soil. The sun immediately begins to dry the humus and vegetation.

The Focal point of the investigation of the three enclaves, two botanists and the soil scientists was the forest affecting the formation and destruction of home, although each member already had isolated subjects. Two main areas were studied. One was a strip transect in the Bobiri Forest Reserve extending from a stream through a swamp, into thick forest on a slight river but has been drained and deforested, and the other was the Bobiri Reserve, and as it is the present forests, the existence of an active union centre, the existence of an active student union, which divides naturally into the three constituent college unions when the situation and needs demand, it seems unlikely that any of the halls in Prince Gardens will feel any need to organise their own separate activities. The I.C. Governing Body report, 1955-56, emphasized that the Prince Gardens project was designed to encourage the corporate feeling of the halls as a whole, and all residents would use the same refreshments and lounges. Nevertheless, each hall will need some sort of whithering committee, like the present hostel's Resident's Committee which, hopefully, will have greater student representation than the E.C.O. report appears to think right and proper.

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THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE has recently produced the report of its sub-committee on halls of residence. This 50-page document published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, is very good value for three shillings.

It discusses the whole problem of ensuring that every student derives the fullest benefits of a university life. It strongly advocated the provision of some halls of residence as the means of doing this. Only when all students spend a period in residence (the report recommends at least two years and preferably more) will the harrassing 9 to 5 mentality be eradicated.

The vital educational role of hostel life should be of interest to Imperial College, for whose students ten of so new hostels unite, each containing about 90 residents, are to be held in Prince Gardens during the next few (7?) years.

The booklet discusses a student who, having just left school, continues to live at home whilst attending college. To him a different attitude to the world of youth, the scholasticism of fresh scenes, the exhilaration of independence, the sense that a new adventurous phase of life is pending. Halls may have the advantage of being much closer to college, but are a very poor second to living in a hostel. They are liable to be expensive, and some are usual and difficult to work in. As the report says, "digs do not help a student to interpret by university world.

It goes on to emphasize the "diversity of human needs." Students make up a hostel. Half of a student's university education is obtained in the halls of residence, the other half, equally important, by mixing with his fellow students. Only a resident can appreciate the second half fully. They certainly seem to have hit the ball good and hard on this occasion.

The report recommends a mixture of all "types" and postgraduates in hostels, and emphasizes the importance of a sprinkling of staff, as well, in order to improve staff-student relationships. Members of staff should act as "moral tutors" to the students.

A hostel depends a great deal, says the report, on the personality of its warden. He must be resilient. And he has to be able to accommodate an ever-changing group of students, and be able to tell quickly when a student is in trouble. The sub-committee thinks that the post of warden should be held in university status: that the genuine possession of a wardenship should count favourably when appointments to university posts are being made. This places one implication which will have to be judged carefully in I.C. Whether our wardens and sub-wardens have been men with a genuine and active interest in student affairs, or have taken on the job more as a hobby than for money. Now it seems possible that an ambitious student may seek a completely purified, purely professional warden, and it is unlikely that he would make satisfactory and tolerant wardens. It is to be hoped that this will always be sufficient staff to take on wardenships for the fun and great interest it can provide rather than possible promotion later.

The report also attempts to discuss the possible impact of a large residential population in residence halls holding about 1000, on college life in general. Here it is impossible to generalize on the relationship of benefits and homes: so much depends on the distance that the halls are from the college centre, the existence of an active union centre, and this is different for every university in the country. The report says of student clubs run by hall: students not actually in residence would be considered as "associate members" of a hall for this purpose, with the right to use lounges and dining halls in the halls. This, no doubt, is a reasonable idea for a college or university where the halls are scattered and remote from the halls or social centers. But at I.C., with a large and active Union, which divides naturally into the three constituent college unions when the situation and needs demand, it seems unlikely that any of the halls in Prince Gardens will feel any need to organise their own separate activities. The I.C. Governing Body report, 1955-56, emphasized that the Prince Gardens project was designed to encourage the corporate feeling of the college as a whole, and all residents would use the same refreshments and lounges. Nevertheless, each hall will need some sort of whithering committee, like the present hostel's Resident's Committee which, hopefully, will have greater student representation than the E.C.O. report appears to think right and proper.

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On October 1st we should be in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where we are assured of a pleasant stay, as it is the home town of Hilton Jarrett, the soil scientist, at the moment. Sept. 27th we are only one day from Takoradi, Basutono, in a freezing temperature, now on, and a lot of work awaiting us.

THE GARDEN HOSTEL

STUDENT HOSTELS

GOVERNMENT REPORT REVIEWED
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Yours in disgust,

P.S. Smith

**SATURDAY HOPS**

Dear Sir,

Your Uncle Phoenix (remember him?) begs all freshmen to consider him at this time and to ask themselves whether or not they might have some delightful short story, an essay or two, just a drab or drab of something up their sleeves.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**FELIX**

**EDITOR**: PETER LEVIN

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My benediction greetings,

Phoenix

**COMMENMENT BALL**

The Ninth annual Commemoration Ball will be held on Thursday, October 19th, in the Ballroom of the Savoy Hotel. Dancing to the music of the BILL SAVITL ORCHESTRA is from 8.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Details of the hostels it is proposed to be a place of ambition, a place of activity. It is hoped that there might be some information from the Phoenix Planning Office states that the **GUARDIAN** report was pirated, but is ignorant of the source.

**THAT GUARDIAN ARTICLE**

Dear Sir,

**FLU REMEDY**

Dear Sir,

I would advise your readers to take note of your so-called remedy for Asian flu. The last man to try it woke the whole hostel up at one in the morning yelling that his head was on fire, the Warden came and pulled him out. You know how I feel when I remember "I suppose you lit your candle under the bed-clothes." Remember, the night forer insulat, "The bed wasn't right when I got into it." Yours faithfully,

Henry Shoe

**TOUCHSTONE**

Prof. A.H. Suhleboda is the guest speaker at the first Touchstone Week-end of the new session, with the theme "The Purpose and Techniques of a University Education," he is fulfilling a great need in our college, for all too few of our members come to college with the intent of being educated.

Any who have heard the Prof. speak, I use this term rather than lecture, will need no compelling to apply for a place on this weekend, but to the far larger number who have not yet had this pleasure, I heartily commend his great learning and understanding of university teaching, and his vast knowledge of the beauties of the English language.

You will all have an enjoyable time, and come away refueled by the invigorating Berkshire countryside. The proceedings are informal, in pleasant surroundings and a plenty of time is available for general discussions. All application forms, which can be obtained from most notice boards in the College, should be completed and submitted to Mr. C. K. MOrAdoo1 at 170, Queen's Gate, as soon as possible.
JEZ AIRED

The I.C.W.A. Motor Club and Janxel were honoured by the company of I.C.'s President on her trip round Hyde Park on the second of the two Freshers' days. The old lady was allowed through the Park unimpeded, although accused in Exhibition Road by a gentlemman (?) in blue, whose lack of humour may have been due to a vulgar noise she has recently acquired.

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- **GOOD SEATS**
- **Bench-type seats**
- **Ladies please remove hats.**
- **Crowded.**
- **Good view of stage.**
- **View of stage limited.**
- **Get seats.**
- **Theatre disinfected through with Jeyes.**
- **Don't take your best girl.**
- **No opera glasses.**
GALILEI

Galileo Galilei was persecuted and imprisoned for supporting the view that the planets revolved round the sun.

"The 19th century ... produced WH... men who were not afraid to think widely, to challenge accepted articles of thought... I knew not the atomic theory and the quantum theory evoked by such men? and are not today's articles being challenged by scientists? Dr. Welbeck has already stated his preference for the Civil Law of the Middle Ages.

The following extract from the Manchester about Tuesday 11th.
CROSSCOUNTRY

So far this season the Crosscountry Club has had no competitive fixtures, but two trials have been held. If the freshmen fulfill the promise they have shown in the trials, we can perhaps hope for another season as successful as the last, when we won the University Championship and were second in the Hyde Park Road Relay.

Two very useful additions to our membership are B.Landes (ex-Southampton) and J.Vogel (ex-Cambridge), and also freshmen A.Barson, A.Neath and A.Landes showed considerable promise. However, of greater importance, is the fact that the Club has gained a fairly large number of freshmen and experienced ability who will form the packing strength of the Club in the future.

Crosscountry fixtures (first team):
Sat.Oct.12th. U.C. Relay (A)
Sat.Oct.19th. Poly Mob Match (A)
Sat.Oct.26th. U.U. Trials (A)

BOAT CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon about 70 freshmen were shown round the boathouse and given tea. Following this pleasant event, the more serious side of the sport has got into full swing with six Fresher crews being boated and tasted on Saturday.

The Morphy and Lowry crews have already started their training for November 1st. Morphy Day. These poor people have to row at 8.00 am. for the honour of their constituent College on November 6th. Morphy Day. These poor people have to row at 8.00 am. for the honour of their constituent College on November 6th. Morphy Day. These poor people have to row at 8.00 am. for the honour of their constituent College on November 6th. Morphy Day. These poor people have to row at 8.00 am. for the honour of their constituent College on November 6th. Morphy Day.

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