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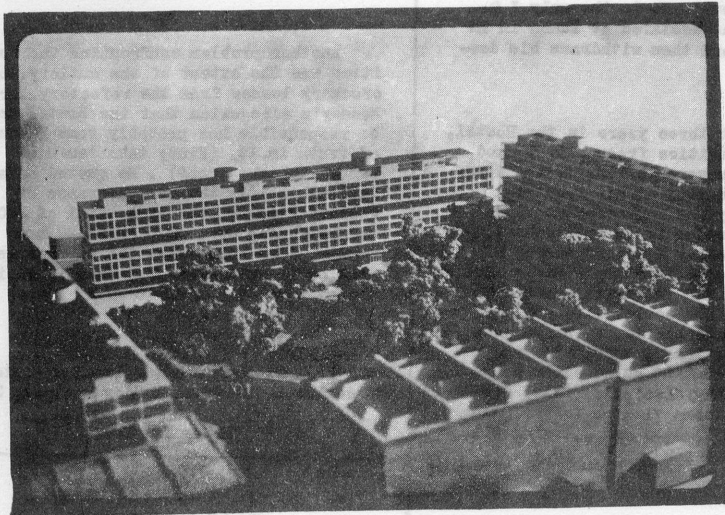
FELIX



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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD ~ PLANS FOR



PRINCE'S GARDENS..... AS IT WILL BE
(Photograph by courtesy of Richard Sheppard and Partners)

PRINCE'S GARDENS OUT AT LAST

The College Administration has come under a heavy fire of criticism, since the inception of the Prince's Gardens Residential Project became known, for withholding information and for their general lack of communication with the outside world. On Tuesday next, in the Concert Hall, the Rector and Mr Richard Sheppard F.R.I.B.A. will speak at a special College meeting on the plans for Prince's Gardens. Models, samples of furniture and a number of photographs and drawings will be on view, and Dr Sparkes of the planning office will join in answering questions after the speeches.

This is the first opportunity that the College has had of seeing and hearing the details of "...this fundamental step in the creation of a new and better Imperial College". In fact, this is the first 'public' meeting on the Prince's Gardens Project, and perhaps it is an indication of Administrative concern that members of the College should be the first to know of possible future developments. Accordingly we hope that future leaks will come to FELIX rather than to the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

MR MOONEY EXPERIMENTS

PLANS QUEUE CUTS

Mr Mooney will shortly begin an experiment to prevent the enormous supper queues which have of late graced the Lower Refectory. The plan is that he will guarantee a good selection of food at any time between 6:00 and 7:30. In addition the Upper Refectory will now remain open until 6:50, which should relieve some of the pressure downstairs.

The majority of I.C. students will agree that they do not indulge in our native habit of queuing for any patriotic reason; they queue to be sure of a meal, and who can blame them! It is hoped that the experiment will prove that one can eat later and still have a reasonable meal. Once this is assured, it is felt that most students will prefer to miss the rush.

This queue staggering will benefit both the student and the serving staff. It is earnestly hoped that YOU will co-operate with Mr Mooney in what may prove to be a costly experiment.

At the recent Refectory Committee meeting the clearing of refuse was also extensively discussed; the present system of scraping the greasy remains from the plates onto the trolley is very unpleasant, offending to the eye, the ear and the nose. The presence of the trolleys is also an occupational hazard for tray-bearing students.

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An Exhibition was staged in Senate House last week devoted to the planning of both academic and residential buildings in Universities. The scope was wide and covered the whole of the Western world, ranging from English Redbrick, through Scandinavian Colleges to the massive State and Private Universities of the United States.

As far as London University was concerned the sole example of their expansion and rebuilding programme was Imperial's development plan for residential accommodation in Prince's Gardens; design work on this appears to be slowly materialising.

This scheme shows a high degree of clear thinking in the modern idiom, and must be treated as a whole; the architects Richard Sheppard and Partners are to be congratulated on the revolutionary lines

they have followed. The three sides of the Square that are going to be developed are each treated in a similar manner. With a scheme in which each building will be housing anything up to 400 students, something must obviously be done to cut down the interminable problem of corridors and this has been brilliantly solved by designing the building round that most English of architectural features, the staircase.

The easiest way of understanding Sheppard's idea is to study the building floor by floor. The ground floor will contain such things as refectories and other communal facilities; the actual allocation of facilities does not seem to be finally decided. The first floor contains common rooms which serve the residents who have study-bedrooms on the second, third and fourth floors; in addition wardens' flats are included on this floor. The fifth floor is a repeat of the first, while the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth are repeats of the lower block of three floors of study-bedrooms.

By this means one has obtained essentially two separate Halls of Residence, one on top of the other. The crux of the whole matter is in the way each of these sets of three floors have been designed.

On entering the ground floor the student goes up to the first or fifth floor by lift; he then passes along the common room gallery until he comes to his own particular staircase, he ascends this until he arrives at his own particular floor. It seems that about eight rooms are arranged round each landing together with communal bathroom and toilet accommodation. By this means a closer unity ought to be obtained than with the conventional type of Hall of Residence. In each study-bedroom a long window-seat is planned, a floor area of 140 square feet is believed to be that used, and a wash basin is also included. The architects' sketch views of the elevations and fenestrations are distinctly interesting, and it is to be hoped that they do not fall down in the actual cladding of the structure.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



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PROFILE



OGGI

In October 1952, a fresher named Brian Hearn arrived at I.C. Few could have realised at the time that here was the biggest enigma that I.C. has ever known: one day the quiet and bashful Brian, another the extroverted clown Oggi: one day a great rugby player, another a picture of lolling incompetence: one minute sober, a minute later reeling drunk on a couple of tomato juices.

Before Easter 1955, the name Oggi meant nothing to I.C. But at that time the I.C. Rugger Club undertook its first tour of Brian's home county of Cornwall, and Brian waxed long and vehement on the qualities of the Cornish National Dish, the "Oggi", which consists of "great lumps of potato surrounded by stodgy pastry, just like yourself, Brian". From that moment the name was Oggi, and it stuck.

The cult of Oggi grew. In late November 1955, a student from I.C. swam the Thames, and a DAILY MAIL front-page headline read OGGY SWIMS THAMES FOR A BET, with a suitable article beneath. A month or so later the EVENING STANDARD carried a headline TOMAHAWKS FLY AT COLLEGE BALL followed by an astonishing description of the Guilds Carnival where "...squaws and Indian chiefs danced round 20 ft totem poles. One chief swung his tomahawk too exuberantly and accidentally scalped engineering student Brian Oggi, who was rushed to St George's Hospital."

Yet this is the Golden Boy of I.C. Rugger. Brilliant but unpredictable, one day the Lester Piggott of Harlington, the next Coco the Clown (whom he closely resembles when attired in his baggy blue pyjamas), with a horrible habit of dropping the ball or falling flat on his back when about to score a try. In the Cup matches of 1955-56, he scored 18 of I.C.'s 24 points against

King's and claimed all 6 in the final against U.C. Two weeks ago he scored 14 points in I.C.'s first round win by 20-3. On another occasion the Wasps were so amused by his antics that they advised him to sign up for the Harlem Globetrotters.

As a cricketer, too, he is a model of brilliant inconsistency. Five maiden overs may be followed by two of rank long hops. With the bat he can be a dominant figure, as when scoring 59 in 40 minutes to snatch a glorious one-wicket victory against R.N.C. Plymouth in 1956. Two days later at Torquay he skied the ball twice and was dropped, then was clean bowled while over-balancing in his efforts to hit a full toss out of the ground. He is the only I.C. Captain who has declared at lunch in an all-day game and then withdrawn his declaration.

Oggi spent three years in the Hostel, where his activities frequently loomed large in the miserable life of the Wardens. The culmination of his twentieth birthday party was a procession round Kensington, headed by an accordion player and followed by a record number of neighbourly complaints. Oggi miraculously survived this and there was speculation as to whether his hostel life would be prolonged beyond his twenty-first as well. But this immortal occasion saw all his guests recumbent at an early hour, including Sunday disciplinarians. Oggi is still a welcome visitor to the Old Hostel, as J. Hoeksma and F. Irving will testify.

Oggi gained a 2nd in Chemical Engineering in '55 — "spent too much time playing cricket" — and is now a learned research student. His apparatus contains a capacitance bridge, the balance-point being found when the humming note in the loud-speaker reaches a minimum. It was wholly in keeping that at first this speaker emitted the B.B.C. Home Service while his radio back at the digs emitted only a screech.

His hobbies include sketching and writing poetry about "human wreckage drifting hopelessly through the streets". "All the world's a stage" and Oggi is one of its greatest comics. Certainly I.C. would be the poorer without his bonhomie and good humour.

WINE TASTING SOCIETY

RHINE WINES

"Wine is not a childish sport:
Go too far, its value's nought.
Drink a lot, but give it thought."
(Trad. German)

Mr. Hallgarten is a regular visitor to the Society; his Germanic countenance and guttural quality of speech enable him to convey the atmosphere of Rhineland to his listeners.

He rendered great assistance in explaining the hieroglyphics which inevitably appear on all German wine bottles. His talk was followed by a film appropriately titled Wines of Germany, after which the main business of the evening commenced.

Five wines were tasted; the majority were young with a pronounced grape-bouquet and an acid taste. The last was a "beeren-smales", one of the choicest of the Rhine wines, combining finesse with the sweetness of nectar.

MR. MOONEY EXPERIMENTS

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"We must make eating more humane" was the cry of the Committee.

So it has been decided to investigate the building of a small hatchway in the wall, so that the diners can themselves return their empty plates. The sordid business of the scraping will thus remain out of sight and perhaps out of mind. The trolleys will no longer be required, and the diners will be caused the minimum amount of trouble. This is surely more satisfactory than the present arrangement.

Another problem confronting the Committee was the extent of the cutlery and crockery losses from the refectory. Mr. Mooney's allegation that the Hostel may be responsible has probably some element of truth in it. (Hint: take 'em back before Mooney swoops). He quoted as a typical example the disappearance of dessert spoons. Out of a total of 280 at the beginning of term, only 120 now remain. (One hears that the younger generation is spoon-fed, but this is ridiculous!)

Xmas Closing - after lunch on Friday December 20th, until Monday December 30th.

"Happy New Year."

SUCCESSFUL
SWEDISH EVENING

About 180 people came to the Swedish Evening, one of the best attended meetings the International Relations Club has held during its five years of existence.

The Concert Hall was well decorated with travel posters and photographic and handicraft exhibits. The latter, loaned by the Swedish Institute, consisted of traditional Swedish Christmas decorations, straw goats, stars and wooden toys. The photographic exhibits, mainly the work of Tony Eycott, attracted a large number of people. The photograph of the midnight sun (by A. Malhorne) was also popular.

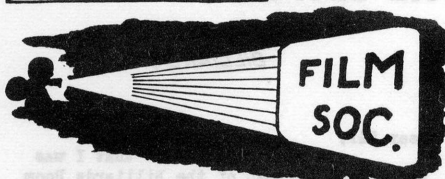
The proceedings began on the arrival of the Swedish guests, most of whom were female. The film 'Roaming around Stockholm' was well received although its commentary was poor. 'Christmas in Sweden' proved to be an unusual film, full of charm and thoroughly enjoyable.

Mrs. Kilburn gave an interesting talk on Sweden in general, and thus invited many varied questions (mainly from P.W.Tress) ranging from the morals of Swedish women to exemption from National Service and income tax.

In the interval the bar, a converted table laden with Danish lager, was very popular, all refreshments going very quickly. Loud Swedish singing provided by the Chaps' followed the interval with the guests in popular demand. The last 45 mins. were taken up by dancing. Many were sorry to leave when the duty officer arrived at 11.10 to clear the hall.

I.C. POLISH SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO A
POLISH EVENING
IN THE CONCERT HALL
ON MONDAY DEC. 2nd AT 7.30
AN EVENING OF POLISH SONG,
DANCE & MUSIC. REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE. ADMISSION FREE.

CLUB REVIEW



OH WHY ARE WE ?

For the tenth time, the Film Society has emerged from a six month period of hibernation and bankruptcy. Now, granted a new lease of life by the Union Treasurer, it faces yet another season of breakdowns, cancellations and half-filled auditoria.

One may wonder why the Film Society exists at all. Founded in 1948, audiences in the early years reached astronomical figures - in the region of 200-300 - and often shows were held twice nightly. However, since those propitious days, the Society has received a number of setbacks.

First, the advent in 1951 of the National Film Theatre sounded the death-knell of the Society, a blow from which logically it should never have recovered.

NO PROJECTOR

In the second place, the Society does not possess its own projector. It therefore borrows one from the College Authorities, and must hire a projectionist appointed by them. Financial considerations apart, this means that the Society has no control over the quality of projection. Older members may remember an evening when the projectionist gave a capable demonstration of almost every technical fault that can possibly occur. His efforts were not appreciated.

Thirdly, the Society has been hounded round the College, from one unsuitable hall to another. Perhaps the most notorious was the main Chemistry Lecture Theatre in the R.C.S. In order to increase the volume of sound, the loudspeaker was placed in front of the microphone of the public address system. The result was that those who sat at the front could hear the loudspeaker perfectly but were too close to the screen. Those at the back of the theatre had an excellent view of the screen, but could only hear a loud booming sound and the whirr of the projector. The smart Reader will now ask "Why not sit in the middle?" But here the audience was so distracted by the antics of those at the front who could not see, and those at the back who could not hear, that they never sat there twice.

PSST

The final blow came when the film distributors banned the selling of tickets at the door. Tickets must therefore be sold in the Union. There were speculations on the meaning of the phrase "at the door". Within what distance of the door was one not actually at it? 20 ft...30 ft...300 yds...? a mile? One could imagine furtive ticket vendors, lurking in the shadow of the Roderic Hill Building.

The attendances at the first two shows this season suggest that this period of hardship has been only temporary. A major reason for the change of fortune must be the luxury of the new Chem. Eng. Lecture Theatre in which our shows are now held. Those who have experienced the comfort of this hall of culture have enjoyed it. Why not you?

GUILDS CLEAN UP
AFTER LORD MAYOR

JAZZ CLUB

The formation of a University Jazz Band is always a difficult matter: keeping one together is even more difficult. Last year there was a fairly successful jazz band in the college but at the beginning of this term it was found that two of the most important members of the band were missing, the trumpet and clarinet players, so that any new band formed would have to start virtually from the beginning, building up a repertoire of numbers and rehearsing them into a playable condition.

Freshers' Day brought a list of about thirty musicians interested in playing jazz and from these we managed to obtain musicians experienced enough to fill the vacancies in the old band. The new band is very similar in style to last year's and may be described as "traditional" with leanings towards Chicago style, but employs a somewhat unusual front line of four - two clarinets, trumpet and trombone, leading four rhythm. It is felt that the addition of an extra clarinet produces a fuller tone than is normally produced with the standard three front line. The band has played at Saturday hops in the college and is going to play at Guilds' Carnival and at the Jazz Club hop on November 23rd.

There also exists in the college a "New Orleans" style band which is having some difficulty in obtaining musicians, and a skiffle group which played at Harlington on Nov. 5th. It is also intended to form a quartet playing a more modern style in jazz; such a group would be the first one of its kind in the college.

Once again the band is going to play on Sunday afternoons in the Nucleus Coffee Bar, 9 Monmouth St. The Nucleus is a favourite haunt of jazz musicians, and membership of the club entitles one to attend all-night jam sessions on Saturdays. The band also hopes to play at the Nucleus during the Christmas vacation.

FOR SALE.

A complete set of 1st. year Guild's Course work (including fully-solved tutorial sheets) - Very cheap.
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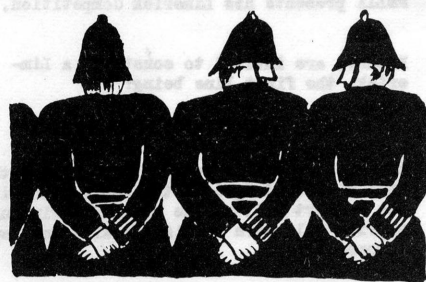
This year Guilds were again represented in the Lord Mayor's Show, having been invited to man some of the Floats and to provide bodies for other tasks. 27 Guildsmen assembled in Sun St. Barracks, near Moorgate, to change into costumes of many shades and styles, and to regale themselves in attire suitable to the windy, but not too cold weather. The efforts of the two heralds to obtain pleasing tones from their bugles met with a mixed reception, especially from the W.R.A.F. band who were standing immediately behind the principal Guilds float awaiting the start of the procession.

Once the procession moved off the cold was forgotten amidst the shouts and laughter of the crowds - much provoked by the still unpractised efforts of the heralds. The rear of the procession was brought up by those redoubtable Guildsmen Mike Gorb, Syd Lenssen and Jon Blok in charge of the traditional dust carts. That they were thoroughly enjoying themselves was evident from the laughter of the crowd and the bruises on the nether of Gorb, who was hurled from a hand dust cart in front of the Mansion House by an over eager Blok. The even earned their keep by sweeping up Arundel Street after the many horses had passed on their way.

The usual reception was enjoyed as the Advertising float passed the Spanner, Dave Stevens and Guilds down Ludgate Hill, in the shape of a Boomalaka, with drummers drumming, Herald's bugling and Postmen shouting in chorus.

A most excellent lunch was had by the participants when they arrived back at Sun St. John Hobson silenced the London School of Printers and King's - who were also somewhere in the show - with quite a witty speech of thanks to the organisers, calculated to justify Guilds and confound the "others" in the eyes of those present. There followed a most energetic and heart-quelling Boomalaka in traditional Guilds style, led by Vice President John Sheldon.

It can fairly be said that Guilds have made their mark on yet another Lord Mayor's Show, and, by their enthusiasm and wit, provided the crowd with quite a spectacle not least the walking figures and commas, who confessed to being somewhat troubled by their loads and the wind, but otherwise provided their own spontaneous show. The whole affair was most enjoyable, and Guilds are looking forward to next year and another show.



GUILDS' EYE VIEW

FELIX

EDITOR: PETER LEVIN

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PUERILITY

Members of the Union will doubtless have noticed the markings that have appeared on the lawn in the quadrangle. They were burnt into the grass with creosote, some of which has penetrated to the roots. As a result, that part of the lawn will have to be returfed. Since the winter is now upon us, this cannot be done until next April at the earliest.

This wanton destruction, obviously premeditated, is hard to understand. One associates the 'scribbling on walls' mentality with backward school-children, not members of an university, as the culprits presumably are.

THE PHOENIX

The importance of THE PHOENIX to this College can hardly be over-emphasised. Considered purely as an advertisement of I.C., it deserves far more thought and effort than it has been wont to receive in the past. It is encouraging, therefore, to note the refreshing attitude of the report summarised elsewhere in this issue. The sub-editors have produced new ideas, not only with regard to the contents, but also the typography and layout. There is plenty of originality and imagination in I.C.; at last we have some signs that they are finding their way into THE PHOENIX.

We are glad to note that Tony Hodgson is back in our midst once more, and wish him a speedy return to full mobility.

WANTED

Editorial staff required. FELIX urgently requires production helpers. No previous experience necessary, although ability to type would be an asset. Come along to the next make-up in the FELIX room (on the 3rd floor of the Union, opposite the lift) on December 1st and help us to deliver FELIX to 114 into this horrible world. It is hoped that this Christmas issue will contain 12 pages, and any contributions will be gratefully received.

FINERICK

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As is customary at this time of year, FELIX presents his Limerick Competition.

Readers are invited to construct a Limerick, the first line being:

"A clever young student from York"

All entries should be in by November 29th. They will be judged at the FELIX dance in the Concert Hall on the 30th. The winning entries will earn a prize (small) and fame (enormous).

Members of the FELIX Board, their wives and families may not take part. Bribes will be accepted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DINNER IN HALL

Dear Sir,

After numerous letters on student dress and behaviour at Hall Dinner and other aspects of these Tuesday-night niceties have appeared in FELIX, I feel that some close inspection of Hall Dinner is not untimely.

Each week the Upper Dining Hall, S.C.R. and, on occasions, the Reading Room, are given over to the crowd of crawling backslappers basking in the candlelight under the approving aegis of the College.

I feel that this attempt to promote social intercourse between students and the other members of the College has deteriorated to such a level as to be only worth considering in the same light as "business luncheons". May I request through your columns that we as students endeavour to change this bourgeois respectability that dominates Hall Dinner, and hope that in future there will be a hearty amiable atmosphere and that the stuffed shirt brigade will charge for the better.

Yours etc.,

Benedictus Benedicat.

ADAM I MAD AM

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday November 6th I found myself reclining in a muddy puddle on the banks of the Thames. Five lusty Guildsmen were endeavouring to remove my trousers, while five more were determined that I should go for a swim. As I vainly fought the thought struck me that any sane person would not allow himself to be in such a position, and yet, there I was. I could only conclude, in despair, that I was insane.

But wait, dear Editor, this is more serious than you suspect, for is not insanity inherited? Then my father is quite mad, and his father before him, and so on, until it occurs to me that Adam was stark raving bonkers. If, Sir, this is the case, so were all his children and, by simple genetic laws, so is the complete human race. You, Sir, are an idiot!

I remain,

insane,
Bruce Cobnuts.

Editor's note: Nonsense!

ICWA CAN'T STOMACH IT

Dear Sir,

Have you noticed how slim we have been lately?

It is not because we are dieting.
It is not because we are impecunious.
It is not because the food is bad.
It is not because there is no food.
It is merely because

Ian Charles Robertson has apparently collected his cutlery after the last issue of FELIX.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian Fryd
Angela Smith
Judith Taylor.

SPOONS DESERTING

Dear Sir,

Would Ian Charles Robertson please return the dessert spoons to the Refectory as they belong to me.

Yours faithfully,

Ivor Cutlery Racket.

BILLIARDS

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that I was appointed Chairman of the Billiards Room Committee several weeks ago I would have liked to have been informed of Mr. Hodgson's letter re Billiards by yourself rather than read it for the first time in FELIX. However, I would like to thank you for your comment.

Mr. Hodgson is right in that block bookings have been made, but that these have been made by any official to do with the billiards room is not correct and much was the wrath I had to bear because of it.

For the benefit of Felix readers I would like to point out that I am doing my best to keep the situation in hand as they will find if they read the notice board in the Billiards Room. I feel however, that the best way to run the Billiards room is by means of a club (social, not Ancient-British-type hard) which I am in the process of forming.

If any member of I.C. Union is interested in joining such a club would he or she please sign the notice on the 'Internal' board in the main hall of the Union?

Yours faithfully

M.A. Webb

Chairman, Billiards Room Ctte.

VIOLATION

Dear Sir,

I was disgusted to note on Murphy Day that certain people in this College did not honour the agreement between the constituent College Unions that the mobile mascots should be inviolable during rags and at all other times. The pelting of Clementine with flour and rotten fruit can possibly be blamed on exuberant freshers not knowing of the agreement, but in the case of Jezebel having 'mud' thrown at her while she was standing outside the Union, freshers can obviously not be blamed.

I hope, Sir, that certain of your readers will take note, and that such regrettable incidents will not recur.

Yours etc.,

I.M. Plummer.

CHURCH SOCIETY

Dear Sir,

In reply to Mr. Royce's letter in the last issue of FELIX, the leaders of S.C.M. and I.C.C.U. agree that the Church Society has its place in the College. In any case, the C.U., with 75 members, is so large that it must split into cells if it is to grow. There are other Christian cells in the College (Dr. Cameron's, and one or more in R.C.S.) and one, now the Church Society, which grew up as an outpost of the Chaplaincy to U.L. This latter cell has a new, keen committee and a mailing list of 88 Anglicans not in C.U. or S.C.M. - and we have scarcely started looking for them yet.

All we want is permission to use the College's name, and to use notice boards and Union rooms. We are not ambitious to join S.C.C., and we intend to raise our own money from members.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Evans
Chairman, Church Society.

REBIRTH OF THE PHOENIX

The four sub-editors of THE PHOENIX have recently drawn up a report on its present situation. The need for, and aims of, THE PHOENIX are discussed and detailed suggestions made for future improvements.

From conversation with students from other universities, one gains the impression that I.C. is little more than a relatively advanced technical college — beyond scientific prowess and successes in the field of sport we are nothing.

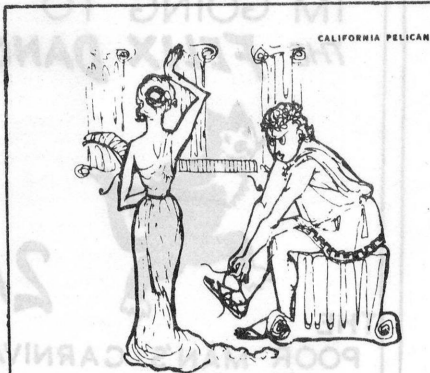
It is a prime duty of THE PHOENIX to destroy this conception — those copies which are sent to other colleges and universities must show the other aspects of I.C. students. At the same time, however, THE PHOENIX must be made interesting and attractive to the students themselves.

The sub-editors have suggested a considerable number of improvements that they think need to be made before any voluntary increase in circulation can be expected (the sales ceiling is about 1700, but actual sales are of the order of 800 at present). They propose, among other things, that in future THE PHOENIX should include a 'theme' supplement, something after the fashion of the spasmodic PUNCH supplements on the Motor Show, the Close Season, etc., possibly in the form of a 16-page dummy pull-out.

The report recommends that in future articles should be commissioned from past subscribers, there also being in each issue a brief invitation to students to submit articles. The practice of publicly begging for material is to cease — it serves only to make readers aware of the paucity.

It is advised that THE PHOENIX should not attempt to report news, and be more careful with political articles than in the past — in the summer of 1949 it was forced to admit that it had been publishing only very left-wing articles. The society reports should be merged into a single article on College activities, with brief mentions of the outstanding events.

There appears to be scope for a more imaginative use of space. "At present every page has full width columns, with a title at the top and the author's name at the bottom. This suggests a bankruptcy of imagination on the part of the person responsible for layout." It is suggested that some pages be divided into two columns and that type faces and headings should be varied; the cover too should be treated in a more circulation-conscious manner. Some of these suggestions have been incorporated in the present issue.



"Orgies, orgies, orgies! Why can't we stay home once in a while?"

GUILDSMEN FREED

The two Guildsmen arrested in Exhibition Road on Morphy Day appeared before the magistrate the following morning, charged with insulting behaviour.

The constable who gave evidence said that he had seen these two opening a car door, but one of them then pointed out that the Police had not arrived until 15 minutes after the incident. The Police did in fact admit that the arrested men had been picked out at random, and the Magistrate had no alternative but to discharge them, which he did.

The Magistrate asked the two Guildsmen to report in the College Magazine that goodnatured rage very seldom gave rise to any serious trouble, but hooliganism such as this was looked upon very seriously by citizens in general, and by the law in particular: these sentiments are heartily endorsed by Dave Stevens.

HONOUR SATISFIED

BOAT CLUB IN SPORT RACES v. KING'S

In an interesting fixture, which was by nature of a duel, the Boat Club completely defeated King's College Boat Club both in water and in beer.

The fixture arose in order to regain the Boathouse Flag, which had been stolen by members of King's 2nd VIII on Morphy Day. Five crews participated in the race, which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 13th, the I.C. 3rd VIII and King's 2nd VIII having a two lengths' start on the I.C. 1st and 2nd and the King's 1st VIIIs. The course was from the University Boat Race Stone to the Mile post, and the finishing order was I.C. 1st, I.C. 2nd, I.C. 3rd, King's 1st, King's 2nd.

In the Thames bar afterwards there followed a beer boat race, King's being again defeated. The flag was returned in a pure Virgin state, a fitting testimonial to I.C.'s supremacy in the liquid sports.

We regret the omission of the names of the coxes of the winning Guilds crews from our Morphy Day report. They were: Morphy.....D.D.D. Lloyd Lowry.....C.R. Paek.

The Geologists, whose earlier contretemps were referred to in the last issue of FELIX, have offered to buy the Botanists a mirror for their changing room. This should enable them to see themselves as they really are.

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A Bedford girl was taken hostage recently, and spent the evening in someone's room. She was then returned post-haste by car so she could be lectured to.

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Carols were heard recently in the Quad. "If Christmas comes but once a year, We really must have d—d good s—r."

It is rumoured that Mr. Irving is running his Vanguard on Aladdin Pink, and that a rocket propelled Sputnik will soon be rising over the Roderic Hill Building.

NELSON'S COLUMN

The Union Flagpole has had a near brush for the last few weeks, the recent rains should have washed it clean.

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Revolutions have taken place in the Refectory menus, recently several dishes have been renamed, including 'Shagetti Bolognaise' and 'Cook a Leekie Soup'. We hope these are a foretaste of things to come.

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A passer by was heard to say to her small son as she passed Guilds that she thought it was a T.V. factory. Little did our unsuspecting friend realise that she was so near to the truth.

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It is rather depressing to see that the University Great Hall at the back of Imperial Institute is being repainted. As it is almost in a state of collapse, and anyway it should soon be pulled down, this seems as though it is just another case of squandering the tax-payers' money, which could be put to better use in giving the face of R.C.S. a much needed wash.

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A letter arrived at the Union addressed:- Students Union, Bedford College, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. "Tis a consumation devoutly to be wished."

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The status of the Garden Hostel residents has been decided at last. Their new Room Location Board describes them as INMATES. May be this is correct.

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A complete Boomalaka recorded at the Lord Mayor's show was broadcast over the French radio service. Quelle bruit!

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The behaviour of certain inebriated rugby players, who recently caused much damage in the Garden Hostel makes one wonder how much truth there is in Napoleon's saying that "men in general are but great children", and causes doubt in Lord Birkenhead's words that "there is no better school for character than sport."

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Brigadier-General Sir Harold Bartley spoke for 15 minutes in proposing a vote of thanks to Prof. Danekwerts who had himself only spoken for 50 minutes; he ended up by congratulating University College on acquiring the first Oxford man to get a chair in Chemical Engineering. Is this a record?

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Carnival revelers are reminded that as Samuel Johnson said "round numbers are always false". Reference:- "How to lie with Statistics." (Obtainable in Union Library.)

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It was recently revealed in a Botany Department lecture, that Darwin started his experiments in the bedroom. Is this a practice followed regularly by our Botanists?

ROOM DECOR

It is often said that students of scientific and technological subjects are just human robots and lack the imagination and artistic sense essential to rounded personalities. Of course this is just a lot of propaganda put out by narrow minded people with so called "classical" educations.

Of course we are not machines without the gift of original thought. You have only to call on any member of the I.C. Hostel for instance, to see how by eager endeavour his artistic temperament is explored to the full - expressed in the decoration of his room.

This form of artistic expression is only begotten by experience over the first year or two of college life. In order to promote this trait the author has here a few suggestions to make concerning the more popular types of decoration suitable for student bedrooms, though it must be emphasised that originality of idea is an essential part of the whole thing.

Beer mats are perhaps easiest to obtain, - you can pick up one or two at each new pub. you visit and you will be surprised how soon the space round the top of your wall gets filled up.

Posters of any size or description give colour and interest to your room. Travel posters can be obtained at most national travel agencies around Piccadilly but you may have to use some tact in getting them since the available stocks soon run low in the Autumn. The best way is to say that you are a geography teacher and want them to illustrate your lessons to the kiddies.

Theatre posters and programmes add distinction to the room as do tube train adverts and college hop and carnival notices but in the latter case take care not to remove them before the function advertised is over.

Unfortunately certain people in Senate House have made the acquisition of blue helmets and bus stop signs rather harder than a few years ago but naturally this gives the acquisition even more value.

Coloured cartoons from P-NCH and other magazines can be used at a pinch but cut-outs from the Esq--R- calendar are more pleasing to the (male) eye. However, if you are entertaining Aunt Fanny to tea in the future, these had better be detachable.

This brings up the thorny problem of removal of such decorations. Some ladies actually object to their ceilings being plastered with full length portraits of Ava Gardner and may even have forestalled you with decorations of their own such as notices bearing the legend "Lodgers will be held responsible for any damage to property through the fixing of ornaments etc. thereon." There are three things you can do in a case like this:-

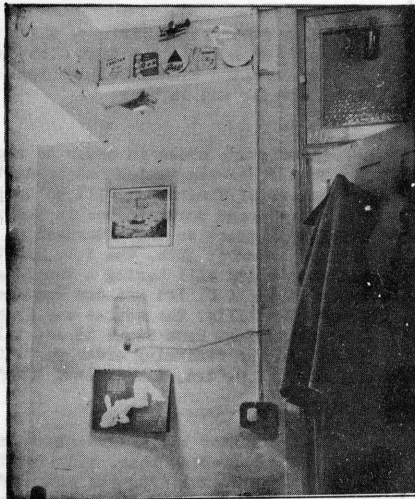
1. Have no decorations at all and watch the wallpaper peel off of it's own accord.
2. Experiment with various forms of adhesive on the part of the wall least likely to be noticed by the eagle eye.
3. Go ahead and let your frustrated creative instinct have full rein.

If you chose no. 3 make sure you have other digs fixed up first.

If you have some money to spare you can buy one or two reproductions of classical or modern paintings at several galleries such as the Tate, the Phoenix or the Medici. A large reproduction will cost something in the region of 15/- or £1

For a special occasion why not buy a bunch of flowers? Some real bargains may be had from Covent Garden if you get up early enough. Naturally, members of I.C.W.A. have flowers every day (as well as goldfish) but I think this is going a bit too far - although some members of I.C.W.A. like going a bit too far.

These are only a few ways of decorating your room, but even the President of the Union will no doubt agree, in spite of the euphonium and television set in his room, that the best decoration for any room is the presence of an attractive member of the opposite sex.



HOCKEY CLUB

1st XI STILL UNBEATEN

The 1st XI is still maintaining a 100% record, although two of the last four matches have been won only by the odd goal.

On Nov. 6th I.C. beat Westminster College 5-0 in the first round of the U.L. Cup. The opposition was not strong: our chief rivals in the Cup this year are likely to be U.C. who we meet in the next round on Dec. 4th.

On Nov. 9th the 1st XI just held on to a half-time lead of 3-0 to beat Kable College at Oxford by 3-2. This is a reversal of previous matches in which 2nd half ascendancy has been a feature. It shows that we could still be fitter.

On Nov. 13th I.C. beat King's 3-0 and on Nov. 16th beat Hendon 2-1 in spite of four of our men playing that day for the University.

	Records to date:				goals	
	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XI	9	9	0	0	32	7
2nd XI	7	2	2	3	9	20
3rd XI	5	3	1	1	13	5

RAILWAY SOCIETY

VISITS RUGBY

On the 13th of November ten members of the I.C. Railway Society paid a visit to the Locomotive Test Plant at Rugby. After an uneventful journey up to Rugby in the "Royal Scot" they were first shown round the Motive Power Depot, ancient but interesting, where a number of locomotives in various stages of undress were explored.

After lunch the party went down to the Test Plant. This is a large and highly specialised laboratory, opened in 1948, where any type of locomotive can be tested in every conceivable way. (although there are no records of any engine - as yet - being tested to destruction). Although the plant was originally intended for steam locomotives only, it is now working more and more on other types: the one seen on test is still on the secret list and cameras were not allowed.

Some time was spent in the control room, which is allegedly soundproof (!) and some fascinating gadgets were inspected. Built into the middle of the vast control panel (which is loaded with instruments of awesome accuracy) is one ordinary domestic barometer, labelled "Set fair" etc. in Ye Olde-type lettering. One wonders if it says "Rain" when steam engines start priming on the bed.

It was a delightful and unusual visit, made even better by our particularly hospitable guide, newly arrived (with a number of stories) from Irish Railways.

THAT LIFT

The lift in the Union is still suffering from periodic disorders which are attributable to nothing more than gross over-loading. Cases have occurred of 12 people being trapped in it. The lift is built to carry 6, and, if this abuse continue, action will be taken to prevent a larger number getting in.

FELIX PHOTOGRAPHER

Any persons interested in becoming a FELIX photographer is asked to contact the Photographic Editor via the Union rack.

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THE **FELIX DANCE**



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THE
POOR MAN'S CARNIVAL
NOV. 30th

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY NOV. 22nd.

GUILDS' CARNIVAL
GUILDS' MOTOR CLUB Films "The 1956 Senior Sport on Wheels".
CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS. Prose Readings.
PHOTO. SOC. Colour Group. Botany.
Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m.
ROVER CREW A first-aid session. 1.10.
1.40p.m. Committee Room B.

SATURDAY NOV. 23rd.

I.C. JAZZ CLUB HOP.

SUNDAY NOV. 24th.

"Jazz at the Nucleus" I.C. Band at the Nucleus Coffee Bar.

MONDAY NOV. 25th.

LIBERAL SOC. Study Group on "Taxation" Lounge Committee Room 1.15p.m.
I.C.C.U. "Lo, I am with you" by Paul Berg.
MINING & MET. SOC. "Some Views on the Future of the British Iron And Steel Industry". 5.10p.m.

TUESDAY NOV 26th.

COLLEGE MEETING "The Princess Gardens Plans" Mr Richard Sheppard F.R.I.B.A. followed by discussion. Concert Hall 1.30p.m.

LIBERAL SOC. Study Group on "Commonwealth and Colonial Policy" room 113 Hostel, 12.40p.m.

CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS "Natural Philosophy of Cause and Chance" by Dr M.Blackman.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 27th.

RAILWAY SOC. Visit to Post Office Railways.

THURSDAY NOV. 28th.

UNION DEBATE Motion to be announced.
NAT. HIST. SOC. Subject of meeting to be announced. Botany Lecture Theatre 5.30p.m.

MINING & MET. SOC. Visit to Ford Motor Works.

JAZZ CLUB "The Music Of King Oliver" by Mr G.Bartlett.

FRIDAY NOV 29th.

MINES BALL
GUILDS' MOTOR CLUB Films: "Nurburg 1000 km. 1956", "Ulster 200 1954" and "Tulip Rally 1956".
ROVER CREW Theoretical talk on running a scout troop. 1.10p.m. Committee Room B.
PHOTO. SOC. An evening with Karl Pollak.
S.C.M. Study weekend.

SATURDAY NOV. 30th.

The Hop Of the Year, "FELIX BIRTHDAY DANCE"

SUNDAY DEC. 1st.

"Jazz at the Nucleus"

MONDAY DEC 2nd.

LIBERAL SOC. Study Group on "Taxation" Lounge Committee Room 1.15p.m.
I.C.C.U. "Who is the King of Glory" by Miss M.Crouch.

TUESDAY DEC. 3rd.

LIBERAL SOC. "A Liberal Society" Mr J.Grimond M.P. Large Physics Lecture Theatre 1.30p.m.
MOUNT. SOC. "Exploring the Land of the Ines" by George Band, with colour slides. Mining Lecture Theatre 5.15p.m.
MINING & MET. SOC. Films, "Porous Metal Bearings" and "The Copperbelt in N. Rhodesia".

THURSDAY DEC 5th.

UNION MEETING
DRAM. SOC. Christmas Production "The Firstborn"
JAZZ CLUB Talk to be arranged.
FILM SOC. "Cliff Hangers" and "One Summer of Happiness"
NAT. HIST. SOC. "Report on Ghana Expedition, 1956"
ROVER CREW The Crew Lunch.

FRIDAY DEC. 6th.

DRAM. SOC. "The Firstborn"
MOTOR CLUB Films, "R.A.C. INTER national T.T., 1956" and "Dutch T.T. 1954".
PHOTO SOC. Colour Group

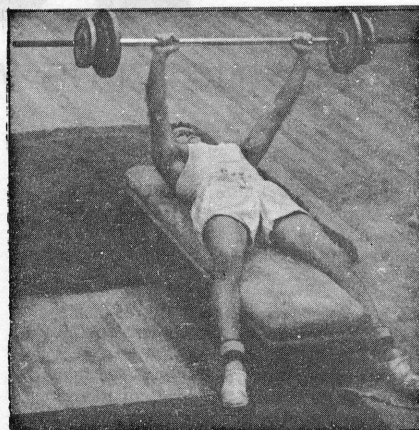
CIRCUIT TRAINING

For the past few years, Circuit Training - a new form of progressive training for physical fitness - has been arousing interest in this country and overseas. The possession of a healthy body is a prime necessity in this modern age if we are not to break down under the strain of living, and this is especially true in the case of the hard-working student. The ideal: 'Mens sana in corpore sano' is too often forgotten. Circuit Training (C.T.) meets this need in the physical education of students, and was in fact evolved in the gym of the University of Leeds.

It is a medical fact that the best way of developing a healthy muscle is to exercise against an ever-increasing resistance, and there is no better way of doing this than weight training, increasing the number of repetitions performed, or steadily increasing the poundage used. The bar bell system is ideal, since the weight can be easily adjusted by as little as $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. at a time.

Weight training is now used as a basic training for all sports. Examples of sportsmen who claim that their success is largely due to regular doses of "iron pills" can be found everywhere. Famous athletes include Chris Brasher, Gordon Pirie, Brian Shenton, John Savidge, Pharosah, Ian Anthony, Emil Zatopek, etc. The athlete who does not use weights is the unusual type. Swimmers like Mike Brecknell train regularly with weights, as do cyclists Reg. Harris Dave Bedwell, Cyril Peacock. Many first division Soccer teams include weights in their training schedules... Rugged.. Need we continue? For the benefit of the IC Musical Soc. Guy Mitchell is a regular weight trainer as well.

Weight training is used as a means of physical culture (body-building techniques used to build the physique to the best size and strength) as a sport in its own right (weight lifting) and is also extensively used as a remedial treatment (rehabilitation). The improvements possible are very rapid and have to be seen to be believed. (Not usually quite as quickly as Ch-ri-s At-l-s promises, though!) The fourth use of barbells is the comparatively recent one of C.T.



At present the circuit is open in the Snack Bar every evening at 5.00pm. or 5.30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please come down one evening and have a look at the circuit. Enquiries from beginners and unfit men (and women) especially welcome. It would be appreciated if non-sportsmen would use the Wednesday training period so that overcrowding is avoided.

The main purpose of this article was however to draw the attention of non-sportsmen to the value of circuit training for reaching and maintaining a reasonable standard of physical strength and endurance. No skill is required and the exercises are graded to suit all types. Another advantage is that the circuit can be completed in less than half-an-hour.

The IC circuit consists of nine simple exercises which are laid out round the room. The training rate, i.e. the number of repetitions carried out on each exercise, is taken as one third of the maximum rate for each exercise, which is the number of repetitions which can be performed in one minute. When training one passes from one exercise quickly to the next in an anti-clockwise direction until three laps of the circuit have been completed.

GOLF

VICTORY OVER U.C.

I.C. overwhelmed U.C. recently, winning by 10 matches to 2. In the top foursome, Mills and Wallace won comfortably but Constable and Scriven were much too casual and only won on the last green, a result which did not truly reflect their superiority. Anderson and Parkinson, however, gave nothing away, winning well out in the country, while Butters and Oxley made it 4-0.

The procession continued in the afternoon. Mills, demonstrating the golf that has established him as the University's top player, won easily, and Wallace, turning 5 up, met a determined counter-attack but weathered the storm and eventually won by 3 and 2. Constable, in determined mood, thrashed his opponent and the captain, Parkinson, won easily, as did Anderson and Scriven.

Butters, however, encountered stiff opposition and went down by 4 and 3 in the face of some excellent golf. Oxley also lost, to give U.C. their only other win.

SWIMMING

I.C. had mixed fortunes in the match against Battersea. An early success was gained in the only swimming event, the medley relay, where steady performances by Harford, Hills, Loveman, and Beckett gained a comfortable victory.

The 1st. polo team were apparently not inspired by this, and did not settle down against a hard-tackling side. An early goal for Battersea unsettled I.C. and despite having a goal disallowed, the side never quite had the measure of their opponents. Battersea scored as the ref. was blowing for halftime and full time, and the final score was 7-4.

The 2nd. team gained a resounding victory, winning 8-1. Beckett scored 3 quick goals and the team then scored at regular intervals. Beckett eventually scored 5, Harford 2, and a long-haired individual (i.e. the skipper) 1.

Prospects for the league look bright for the 2nd. team, but the 1st. team will have to improve their play a little.

SPORTS NEWS

BOXING CLUB WIN U.L. TRIALS

At the U.L. trials on Nov. 7th. a strong contingent of I.C. boxers succeeded in winning the Blott Cup. (Unfortunately the Cup was "lost" some years ago and we were not able to bring it back with us.) Of the seven contests, I.C. were represented in five and won three.

In the first contest of the evening, Kirilani, although lacking experience, beat an obviously unfit opponent on points in no uncertain style. In the next bout Yorke gave an impressive display to win against a boxer who had the advantage in size, and is to be congratulated on his skill and toughness; the referee stopped the fight in the third round to prevent what would probably have been a K.O.

Gordon Halsey, I.C. Captain, fighting the man whom he beat in the trials last year made good use of his greater reach to hold off a very determined opponent, and won on points, in the best contest of the evening.

A fresher at I.C., Jim Platt, boxing as a light-heavy, gave a very good performance and seemed certain of winning, when in the third round he caught a wild right swing on the jaw which nearly K.O.'ed him, and the referee stopped the contest a few seconds later to prevent his opponent finishing off the job. With more experience in the art of defence he should uphold the honour of I.C. well in the future.

RUGBY

1st ROUND CUP WIN

I.C. OVERWHELM VETS IN U.L. CUP MATCH

I.C.20
Vets.3

I.C. soundly beat the Royal Veterinary College in the first round of the U.L. Cup, due mainly to the courage and fitness of the forwards.

The first half was closely fought, with honours just going to the Vets., who managed to convert a penalty just before half-time to make the score 3-0 at the interval. Right from the start of the second half the I.C. forwards put on a great display and began to get the better of the Vets. pack. The ball was taken into the Vets. half when a penalty was awarded to I.C. for a loose scrum infringement. Fly-half Hearn converted to make the score 3-3. This put heart into the I.C. team, and five minutes later another long-range and finely-angled penalty by Hearn put I.C. 6-3 up. The I.C. pack was now really on top and play took place mainly in the Vets. half, with their attacks being broken up by good covering.

The I.C. forwards now took the ball at their feet and dribbled over the Vets. line where Gilbert beat a Vets. man to the touch-down with a splendid dive. The try was not converted and the score was now 9-3. Hearn then added a further 6 points to the I.C. score with a drop goal and another penalty, both good kicks. The final score for I.C. came from a three-quarter movement starting on the I.C. 25, the three sweeping through the opposition and sending winger Gibson over for a try which Hearn converted.

The date of the second round of the Cup will shortly be announced and the Rugby Club will be running supporters' coaches — so come along and support I.C.

The team:

Peart, Smith, Berryman, Phillips, Gibson, Hearn, Lans, Wronski, Riley, Evans, Burns, Crosier, Wright, Gilbert, Parker.

Mike Clarke, that bearded veteran of I.C. boxing, provided much material for the wits in the audience, but was unable to overcome his opponent and lost on points.

It was good to see a large crowd of I.C. men watching the contests and lending vociferous aid to the participants; perhaps some of them would like to come along on Friday nights at 5-30 pm. to the gym, where the boxing club holds its training sessions, and we are always ready to welcome new members, with or without previous experience. Footnote: The Sennet report was incorrect in crediting I.C. with 4 wins; the error was due to a mistake in the programme.

HOCKEY

WED. DEC. 4th

U.L. CUP

I.C.

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U.C.

A NEEDLE MATCH

YOUR SUPPORT IS URGENTLY

REQUESTED. BRING THE WIFE!

SOCCER

The Club has now passed the half-century of matches played. The record so far achieved is 40 matches won, 1 drawn, and 12 lost and 229 goals have been scored to 123 against. During the last fortnight the 3rd XI lost their first game, leaving the 4th XI the only team still unbeaten.

The 1st XI have been playing constructive football in recent matches, and have generally outplayed their opponents but many chances at goal have been wasted. This was particularly evident when I.C. lost 1 - 3 to a strong Corinthian Casuals side. I.C. had most of the play particularly in the second half when Casuals were reduced to 10 men, but wasted chances lead to our heaviest defeat of the season.

In the other two matches played since the last issue I.C. recorded two wins, 2 - 1 against Wimbledon 'A' and 5 - 2 against Q.M.C. in a league game.

The 4th XI have continued to win all their matches, and are at present 12 points ahead of their nearest challengers in the 4th division of the U.L. league.

Records to date:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XI	11	8	0	3	45	22
2nd XI	10	8	0	2	48	27
3rd XI	11	8	1	2	38	19
4th XI	11	11	0	0	56	13
5th XI	10	5	0	5	42	42

ATHLETIC CLUB

The University of London Winter Field Events and Relays Competition will be held at Mootspur Park on Wed. Nov. 27th.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday November 6th, IC. was not only defeated for the second time within a fortnight by Kings, but also outnumbered even on the home course. As before, the defeat was due to the close packing of the Kings' men but the individual winner was J. Conway of IC. who had the incentive of being the official scorer!

However, the 9th. of November was a much more encouraging day, as IC. produced two full teams for the first time this season. The second team, including some "old lags" turning out for the first time, did well to beat Goldsmiths' easily over a difficult 5 mile course. The first team, which was not nearly as strong as it should have been, competed in a major fixture in Loughborough. The team result was disappointing, as IC. was not only beaten by superior opposition from Manchester, Birmingham and Loughboro', but also by LSE. and UC. Nevertheless, some of the individual performances were praiseworthy. John Collins was sixth in a field including some of the best runners in UAU. J. Conway was 11th gaining a place in the UL. first team, and AL. Brown, 28th., was awarded a well-deserved place in the UL. second team.

On Wednesday 12th., IC. were shamefully defeated by QMC. a result due solely to the poor club turn-out of members who would otherwise have gained places in the middle of the field. As usual we provided the first man home due to a magnificent effort by John Collins, who completely left the rest of the field, achieving the still rare time of under 29 minutes.

It is gratifying to see the consistently keen support of the lower second team members who are turning out for all fixtures.

Finally, over the notorious course at Parliament Hill Fields on November 16, the second team gave one of its best performances to finish Second to Guy's Hospital, but defeating UC., Borough Road, and Institute of Education. J. Jaeger, fit at last was 3rd., and other IC. positions were 8th., 12th., 14th., and 18th., showing that even IC. can practise packing.

The U.L. Championships into which is incorporated the annual battle between RGS, Mines and Guilds, takes place on December 7. This event has always been characterised by a large entry from IC., including competitors running for their constituent colleges, who do not normally compete. We again invite these "casuals" to turn out (no previous experience required)

Sports Editorial

Felix congratulates the Rugby and Hockey Clubs on their recent first round Cup successes.

The Table-Tennis Club appears to be conducting its affairs in secrecy: we have had no match reports at all from them.

FELIX welcomes the news that an I.C. Billiards and Snooker Club is being formed. Anyone who is interested in joining this Club should contact M.A. Webb.

There is certainly a need for some control over the Billiard Room, judging from reports of "black bookings" and of extremely bad behaviour in the Billiard Room. Presumably Messrs. Wainwright and Co. consider it very causing to invade the Billiard Room, interrupt games, remove from the tables and hide snooker balls, and generally make nuisances of themselves. I hope that these people will in future keep away from the Billiard Room, until they learn how to behave.