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BABY FOUND IN QUADRANGLE

UNFORTUNATE EPISODE MARS FRESHERS' NIGHT

At 11 o'clock on the night of the first R.C.S. Freshers' dinner, a baby was found in the middle of the Union quadrangle. The President of the Union and the Warden of the Hostel quickly arrived on the scene and supervised the removal of the baby, whose name is believed to be Austin, to Prince Consort Road, where it was left for the night. By the following morning it had disappeared. Several such episodes have occurred recently; it is reported that steps are being taken to discourage the offenders.

Earlier in the evening the R.C.S. Freshers' dinners got off to a roaring start, the lively and enthusiastic atmosphere being marred only by a couple of shockingly weak stories, which were, however, dealt with in suitable manner. The dinner itself was of a high standard, and this was maintained by Mr. Mooney for the following nights.

Speaking at Wednesday's dinner, Dr. Atkinson counselled freshers to exercise great care in choosing digs. He himself had found (later, he said) that his landlady was running a house of ill-repute. Advice on this matter could be had from tutors.

A bout of lusty singing in the Bar on Thursday was terminated when some Miners present challenged R.C.S. to a 'game' of buk-buk. The design of the Bar proved ideal for this purpose, and the R.C.S. men equal to the occasion, trouncing both the Mines and Guilds teams twice. The Scientists were then also victorious in a boat-race — Kangella!

On Friday the R.C.S. women descended en masse on the Upper Dining Hall. In her speech, Miss Heywood said that Mr. Butters had given her only one hour's notice, and this had quite spoiled her dinner. To rectify this small matter, she suggested that Mr. Butters should take her out to dinner. They were later seen comparing diaries.

FRESHERS GUILDED

In a characteristically happy atmosphere, the ritual Guilds Freshers dinners were held in the Upper Dining Hall on five evenings last week.

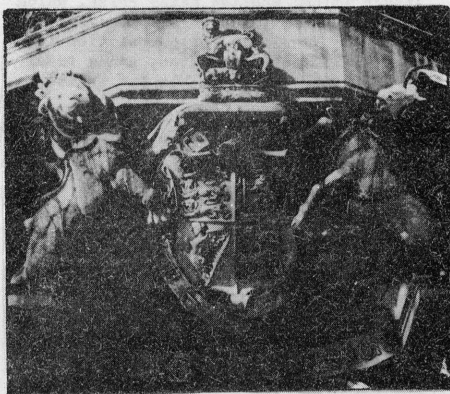
For the first three evenings, President Dave Stevens took the chair, before succumbing to the dreaded 'flu. On the other two evenings the chair was taken by Vice President John Sheldon. (All the chairs were eventually recovered).

The President's speech contained the usual advice and admonishment to be heard on this occasion, although his scathing

comments on brownbagging and personal dress were in a rather more serious vein.

As of yore, the after-dinner speakers said absolutely nothing in a highly amusing fashion, ending with their usual 'jokes'. Age old gambits were employed: "Mr. President, Gentlemen and Chemical Engineers...." (cheers, groans and general disorder). When the speakers were dry, the Spanner was shown to the freshers, the "Boomalaka" rendered with great gusto, and the adjournment moved to the usual place.

The singing in the Bar was of a very lusty nature, being remarkable for its volume, quality (!) and versatility. Accounts of after events are naturally incoherent, seeming to indicate that extensive inebriation was attained with un-failing consistency.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS?

Wednesday distinguished itself with an attempt by several obstreperous R.C.S. men to whisk away the Spanner, but thanks to the instantaneous reflexes of a prominent member of the Guilds' staff, their effort was in vain. One of the bandits was seized; he ended the evening with nothing but a shirt to cover his embarrassment.

SHIPTON PRAISES I.C. MEN

The second part of the Karakoram expedition team has now returned to England. At an exclusive FELIX-PHOENIX interview, our reporter was able to talk to Mr. Eric Shipton, the leader of the expedition and a very experienced explorer and mountaineer who has taken part in several Everest expeditions, and has established a strong reputation for work that he has previously done in the Karakoram.

The idea behind the expedition was to build in the College a nucleus of men with experience of exploration who would be leaders of further expeditions, all with the same object of Scientific Investigation of "new" territory. In this, Mr. Shipton said, the expedition had been entirely successful. Although the party was very young and had had comparatively little previous experience, they made up for this by their keenness and enthusiasm. Indeed, there had been far less friction than he had ever known before on an expedition.

Unfortunately, the expedition was delayed for three weeks, which were virtually wasted, by the non-arrival of their baggage, and later on the weather became very bad; daily snowfalls hampered them considerably.

The baggage apparently arrived outside Bombay harbour three weeks before the expedition, but it was not possible to get it ashore for six weeks! This state of affairs appears to be quite usual in Bombay, and it is quite inconceivable that the College agents did not know of it. If the expedition had been informed, they could probably have taken their equipment along with them, but they were taken completely unawares.

18,000 FT. UP

In order to reach the scene of operations, the Siechen glacier, the party had to cross an 18,000' pass. One of the strange sights they saw was an eagle, apparently exhausted, also crossing the pass on foot.

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Several incidents by a minority marred the festivities. On Thursday fireworks were thrown in the lounge, while on Friday chairs were thrown about in the lounge and damaged, and glasses were thrown against the ceiling. Drunkenness is no excuse for vandalism. It is incredible that in an University, where people profess to be educated, such hooligan behaviour should occur.



JOCK WALLACE

Jock is one of the two Wallaces on the Mines Executive (not to be confused with Brian who is the Secretary). He spent most of his childhood in India with his parents and was educated at prep. school and Oundle. At Oundle he learnt among other things to row. They must have taught him pretty well as he stroked the first Eight in his first year in College, and in his second he was Captain of I.C. boats.

To his many accomplishments he has recently added that of being able to drive that prehistoric monster, Clementine; his official chariot. He hopes that he will not be called on to drive her when he gets married next summer.

When asked about his likes and dislikes he said, "I like the Tuba to be PLAYED, and I do not like young ladies who ask me if I am a Minesman". He also lists "Hops" among his dislikes (I believe he meant the "dance" type hop, not the type which is fermented.)

DAVE STEVENS

The President of Guilds, known to all as Dave, was at the time of being interviewed lying in bed having succumbed to the Lurgi. This was very unfortunate as he was stricken down in the midst of Guilds Fresher's Dinners.

He has played squash for I.C. but has given it up this year. It is recollected that towards the end of last year everyone he met was greeted by the cry of "Have you played squash?" If the answer was in the affirmative then he exhorted the subscription from the poor unfortunate.

Bo', his official chariot, is causing a little worry at the moment. Will both cylinders be firing when she attempts to go to Brighton? That is the 64,000 question. When, with his coat of many stripes, he sits in her it should be quite a magnificent sight.

He feels that some mention should be made of his fiancée, Judy, whose latest claim to fame is the reclaiming of the Spanner at the beginning of the session, having followed an arduous trail round London's main line stations.

Tubas played on Sundays, and I.C. men wearing jeans, sweaters and gaudy socks to College are among his pet dislikes.

PROFILE

UNION EXECUTIVE



DEREK BUTTERS

Derek, who is President of R.C.S. this year, has worked his way up from the bottom. Last year he was Hon. Sec. and a very hard-working one at that. When not busy being President he relaxes playing golf, rather like a more elderly President. His handicap, when he is on form and hitting the ball straight, is 12. If he cannot hit a stationary golf ball straight the writer has difficulty in visualising Derek getting his hockey colours for R.C.S.

He is in the Chemistry department, and is lucky in having left the last of the exams behind over a year ago. He is doing research at the moment into the behaviour of detonators when heated to 200° C. According to his latest statement they do not often explode.

"Tubas should only be played by Gerard Hoffnung" were his last words as I left.

RICHARD GARNETT

Rich, our gay handsome Union Secretary, is going to be in for a heavy time this year, both academically and in the Union. There seems to be more to getting a D.I.C. than he originally thought. However he is used to hard work having been Chairman of the Entertainments Committee last year, and despite this getting a 1st. in Mining. When he has finished here he hopes to go to Canada, where about a year ago he found gold lying about in a mine waiting for him to take it.

During the last three years he has played rugby for various teams in the College, but he is afraid that he cannot find time this year.

Among his dislikes are cliques and men who play tubas at night.

JENNIFER HEYWOOD

Jennifer, the President of I.C.W.A. for those who do not know her, is in the third year of her Physics course (her fourth year in College). She seems to be doing some interesting courses at the moment which involve Engineering Drawing in the Guilds one afternoon a week, and glass blowing. She says this is almost certainly her final year here, which seems to confirm our opinion that there may be a man looming large on the horizon.

In the line of sport she has represented I.C.W.S.C. at badminton, squash, netball, tennis and table tennis, as well as leading I.C.W.A. in that grand old sport of waterthrowing. On this latter activity the following statement was secured - "First floor people can use the balcony in safety as long as they act in accordance with our principles."

When questioned on I.C.W.A. policy for this year she said that they intend to stay where they are and enjoy their beautiful fish tank.

Among her dislikes are men who play tubas.

Have you ever taken a girl out for an evening, then taken her home, and found yourself stranded, miles from your own bed, with no transport on hand but your feet? From the sad tales that reach our ears we gather that this is not an infrequent occurrence. So, in order to save you time and trouble, to tell where you may or may not go, and how far (geographically speaking), we present the

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GLOBETROTTERS' GUIDE

In this series we shall detail the means of getting back to I.C. and all points central from those out-lying parts in which women are wont to have their habitat.

FURZEDOWN S.W.17

Furzedown Training College is situated one mile from the nearest Underground station, which is Tooting Broadway. The last north-bound train leaves at 12:11 a.m., Monday to Saturday. Allowing 8 minutes for the mile (the

author has been known to do it in 7:50) and 30 secs. for the descent to the platform, farewells must be concluded by 12:02½ a.m. The booking clerk is a very decent chap and will probably let you right through, but in order to allow for the train being early, you are advised to leave another 30 secs. or so clearance. This train connects with the last Baling train from Charing Cross, and will get you back to I.C. by 1 o'clock.

Should you miss the 12:11, however, we recommend the following course of action. Take the first available south-bound train to South Wimbledon (4 mins.). Go along Merton Road, opposite the station, until you reach the Broadway, then turn left. Keep going until you come to Wimbledon station. The total distance is about a mile, for which par is 8:30. (It is slightly uphill. The author usually takes a taxi). From Wimbledon station there runs a District Line train to Earls Court only at 12:41 a.m., or, failing that, a Southern Region train at 12:51 that reaches Waterloo at 1:05. This leaves 4 minutes in which to nip smartly over Hungerford Bridge to catch a no. 9 'bus (which departs from Ludgate Circus at 1:05). This is a very handy little 'bus,

although it doesn't run on Sunday nights. Instead there is an extra one at about 1:30 on Saturday, so then you can take your time crossing the bridge.

Allowing one minute for tickets at Wimbledon, you therefore need to get your south-bound train at Tooting Broadway at or before 12:39, but on no account catch a later one (since Wimbledon is even worse than Tooting to walk back from). This procedure thus saves you at

from). This procedure thus gains you a good 20 minutes.

On Sunday, the last trains leave about an hour earlier than on week-days, which rules them out for our purpose. However, there is an all-night 'bus, route no. 287, which runs every night of the week EXCEPT SATURDAYS, that may be of assistance. These 'buses stop at Tooting Broadway at 12:58 and 1:03 a.m. They both go to Charing Cross Underground station, but in opposite directions, so watch it! They arrive at Charing Cross at 1:32 and 1:35 respectively, so there is plenty of time in which to walk up to the Strand and get the 297 'bus at 1:53 to South Kensington.

THE REFECTORY

SITUATION

"The College refectories are now serving approximately 1500 lunches daily, an increase of 450 over the corresponding figure a year ago! This surprising fact was disclosed by Mr. Mooney, I.C. Refectory Manager, in an exclusive interview with FELIX reporters. Mr. Mooney pointed out that the kitchens in the Union are now turning out 1000 lunches daily, as against 500 last October. The inadequacy of the kitchens and staff shortages are the two main problems facing the Refectory today.

WHERE DO THEY GO?

On analysis, the number of lunches served daily in the Lower Refectory is 500, the same as last year. The Upper Dining Hall and Upper Refectory, neither of which was in operation last year, are now serving 400-500 between them. Against this, there has been a slight drop in Queenie's, from 600 daily to about 530. The kitchens in Queenie's, however, are far larger than those in the Union. The refrigerator space, for instance, is four times the size.

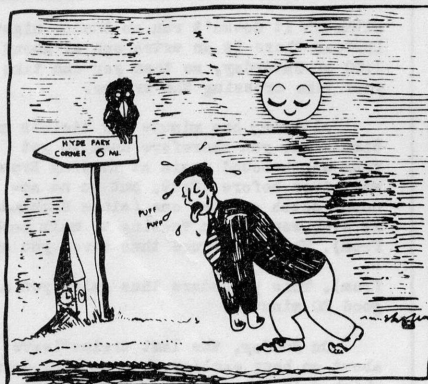
PRICES

It is being found necessary to raise prices slightly. The refectories lost money last year. As a result of this and increased payments to staff, there will be fewer 1/9 dishes available, for example, and the prices of special dinners are also being raised. The refectory wage bill is now 30% higher than it was a year ago, and the income has to follow suit.

As members of the Union will have observed, prices are in rather a state of flux at the moment. The profit needed to cover wages and overheads is 40% of the cost price of the food. If this be exceeded, the prices will be reduced accordingly. However, in the case of the Cornish Pasty, the fluctuations between 1/9 and 2/0 are governed by the contents, and not by the slide-rule computations of the cashier.

HOT OR COLD?

The most unfortunate feature of the kitchens in the Union is the perpetual draught that whistles through, and is partly responsible for the rapid cooling of food when it is removed from the ovens.



(The 297 is also a non-starter on Saturday, unfortunately.) If the "Gyre and Gimble" just off Villiers Street, is still open, you can always drop in for a cup of coffee.

Footnote:

If something does go wrong, the nicest walk back is along the West Side of Clapham Common and over the Albert Bridge.



"... the strongest string available please."

It is a result of the design of the kitchens: it cannot be eradicated -- only mitigated. In an effort to do this, new methods of keeping the food warm are constantly being tried. One infra-red heater has already been installed; the purchase of another is contemplated.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

One of the ways in which you can aid the efficient running of the refectories is simply by not removing their cutlery and crockery. The losses last year were immense, and much was not recovered -- it all contributes to the rise in prices. Mr. Mooney has also been aggrieved lately by the disappearance of pepper-pot-tops -- it should be perfectly possible to obtain the goods through the apertures provided.

We discovered that not even Mr. Mooney knows what goes into the Mulligatawny soup. On being asked, he smiled his enigmatic smile: "Your guess is as good as mine. We try to make the food interesting!"

WINE TASTING SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Session was well attended - too well, in fact, 70 people being present. Many latecomers were refused admittance as both sherry and seating were insufficient for a greater number.

Mr. McKenzie, who lectured at the inaugural meeting of the Society, introduced the tasting with an informative lecture on the production of sherry. He emphasised the special system of blending the wines - the Solera system - which ensures a continuity of style, quality and age.

Four kinds of sherry were tasted: Manzanilla Fina (a dry wine with a salty tang) Amontillado (a young and old variety) Oloroso (a very sweet wine) --- the special characteristics of each being indicated by the speaker.

Several lively questions terminated the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 29th when Italian wines will be tasted.

Quote: "Sweetness often covers a multitude of sins." --- Hum!

BO' PEEPS OUT

After months of comparative inactivity Bo' has a busy time ahead of him. He now sports a current licence, the absence of which prevented his appearance earlier this term.

On test last week after a preliminary "Tune-up" he was put through his paces careering around the block and making several circuits of Hyde Park at speed. (Onlookers rumoured that he had been supercharged, but this is not correct)

Bo's busy period commences on Sunday Nov. 3rd. when he participates as usual in the annual London to Brighton Vintage Car Rally. (Its non-appearance last year was due to secretarial and not mechanical inefficiency) Travelling in Bo' will be C. and G. Motor Club committee and its President Mr. Moore and also Guild's President Dave Stevens.

We wish them and Bo' a good journey and may they not "Run out of road," on the way.

The following Wednesday Nov. 6th. Bo' will travel to Putney to lead Guilds in the Morphy Day "Celebrations"

His final appearance this week, on Sat. Nov. 9th., will be at Ludgate Hill for the Lord Mayor's Show. Here, with a loyal band, he will support fellow Guildsmen participating in the procession, and also introduce the inevitable element of chaos to enliven the proceedings.

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PRACTICAL POLITICS

FELIX is a non-political newspaper. No-one tells us what to print, and we have no party axe to grind. We would rather stand aloof, and examine the political world with a completely open mind, as if surveying the moon through a mammoth telescope, ascertaining the facts objectively and basing our opinions accordingly.

Let us, then, turn our mammoth telescope on the latest political development in the University. Some pamphlets have recently been distributed in I.C. and other colleges by the National Guardian Movement. At the same time, there appeared in SENNET a front page leader on the subject of this movement.

In the pamphlets that have appeared is advertised a meeting to commemorate "The 40th. Anniversary of the destruction of a Democracy". Let us ask exactly what was destroyed in October 1917.

In SENNET we read: "After all this we still could not discover how the organisation can justify its claim that 23% of the lecturers are Communist but with such a charming set-up as we have here, who cares?" Let us ask what they did to find out, as well as what the basis of the original statement is.

Do these quotations indicate an objective and unbiased point of view? What were the readers meant to think? Let us resolve not to be led by the nose, but to THINK FOR OURSELVES.

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We regret the erroneous sub-titling of the account of the Hebridean Expedition in our last issue. As was evident from the first paragraph, the visitors to Oransay were, of course, Zoologists.

COLLEGE HAIRDRESSER NOW IN THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY CHANGING ROOM, EAST STAIRCASE UNION BUILDING.

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REDUCTION OF 1/6 in the £1 for ALL MAKES OF ELECTRIC SHAVERS.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

The time goes very fast. The 23rd. of October is the first anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. Nearly a year has passed, though it seems that it happened only yesterday. Recalling our memories, there are two main points to think about.

From one hand we thank the free world for their moral support of our struggle against the ruthless suppression of our freedom and independence, and for the economic aid and hospitality.

From the other hand; some time passed and the Hungarian problem was not a headline any more. The refugees found new homes, started new lives. A small but enthusiastic group of the newcomers tried to pick up the western way of life at the famous I.C. Hostel (starting with the sherry party at I.C.W.A.). After a few shy steps they became quite familiar with the Union facilities (including the bar, hops, the dropping of milk bottles etc.).

But while enjoying the wonderful, freedom and democracy of this country, one must not forget that life is not the same for everyone in the world.

T.S. - L.K.

EXCHANGE STUDENTSHIPS

I.C. has arranged with three European technological institutions, two in Germany, one in Switzerland, for the exchange of students for the session 1958-59. Details can be obtained from the Registry.

ACLAND ESSAY PRIZE

Readers are reminded of the Sir Arthur Acland English Essay Prize, which was instituted to encourage the good writing of English. The competition is open to all undergraduates, and a total of 25 guineas is available for prizes.

Entries should be submitted by January 15th, 1958. Further particulars may be seen in the Registry.

SPO-ORT

Remember, remember, the 5th of November — at the time of going to press it seems likely that there will again this year be a bonfire and hop at Harlington, with coach transport from the Union provided.

Other events of a social nature scheduled for this term are the Guilds Carnival (Nov. 22nd), on an Ancient Greek theme this year, we hear; the Mines Ball will be held a week later, on the 29th, and FELIX's own birthday hop will take place on the 30th.

Morphy Day is on November 4th this year. Mines will be defending the Morphy cup, and Guilds the Lowry. It is hoped that as many members as possible will travel down to Putney to support their respective teams and drown their rivals.

SHIPTON PRAISES I.C. MEN (cont.)

The Siechen glacier, the biggest in the world outside Polar regions, has been visited only twice before, and very little is known about it. The party split up into groups, which each carried out various geological and other scientific investigations. They were helped by eight local men, who carried equipment.

The medical member of the expedition, Dr. Graham Budd, had little in the way of sickness or injury to deal with, apart from a case of stomach disorder. Lying in his tent, the invalid would start to mutter "I must get out" and then a moment later: "It's too late".

Any highlights? Brian Amos hung upside down in a crevasse for about an hour before the others could pull him out, and then they spent the rest of the day recovering his load, which he had dropped on to a ledge. Entertainment was all home-made, of course. Pete Grimley's extensive song repertoire was called upon, while for the benefit of the local people, Eric himself performed the Charleston.

All in all, a valuable and enjoyable expedition. But, as Mr. Shipton, pointed out, "it's very much of a continuous thing". It must be followed up soon so that the experience gained is not wasted as far as the College is concerned.

SALVATION

My dear Editor,

Over the past year I have examined the many philosophies offered by the religious, political and other societies of the Imperial College, but none of them has been able to answer my questions, to offer the secret of a happy, useful existence, the ultimate purpose and drive behind human endeavour. It would seem that we have become so sophisticated, so out of touch with the good mother earth, that we must run blindly from artificial stimulant to official boredom, regency architecture and potato crisps. I think, I hope (and who would dare to claim more in this unbalanced and crisis-ridden world) that I have, in my personal meditations, found what may, after all, be the final salvation of mankind. We must, in some measure, look back to our happy, uncomplicated, arboreal culture.

Those who are interested in the re-discovery of this, our heritage, may find out more about the proposed "I.C. Tree Climbing Society" from me, through the Union Rack.

I am, sir,
Buster Cole.

FIFTEEN!

Dear Sir,

How can the Rugger Club hope that their First team will be as strong as ever if they are going to decrease the number of players in the team from fifteen to eleven.

We can only hope that their optimism will make up for this lack of numbers.

Yours faithfully,
Jennifer Heywood,
President, I.C.W.A.

Noeline Cowgill,
President, I.C.W.S.C.

P.S. Perhaps we could help!

Sports Editor's note:

I must apologise to the Rugby Club for accidentally mentioning the word "eleven" instead of "fifteen" in the last issue.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GYMNASIUM

Dear Sir,

I am afraid you have made a great mistake in publishing the article about the Gymnasium in the last issue. You do not know all the facts and some of those you state are incorrect.

Superficially, it does appear that there has been a lot of time spent in preparing the Gymnasium. But that is not the whole story.

In the beginning there was to be no Gymnasium. This facility was to be and will be included in Princes Gardens, together with squash courts, a swimming pool and other amenities. These should appear by 1960.

The Gymnasium, as it now stands, was intended to be a small hall, an overflow from the Concert Hall, which you must admit, is needed on large functions. Why it was considered that a small dance floor was more important than a Gymnasium was due possibly to a member having a stronger say in the House Committee at that time.

Fortunately, with great persuasion by some students, it was permitted to convert the small dance floor into a Gymnasium, after it had been completed.

So there was the task, of turning an excellent and well-designed dance floor into a robust gymnasium. All the fittings for the apparatus had to be remade so that they could be used in this gymnasium; this takes time. New equipment had to be

bought, from balls up to the complete fittings of ropes and beams. This task of conversion is not only dealt with by members of I.C. but also the organisers of the U.L.U. Gymnasium. It is not an easy problem.

Besides taking time it also takes money, and money does not flow rapidly when there is a large programme in Princes Gardens. When it was decided to turn the dance floor into a gymnasium, most of the money allocated for that part of the Union had been used. To convert and completely equip the hall was not favourable from the financial point of view. If it had not been for the generosity of the College, the tolerance of the Planning Office and the forethought of some students about a year ago you would not have had a gymnasium at all, yet.

Yours etc.,
I.J. Flint
(Gymnasium Organiser)

Editor's note:

Mr. Flint has not corrected a single one of the facts stated in our article. He makes no mention of our main point, the unfortunate installation and subsequent boxing-in of the radiators.

The fact that it was only recently decided to have a gymnasium (although the plans published in 1954 showed it) has not previously been made public. If it be necessary to make 'mistakes' in order to uncover the facts of the matter, FELIX will be making many more.

CLOTHES AND CRITICISM

Dear Sir and Mr. 'Christian Dior'-vid Stevens,

I must admit that the wearing of jeans, check shirt, baggy pullover and fluorescent socks does not make an engineer, but on the other hand I defy anyone to prove that white-collar and tie outfits make engineers. Surely it could be within the realms of possibility that in this rather unreal student world of ours, some people by dressing in a more casual fashion, might find it easier to live and work. My personal experience is that the wearing of such clothes breeds in me a state of mind that accepts the 'very serious' trivialities of student organisations, and makes me want to help in the work involved in these.

Of course, I cannot claim that others would find the same, but I think that our President was mistaken to express such a private opinion at the Freshers' Dinners. On these occasions he is unavailable as far as argument is concerned, and he also possesses a far greater sway over new students, nervously groping their way through the first few weeks at College. Hoping, then, that in the future Dave will confine his criticisms to the well-worn but increasingly acute problem of the 10-5 brown-bagger, I remain

Your faithful friend,
Syd Lenssen.

Dear Editor,

I address my letter thus because I do not wish Mr. Lenssen to consider my remarks at the Freshers' Dinner to be directed towards him in particular.

I must admit that in Mr. Lenssen's letter I have read for the first time that carelessness and casualness go hand in hand with efficiency - the opposite is always the case.

As for his criticism that I should not use my position as President to influence the easily impressionable freshers, I should like to point out that there is little point in taking up such a position if one does not intend to exert any influence, so long as one is sure that one's influences are directed towards the right end.

Also I had hoped that everyone had noticed that I gave first place to advising the freshers on the more obvious subject of the 10 - 5 brown-baggers.

And now to turn the tone from defence to attack: this is the first criticism I have received on this subject and to judge from the reception my remarks received at the dinners I feel that the vast majority of the College agree with me. Freshers, please draw your own conclusions!

Yours, in bed with 'flu,
P. David Stevens.

E.C. REPLIES

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Entertainments Committee I feel I must take this opportunity to reply to the criticisms levelled at the Committee in a letter to your paper last issue.

Firstly I must point out that the Editor failed to notify the Entertainments Committee of such criticisms thus preventing us replying in the same issue.

Although the Entertainments Committee was, at the time, and still is reduced to three members instead of six this Committee was set the task of running no fewer than four functions in a fortnight. Not only was this done to the satisfaction of the majority of dancers, but the amenities available were also improved.

With regard to the authors' remarks about an East-End working-men's club, I feel this can be attributed rather to the behaviour and dress of certain students than to the manner in which the dances are organised. Surely it is not too much to ask that a man wears a tie, a jacket and a pair of trousers with some form of vertical crease in them.

I agree that it is far better that a student acts as Master of Ceremonies rather than the band leader, but if one member of the Committee had not to spend that complete evening asking "Non-paying guests" to leave it would have been possible.

The Committee regret that not all students who wish to attend Saturday-night dances can be accommodated, but have done their utmost to increase the number of dancers by opening the Upper Refectory.

I therefore feel that in the light of these facts the authors should reconsider their statements and promptly offer their apologies to the few people who have worked so hard to make these dances possible.

Yours faithfully
Gil Streets.

Editor's note:

We apologise to the Entertainments Committee for not giving them the opportunity to reply in the last issue. It is not our policy to serialise correspondence of this nature.

Dear Sir,

We appreciate the difficult conditions under which the depleted Committee has been working, and we were glad to notice a marked improvement in the organisation of the last two E.C. hons.

We suggest that the tickets are collected at the door to prevent the entry of 'non-paying guests' as the present system is not foolproof.

Yours faithfully,
F.S. Smith
P. Porgess.

Editor's note:

The past experience of the Entertainments Committee leads them to believe that the system in use at the moment is the most practicable.

CARTOONS, cartoonists and ideas for cartoons required by Felix. All contributions to Art Editor via Union Back.

VIEWPOINT

'Manners maketh man', thus says the enigmatic statement whose author is lost in the depths of time. Good manners are an essential part of the Code of Conduct that all well-educated persons should follow. The purpose of an University is to educate its members. This does not mean just 'getting a degree'. An University should not spoon-feed its members, they should be taught to think for themselves, and to follow the examples set by their superiors.

Let us stop and think for a moment; are we doing ourselves, and our Alma Mater justice; can we hold the job which has been offered on the strength of our degree? Can we represent our firm at conferences and dinners without appearing uneducated and ill-mannered?

Manners and education go hand in hand, one without the other is a rare event; not everyone is fortunate in having been to a Public School where in general good manners are a sine qua non, but some Grammar Schools also have this facility for imparting manners and bearing. Even if you have not had these advantages at school, your presence at an University should enable you to right these wrongs as soon as possible. It is the duty of all old lags to set a good example to freshmen. Do you?

In the first few weeks of this term we have had many examples of bad behaviour by persons who should have known better. At the second hop of term, a post-graduate student (now in his fifth year at I.C.) offered to hold open the door to the upper refectory so that a lady member of the Entertainments Committee could carry a large and heavy tray of cups of coffee through. As she was passing through, this lout let go the door; the coffee, cups, tray and all were spilt on the floor. What apologies did this young lady get? Not a word. This long-haired individual had disappeared. I suppose at the time he thought this was amusing. We don't.

Often when in the Union, you see another member following behind you; being polite you hold the door open for him, with what result? More often than not you get no thanks, not even a cursory nod, and the said creature stalks straight past you, and, if it is the refectory door you have held open, the odds are that you will have to join the queue behind him as he is so bad-mannered as to make his way in front of you. Would you do this at home in front of your guests and friends? I doubt it, for if you did they would not remain your friends for long.

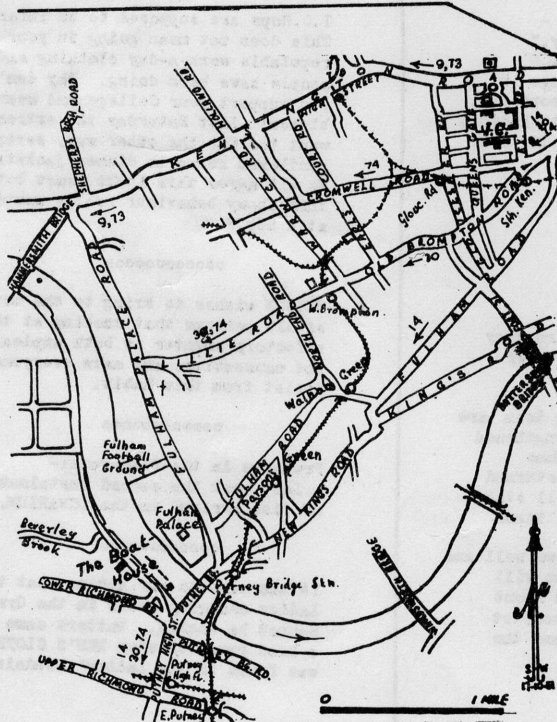
What is the proper dress for a large dinner? Lounge suits of course, unless it is formal and dinner suits are called for. At recent freshers' dinners, it has been noticeable that quite a few people went in sports jackets and blazers. I suppose that if these people were invited out to lunch by the Managing Director of the firm unfortunate enough to employ them, they would go dressed in their same everyday attire.

Everyone is entitled to drink if he wants to, but there is absolutely no reason whatsoever why he should make himself unpleasant and objectionable to his fellow men. Nothing is more repulsive than a drunken man; why is it necessary to drink to excess? No reason at all, it is purely a sign of lack of common-sense, it does no one any good; and often causes someone harm or damage. And why must bar glasses be smashed for no reason at all; accidents can happen, but in many cases it is sheer bad behaviour and an infantile complex which makes these children delight in the sound of breaking glass. In the long run all such damage has to be made good, and the price falls on everyone and not just on the bad-mannered hooligans who caused the damage.

Make full use of the Union and its facilities, and further your education to the fullest of your ability, and don't leave here as a moronic uneducated ignoramus so that everyone can say 'Oh he's just another of those poor technological graduates who only thinks by his slide rule'.

COME ON I.C. YOU'RE BEING GOT AT.

Nelson.



HOW TO GET TO PUTNEY

PRINT IN MOTION

We notice that the magazines have disappeared from the upper lounge. They have reappeared in the writing- (or to T.V. fiends the "Tele-") room. The reason given for the change is that the upper lounge was being used as a bar by people wishing to sip Mooney's Upper Refectory coffee when reading. Presumably the carpet has been suffering.

So now what was initially intended as a reading room is T.V., writing, and reading room. Are you a schizophrenic?



"HERE WE GO AGAIN"

ROVERING IN

SWITZERLAND

Victoria Station was assured of a place in history when, on June 23rd, 1957, I.C. Rover Crew assembled there en route for summer camp at Kandersteg in the Bernese Oberland. The party was sixteen strong and was well provided with an assortment of tents, ice-axes, ropes, crampons and sundry other items, not to mention well filled rucksacks, most of which proved singularly awkward to manage on the train journey across Europe, and singularly useless in Switzerland. However, Kandersteg was reached with the party still whole, the only mishap being the leaving behind of two members of the crew in the middle of France, due to an unfortunate misunderstanding on the length of time that the train stopped in the station. Fortunately they caught up again with the main party in Basel.

Arriving at Kandersteg station, the Rovers soon had an opportunity of testing their hiking muscles on the two-mile walk to the International Boy Scouts Chalet lying at the head of the steep-sided Kander valley where they were to camp. The chalet was reached without loss of life however, and almost immediately the previously fine weather changed to a torrential downpour. This persuaded the crew that it was better to sleep in dry bunks inside the chalet than in wet tents outside, especially as the river flowing past the camp-site was dangerously near to overflowing. As things turned out, except for an occasional thunderstorm of short duration, the weather for the whole of the sixteen day stay was absolutely clear, the sun being at times almost too hot for hiking.

After two days walking in the mountains around the chalet it was unanimously decided that no attempt would be made to rival the I.C. Norwegian and Karakoram expeditions in their mountaineering exploits, the normal alpine paths providing quite strenuous enough exercise. However the Rover crew can now claim that some of its members have climbed the Hockenhorn (10,000 ft.) by the efforts of their bodies and the Jungfrauoch (11,000 ft.) by train.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY OCT. 25th.
 S.C.M. "SEX" Mr. B.S. Manhood.
 PHOTO. SOC. Colour Group meeting.
 Bot. Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m.
 INTL. RELINS. CLUB. E.G.M. 1.15pm
 Phys-Chem Lecture Theatre.
MONDAY OCT 28th.
 LIB. SOC. 1st A.G.M. Committee
 Room B. 1.15pm.
 I.C.C.U. "What can a scientist
 believe?" Dr.D.Mackay Ph.D.
 Informal Sailing Lecture at 5:15 pm.
 in Room 161, Guilds.
WEDNESDAY OCT. 30th.
 RAILWAY SOC. Visit to Old Oak Common-
 Motive Power Depot.
THURSDAY OCT 31st.
 FILM SOC. "Sabrina Fair" Audrey
 Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart. Room 104
 Chem. Tech. 1pm.
 NAT. HIST. SOC. "Tissue Grafting"
 DR. L.Brent (U.C.) Botany Lecture
 Theatre. 5.30pm.
FRIDAY NOV. 1st.
 CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS "All your own work"
 Islanders own poetry read and critized.
 5.15pm in Council Room (off Lower Lounge)
 S.C.M. "SEX" Mr. B.S. Manhood.
 PHOTO. SOC. Ferrania and Ektachrome
 processing. 5.15pm. Botany Lecture
 Theatre.
SATURDAY NOV. 2nd.
 I.C.W.A. Informal Dance.
MONDAY NOV. 4th.
 I.C.C.U. "Is man incurably evil?"
 Dr.O.Barclay Ph.D.
TUESDAY NOV. 5th.
 LIT.&DEB. SOC. "This house would like
 to be for ever Amber".
THURSDAY NOV. 7th.
 NAT. HIST. SOC. Meeting to be
 arrangfd.
 RAILWAY SOC. General Studies Report

CHURCH SOCIETY

A new society is coming into existence
 in I.C.: or rather, it has had members
 here a long time, out of contact with one
 another, and sometimes out of sympathy.
 The Church Society is to provide a
 meeting ground for members of the Church
 of England, and other members of the
 Anglican Communion, and anyone else who
 wishes to ask questions or join discussion.
 At present the society meets in Holy
 Trinity Church, but hopes to transfer to
 I.C. Union.
 Programme; Wed. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 Thurs. 1.20 - 2 p.m. talk by
 Gordon Phillips (Chaplain to U.L.), or
 Brother Dunstan, C.R.?
 Brother Dunstan, C.R., B.Sc., M.A., followed
 by discussion.
 Officers (till G.M.):
 Chairman - Peter Evans, R.S.M.
 Vice-Chairman - Alan Goodliffe,
 C.&G. Aero.
 Secretary - Dai Thomas, R.S.M.
 R.C.S.Rep.- John Quenby.
 A General Meeting will be held soon.
 The University Church is St. George's,
 Bloomsbury Way (continuation of New
 Oxford Street).
 Peter Evans.

BOAT CLUB

On Sat. last an I.C. crew with only
 3 weeks training together competed for
 the Sabin Cup. Having possibly a slight
 disadvantage in the Surrey station, they
 put up a good fight, rowing well,
 against a better crew, losing by 1 length
 to Gladstone, eventual winners from
 Isis (2½ lengths), who had beaten Lens-
 bury (3 lengths) in a previous heat.

Y.H.A. RAMBLE

The first outing of the I.C.Y.H.A.
 this term took the form of a day trip
 to Flatford Mill, and was arranged in
 conjunction with Bedford College. Twenty -
 six people, including freshers from both
 colleges, spent a leisurely day on
 or near the river.

Soon after 8 p.m. the excursion
 train left Flatford with most of the party
 on board; it was assumed that the day
 was over. However, twenty minutes later
 the train came to an abrupt standstill,
 and the party were informed that the
 engine had a broken con-rod. The
 revellers then proceeded to amuse them-
 selves for three hours.

Various accounts have been given as
 to how the time was spent. Some found
 their way to the buffet and sang; some
 just sat and chattered, and some carried
 on with the good work (?) The train
 arrived back in London at 1.20 a.m., and
 several women were locked out of their
 hostels. It is reported that they were
 forced to spend the rest of the morning
 in a local police station. A good time
 was had by all (doubtless!) and the
 accident did nothing to spoil the outing.

POME

the scythe went swish,
 my leg flew off,
 and with a splash
 I went flying off,
 and when the reaper
 had passed by,
 my intellect was gone.

СПУТНИК.

APPEAL

"I recently bought a new brolly,
 A tartan collapsible brolly,
 On Wednesday last
 Its COVER was lost
 If anyone finds it; there's lolly."
 It was lost between the Rifle Range in
 Guilds and the Huxley building about 3pm.
 on Wednesday Oct.16th. Ann-Margret Radford
 (Maths 2) is very anxious to get it back.

SWIMMING

Prospects for this session are very
 promising for both swimming and water
 polo.
 Most of last year's swimming team are
 still at I.C. and have been strengthened
 by the arrival of D.Beckett who has
 represented U.L.. P.Hills has returned
 good times for breaststroke and will stake
 a strong claim to a place in the team.

The polo team has settled down well and
 includes a fresher, R.Basham, who will
 strengthen the shooting power in front
 of goal. The second team will consist
 chiefly of last year's players and the
 third team mainly of freshers.

NELSON'S COLUMN



The prize saying of the week:-
 "I've had my copy of the Fresh-
 er's FELIX all this time and I
 haven't had time to read it yet."
 Let us hope that he tries to keep
 more up to date with the news than
 this suggests.

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Freshers' dinners are excellent
 means of initiating the new members
 of the College into Union life. By
 all means have a good time, and enjoy
 yourselves, but not at the expense
 of other members' comfort. When it
 comes to the sordid state of a cer-
 tain gentleman being seen in the Union
 Lounge at 11p.m. slumped in a chair
 and surrounded by broken glasses it
 begins to make you wonder just what-
 ever is coming to the College now-
 adays.

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The refectory is now running out of
 milk far earlier than it used to.
 Sales have increased out of all re-
 cognition recently. Is this a re-
 flection on the age of freshmen
 entering I.C. or just a revulsion
 against the alternatives of stewed
 tea and sludge-like coffee.

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We read elsewhere of the nefarious
 habits of someone in the Gymnasium
 Changing Room. This is an example
 of straight theft but the other day
 a case of larceny was found and the
 culprit, when admonished, appeared
 to have no excuse to offer. We hope
 he has now recovered from his violent
 stomach disorder, and that the re-
 trieval by the Union of their roll
 of semi-transparent paper did not
 prove too uncomfortable for him.

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NELSON thanks Mr. David Briggs for
 his kind and benevolent donation of
 a suggestions book to the Lower Ref-
 ectory. Reading the first week's
 contributions, one is struck by the
 appearance yet again of the signatures
 of several regular contributors. Let
 us hope that some of their well-
 meaning comments are acted upon, and
 that the 'Tripe and Onions' petition
 gains momentum.

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I.C.Hops are supposed to be informal.
 This does not mean going in your dis-
 reputable work-a-day clothing as some
 people have been doing. Why don't
 you support your College and wear a
 blazer? Last Saturday the extremists
 went too far the other way, several
 gentlemen going in dinner jackets.
 We all agree this looks smart but is
 this showy behaviour really wanted
 at a hop?

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NELSON wishes to bring to the notice
 of all persons that smoking at the
 refectory counter is both unpleasant
 and nauseating, and asks everyone to
 desist from this habit.

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Freshers in the Fish Tank:-
 Last week the second instalment
 of fish arrived in the ICWARIUM.

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It has come to our notice that the
 Ladies changing rooms in the Gym.
 cannot be locked. Matters came to
 a head recently when MEN'S CLOTHING
 was found in the Ladies' boudoir.

SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY

Last Saturday, for the first time in the Club's history, seven XV's were fielded. Of these, all except the seventh team won comfortably.

The 1st. XV have begun the season quite well, winning three matches and narrowly losing to Streatham F.C. 1st. in spite of playing 14 men for the whole of the game. The vacant post of captain has now been filled by Barry Lanz who was elected at the Extraordinary General Meeting last week. He has already started the difficult task of building a team to play in the first round of the U.L. Cup in two weeks time.

The 2nd. XV has won one game and drawn one, the A XV has won one and lost one, while the Extra A, with a strong nucleus of Welshmen, has scored 90 points in two games.

The B XV and C1 XV have both won two games and the C2 XV in its first outing lost 11-6, a very commendable result. Matches will be arranged for this team as long as support is maintained.

SAILING

Castaways Cup Competition

This is an annual inter-college event competed for on a knockout basis, and run by the Castaways Sailing Club. This year I.C. entered two teams of six people.

The 'B' team met Westminster Hospital in the first round, who won, due mainly to bad luck in the I.C. team. In each race one of our boats had to retire due to an infringement of the rules, the other two boats finishing 2nd. and 4th. each time.

The 'A' team, however, had better luck. Against U.C.'B' team in the first round we managed to finish 1st., 3rd., and 6th., and 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. In the next round we met St.Mary's Hospital, again managing to win with 1st., 3rd., and 4th. in the first race, and 1st., 2nd., and 4th. in the second, which was completed in a flat calm just before darkness fell.

On Sunday we met the U.C.'A' team in the semifinal, held in a gusty, strong wind. In the first race, we only managed to finish 3rd., 4th., and 5th. and in the second race, although we succeeded in making one U.C. boat retire, one of our boats, in a strong gust which sent all the boats into furious planes, succeeded in capsizing in a spectacular fashion, leaving the other two boats to finish 3rd. and 4th. U.C.'A' then went on to win the final by beating the Q.M.C.'A' team.

I.C.'A' :-

J.E.Smith (Capt.) Miss J.Stevens
J.D.Webb C.J.Farrow
A.J.Danbury P.Siddons

I.C.'B' :-

C.J.French (Capt.) R.Watson
R.Slingsby B.Stone
M.Moorhead J.Farrow

CROSS COUNTRY



London University v. Poly Harriers on October 19th, which was won by John Evans of I.C.

The second U.C. Relay held on Oct. 12th. was again won by Loughborough but the I.C. team improved by one position to finish third with L.S.E. runners up. The individual times of the I.C. team were very consistent and a great improvement on last year, which would have resulted in second position, but for a magnificent record-breaking run on the forth leg by M. Batty of L.S.E. On the same day J.S.Evans and D.Briggs running for Poly. in the London-Brighton Relay produced the day's best times over the second and seventh legs.

On Wed. Oct. 16th. the second team defeated Marjons with an excellent run by our newly discovered G.Tilley who was first for I.C. The Poly. mob match resulted in a win for London University with J.S.Evans of I.C. winning easily in his usual style; J.H.Collins was tenth and the two freshers, A.Brash and A. Brown, were well up in the field.

Cross Country Fixtures

Wed. 23rd. v. Kings and Goldsmiths' (A)
Sat. 26th. U.L. Trials
Wed. 30th. v. Borough Road (H)

HOCKEY

The Club has made a good start to the season, having won all but two of the six games to date. Last Saturday's opponents Old Dunstablians, are a formidable club and I.C.'s three wins indicate a good season to come.

No less than seven of the club's freshers are junior county players, and they should rejuvenate the old lags. Their spirit and enthusiasm appear to be excellent.

At the recent club meeting Dave Rees was elected Hon. Sec. and Dick Stanton Hon. Fixtures Sec.

Results;--

Oct. 9th	I.C. I: 5	E.V.C. 2
Oct. 12th	L.C.II: 1	G.W.R. 8
	I.C.III: 3	G.W.R. 4
Oct. 19th	I: 2	Old Dunstablians 1
	II: 2	1
	III: 2	1

Captain's request to players:- If available, please tick off early in the week.

SOCCER

The soccer club has made an excellent start to the season. With a large number of keen players, five teams have been fielded on all but one occasion and the first results have been most encouraging. In two weeks the club has played nineteen matches, winning seventeen, drawing one and losing one with a goals tally of 87 against 35.

The first XI has won all its matches to date. The results have been achieved because the team has played effective football. At most times the defence has played soundly, covering well, and tackling hard, and there has been a good understanding with the goalkeeper. The forwards have combined well, generally kept the play open and have accepted most of their chances. The link-up between defence and forwards has been adequate but this can be improved if the forwards move into open spaces and call for the ball. The defensive clearances have been safe but not particularly constructive.

1st. XI RESULTS

Oct. 9th. v. L.S.E. (friendly)
Won 4-1. Goalscorers:- Young, 2 pen., Wenk, Pidgeon.
Oct. 12th. v. Catford Wanderers 1st.
Won 8-0 (Wenk 2, Young 2, Paddle 2, Codling 2).
Oct. 16th. v. Westminster College (U.L. League). Won 4-2. (Young, Wenk, Paddle, Grievson).
Oct. 19th. v. St. Mark and St. John College.
Won 6-3. (Wenk 2, Paddle 2, Ryan, Moorhouse).

While there has been much attention to the performances of the 1st XI, it must be pointed out that the lower teams are more than holding their own. In one match the fifth team scored 15 goals.

Special mention must be made of the 4th. XI under the dictatorial captaincy of that genial Geordie giant, Arthur Shilling. This team is firmly at the top of the 4th. division of the inter-collegiate league with a 100% record. As the team narrowly missed promotion last year it is hoped that it will maintain its form and remain at the top of the division.

Club record to date:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st. XI	4	4	0	0	22	7
2nd. XI	3	3	0	0	10	5
3rd. XI	4	3	1	0	13	7
4th. XI	4	4	0	0	19	3
5th. XI	4	3	0	1	23	11

ICMA. FRESHER'S SUCCESS

As a result of the recent U.L. Women's Hockey Trials, Hilary Tompsett, of Retany I, has been chosen to play for the University first team as left-half.