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PRINCE'S GARDENS

President Chadwick was in the chair at the College Meeting held recently at which the Rector and the Architect disclosed provisional plans for new residential accommodation in Prince's Gardens. It was the Rector, without whose foresight there would have been no new residential plans being made at present, and Richard Sheppard, the architect, whose foresight and imagination had been widely acclaimed, who deserve the highest praise. Dr. Sparkes was also welcomed to the completed Union building, and it was to be hoped that he would never again have to face a restive crowd of students, as when he had had the unenviable task of explaining why the Union was not finished on time. He felt the importance of the meeting could not be overestimated, and reminded everyone of the serious problem of hostels in London.

DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Linstead said that Prince's Gardens would be one of the finest residential developments in the country, and that if it were not, it would not be for lack of trying. He briefly summarized the history of I.C. hostels. The Old Hostel was built in 1926, and the New Hostel followed shortly afterwards. The policy had always been that Hostels were desirable, and that they should be situated somewhere near the South Kensington site. Much later Selkirk Hall was opened.

At the beginning of 1955 approximately 100 were living at South Kensington, and in the original development plan Residential Accommodation had been placed second to academic... However when he, Dr. Linstead, was appointed Rector, he thought that the two should have equal importance. At this stage there were two plans under consideration: 1) Raise Beit Quadrangle into a Union and Hostel only, and have minor developments elsewhere.

2) Develop the whole of the Beit Building to the fullest extent, leaving the Botany departments as they are, and then have a large development elsewhere. The governors were in full agreement with the Rector and when the University Grants Committee visited I.C. at the end of 1955 the deplorable state of our residential accommodation was well rubbed in. U.G.C. was shaken, and very soon agreed in principle to the scheme. A search now began for a suitable site; by an interposition of providence Prince's Gardens came into the market at almost the same time and it was picked up like a ripe apple. U.G.C. managed to get the money out of the Treasury and the site was bought in 1956. The idea then came that in drawing up the plans they might as well do the job on a proper scale and not muck about.

MINE'S A MINER

R.S.M. AT BEDFORD MEETING

A certain handsome mining geologist has been elected "Beau of Bedford" for the session 1957-58. Last week he was invited to lunch at Bedford College and be presented with his prize at their Union Meeting immediately afterwards. Because of a shyness and modesty becoming to such a man, the "Beau" was allowed to invite a few friends to the Meeting to provide moral support while, in addition, P.W.G.W., a Prominent Mining man, accompanied the "Beau" to the luncheon for the same reason (presumably).

GUILDS CARNIVAL



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1000 IN RESIDENCE

The number of students living in digs is steadily rising, there now being 61¹/₂ as opposed to 42 after the war; there is thus a steadily increasing amount of suitable Hostel fodder. The Governors aimed to have 1000 in residence finally, and 500 definitely by the end of the quinquennium. This was their minimum aim, and they would try to exceed it if that were at all possible. By the end of 1956 plans had been provisionally agreed upon by the L.C.C. and U.G.C., thus by a concatenation of circumstances much had been achieved.

The question next arose of the type of Halls of Residence required: after much thought it was decided to keep the social life of the College in the Union, and to plan the Halls for study bedrooms only, together with sufficient eating facilities to serve the residents.

PLANS APPROVED

The present position was that no matter what the Treasury said, we would be getting at least Week's Hall, with 70 more rooms, which would be very welcome. Demolition on the East and South sides of the square and on the site of Week's Hall would be starting in January, followed as soon as possible by the actual building. The plans as they stand at the moment have been commended by the Royal Fine Arts Commission, which in itself is no mean achievement, and have been approved by the L.G.C. The plans are now before

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Accordingly a band of happily primed and be-topped Prominent Mining Men, some nineteen strong, were suitably conveyed to Regent's Park in the lunchtime of Thursday, Nov. 28th. An enchanted Bedford College witnessed their arrival and reunion with the well fed hero. The latter was shortly afterwards triumphantly chaired (by two of the Stronger Prominent Mining Men) to a place of honour on the dais before the assembled Union. This entry was marked by deep gasps of admiration and the muffled thunder of throbbing pulses.

The perspiring Support Party seated themselves along the reserved front row and the secret ritual began. There was a fighting speech of welcome from Mines' Buxom Sweetheart, and an introduction of our hero by the Most Prominent Mining Man: "He is a very notable Mines' Man. From his windswept hair (most difficult of all styles to achieve), to the toes of his gleaming Hessians, he poses as the advertisement for the Man of Fashion. His waistcoat was chosen with a nice eye; his beer coloured pantaloons show not one crease. No amount of studied nonchalance, no tailoring, can conceal the muscle in his thighs, or the strength of his shoulders. Above the starched points of his shirt collar, a weary, handsome face shows its owner's disillusionment."

The "Beau" rose to the occasion magnificently. In a short and witty speech (writes Our Special Correspondent) he suggested. The Buxom Sweetheart, entranced, kissed all the Prominent Mining Men. In the case of certain Avaricious Prominent Mining Men (one of them married), she kissed them twice.

With the discretion that marks true gentlemen the visitors departed with their Champion to the nearest hostelry. Here the "Beau's" newly acquired hockey stick and string of sausages were examined. At the bottom of the hockey stick was found the inscription: "Honi soit qui mal y pense."

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GUILDS CARNIVAL

"SPORT, SPORT, GIRLS WE WANT SPORT"

This, the opening number of the cabaret, will give some idea to those unfortunate people not present of the goings on at the Carnival. A Carnival is what you make it, and it appears, that everyone came with a one-track mind - or - to let themselves go!

The majority of the revellers were in fancy dress - a very welcome change, due no doubt to the Ancient Greek choice of theme. Sheet togas were by far the most popular dress, albeit leaving portions of the anatomy exposed to the occasional beer storm and passing breeze. Some of the females sported a quite eye-catching lack of dress.

The cabaret, under the circumstances, was excellent; the circumstances being, of course, that the cast was blind drunk. The 'dramatis personae' were all outstanding, especially "Ivy", a girl friend of Mr Hobson. Any inhibitions due to stage fright disappeared as quickly as Ivy's dress (she was also wearing a bikini, we hasten to add). Mr Newson, a very smooth type, compered effectively from a bath and

demonstrated with Ivy's help the ins and outs of Pythagoras. The lid was taken off I.C. life, and the appearance of Frank, our dearly beloved Warden, on a typical hostel bedroom scene was greeted enthusiastically. A down and out band of dilapidated Grecian street musicians, Mr Chadwick (looking delightful in a knee-length toga) on the euphonium; Mr Stevens on the trumpet; and Mr Gorb on the drachma-whistle. The show terminated in a lusty (and lust is the operative word on this occasion) Boomalaka.

Although the bands were playing until 5:30 a.m. not many dancers were left at that hour - quite amazing where bodies get to! Mr Gorb found a few in the snoggerly at 7:00, and the lounges were positively littered with them. I have it on good authority that the jazz band effectively prevented Q.A. from sleeping that night (do Q.A. sleep at night?).

All in all, a very successful Carnival; certainly most of the maidens seemed to be satisfied.

DEBATING TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

I.C. were drawn against Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in the first round of the U.L.U. debating tournament. The debate was held as one of the popular lunch time debates at which over 100 members were present in the house. At lunch, the chairman of the judges, Miss Ruth Lloyd, produced three sealed envelopes which contained different motions. Royal Free won the toss and decided to oppose, so Mr. Peter Kassler, President of the Lit. and Deb. Soc., was left to select an envelope which contained the motion: "This house prefers a knave to a fool." The two teams were then taken to the Geology Dept. where they were allowed fifteen minutes to digest their meal and to prepare their speeches.

At 1.20 p.m. the debate was opened in the Geology Lecture Theatre by Mr. D.E.H. Jones who took the chair as Mr. Kassler was participating as a member of the team. Mr. Les Allen, who led the I.C. team, opened the proposition with a famous quotation admirably suited to the motion: "Mary had a little lamb. . ." He then followed this superb verse by attacking statesmen and politicians and listing them all, save Mr. Gaitskell, as either fools or knaves!

The opposition from Royal Free pointed out the harmlessness of fools as found in undergraduate life compared to the knavery of criminals. Mr. Terry Smith seconding the proposition dealt with

the possibility of reform of knaves by treatment and kindness while fools could not be corrected even with the drastic measure of a leucotomy.

The attack for the proposition was continued from the floor by Mr. Peter Kassler and Mr. Bob Finch. Mr. Kassler's flattery to the charming chairman of judges, Miss Ruth Lloyd, did much to show that chivalry and debating tricks are far from dead at I.C. Mr. Finch reminded the house of the wisdom of the "Knave of Hearts" in stealing patisserie. The opposition, apart from some goonery in an attempt to make the house sympathise with fools, found themselves slightly lost with the motion. At one point one of the speakers was so perplexed that he proceeded to tie a knot in a shoe lace.

In a brilliant summing up, Mr. Les Allen proceeded to pull to pieces the speeches from the opposition until it appeared that their case was quite false. At the division which followed the motion was carried by 106 votes to 10. The three judges, Miss Lloyd, Mr. Peter Jarman (I.C.) and one from the R.F.H. unanimously awarded victory to I.C.

FELIX PHOTOS

Any persons who have ordered FELIX photographs this term are asked to collect them from J.K. Taylor as soon as possible. He can be contacted in Room 211 (Chem. Tech.) at about 4 p.m. or in Room 14 (Old Hostel) at about 4 a.m.

DRAM. SOC.

3rd IN PLAY FESTIVAL

The I.C. Dramatic Society was fortunate to gain third place in the University One Act Play Festival held last week at U.L.U. The play, Percival Wilde's "Comrades in Arms" was a happy choice in that is an amusing, if at times obvious, comedy giving good scope for acting ability. It makes the most of the situation: a gallant young colonel of the Tala-verian army tries to win the love of a major's widow, Elena, whom he has watched through the window with the aid of powerful field-glasses, by pretending to have been the late major's closest friend, with him when he died gloriously on the field of battle. The discovery that the major died while drunk and that the picture on the wall is not of the major but of his father does not deter the colonel in the least. Unfortunately, full use was not made of the situation in the production. The set, though somewhat peculiar, achieved a fair measure of success, partly due to the contrast to the unimaginative use of the stage by the other companies.

From his amusing entrance, Terry Wright as the colonel brought the play to life with his good sense of timing and control of voice and movement. The two women, Elena and her maid, were rather weaker, but will make good actresses under tighter production and when they have gained more experience. Peter Morgan gave a competent performance as a true-to-life photographer

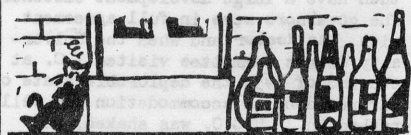
As was sadly evident at this Festival as a whole, more thought must be given to production, especially in details of action and in the development of plot and character. However, it was an interesting evening and Terry Wright must be congratulated on giving one of its best performances.

CAST

Elena. Gillian Fryd
Sonya. Judy Taylor
Sergei. Terry Wright
Photographer . . . Peter Morgan

She: "I don't like Henry, he knows too many dirty songs."
He: "Why, does he sing to you?"
She: "No, but he whistles them."

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POLISH EVENING

Last Monday the Polish Society held its most successful evening yet. The Society was happy to entertain so many visitors from other colleges - over two hundred people attended. The evening got off to a good start with a dance 'Oberek' by the U.L. Polish Soc. Folk Dance Group, who later gave a spirited performance of the 'Krakowiak' - a Polish 'Teddy-Boy' dance and a 'Chlopak Podolski'.

The evening continued with a duet by two very attractive girls and some piano solos which provided a pleasant change of mood. After the interval the Skymanski Choir sang some delightful folk songs and carols. The M.C., Mr T. Wisniewski, deserves special mention for his wit and informality.

Miss Renata Bogdanska, the Radio and T.V. star concluded the programme with four encores from her repertoire of Polish, Italian and English songs, and the evening ended happily in a coffee bar in South Kensington.

R.C.S. SMOKING CONCERT

At the commencement of this popular event the Concert Hall was well filled, as also were the glasses - there being free beer or cider for those who desired it. The President of R.C.S., in his capacity as M.C. declared that he considered the cultural level of the Smoking Concert should be raised. On considering the general cultural level of the various departmental shows it is doubtful whether anybody else was of the same opinion.

After a Brownbagger's Declaration, the R.C.S. Skiffle Group appeared. At first they were inaudible but improved as time passed and even collected some money. The general feeling seemed to be that they overstayed their welcome, there being cries of "Enough, enough".

The second year Chemists' comic opera "The Rake's Progress" received a great ovation. It consisted of miming to current popular tunes; the synchronisation was perfect. The leading part was excellently played by Ken Packer. The succeeding "Restaurant Scene", also a Chemistry production, provided Dr. Dennis Evans with an opportunity to eat a candle, an electric light bulb and a drinking glass. As a finale he took a mouthful of liquid oxygen and proceeded to blow it through a lighted cigarette with somewhat spectacular results.

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The motion before the house at this term's Union Debate was "That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government." Austen Albu M.P. and P. Jarman proposed the motion, and it was opposed by W.R. Rees-Davies M.P. and T.C. Smith.

Mr Albu, an ex-Guildsman, opened with a witty indictment of the Government, but pointed out that, since Her Majesty's advisers had appointed him a governor of this College, he was in a rather bad position if he questioned their judgment. He then proceeded to a serious condemnation of Government policy over the Rent Act at home and Cyprus abroad.

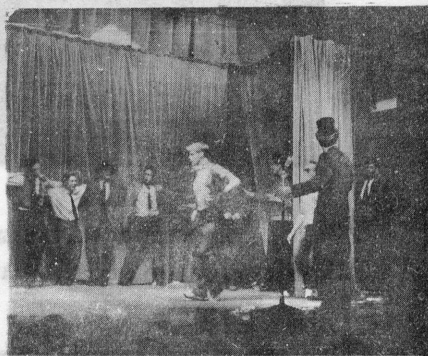
Mr Rees-Davies also opened in humorous vein with a story of a student debate at which he had proposed that "it is possible to have a better dirty weekend in the Backs at Cambridge than in Paris." He went on to

describe the Conservatives as heirs to the Liberal tradition and maintained that Government policy in Kenya and Central Africa was truly liberal in its outlook.

To Mr Albu's surprise, Mr Jarman had no confidence in the Government or the opposition. He emphasised his opinion that a Liberal government would be the only desirable one, while Mr Smith defended Government policy on the conventional grounds that while living conditions were not perfect, they might be much worse.

At the conclusion of the paper speeches, a full House proceeded to a lively discussion of the motion; this continued until 3:10 p.m. Noteworthy was Mr Allen, who passionately advanced the cause of equality of opportunity and of giving help to the underdeveloped nations. Other views came from Communists and Liberals, as well as Conservatives and Socialists, although the Conservatives produced a greater proportion of the voters than they did of the speakers from the floor.

The House then divided, the motion being carried by 70 votes to 52 with 14 abstentions. At the opening of the debate over 200 members were present.



During the interval the Jazz Band worked through their repertoire with Tony Hodgson taking the lead on his clarinet.

The second half of the concert started rather slowly with a French scene played in and around a cloche-merle-type equipage. However, a short recitation by Amos helped to restore the cultural atmosphere:

"It gave the family quite a start,
When Angela became a tart ..."
The Zoology department showed their baseness by giving their impression of I.C. nightlife.

The second year Geologists showed their great versatility. After starting with dancing girls, one of whom had a beard, they continued with ballet. Their main feature "This is your Life" was a summary of the past life of Ivor Bottom played by Neil Harrison. (Voice from the audience: "If that's what they teach you in Geology, God help you").

BARDOT AT I.C.

A very successful series of Saturday night hops ended for the term with FELIX's Birthday Dance (FELIX is now eight years old). The Bruce Gayler band provided the music for the dancers in the Concert Hall, while the jazz band played in the Upper Refectory for a short while before the interval.

During the interval a film show was held in the Upper Refectory. With bated breath, the large and appreciative audience followed the fortunes of Felix the cat in a neo-futuristic drama of outer space and a sex-laden romance with Calamity Jane.

Later in the evening several spot-dances with a difference were held. One lucky fellow won a dance with Miss Brigit Bardot, but his joy was short-lived: no sooner did he stretch out his hand to her than she turned into cardboard before his very eyes. Another couple won a large banana, which they then proceeded to eat, in the French fashion (see page 4) while dancing round the floor. Other prizes included an inflatable sputnik (by arrangement with Mike Todd) and two glasses of FELIX punch to be drunk straight down. The recipients were swept up the following morning.

PRINCE'S GARDENS

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the U.G.C. and the Treasury; it is expected that battle will be joined about Christmas. In closing, the Rector stressed that the present plans are not in their final form - they are only the plans in the form that they have been submitted for approval. It had been suggested that they should have been made public before, but he asked how this could have been done as the plans had only just been published.

Richard Sheppard was absolutely priceless, and he kept his audience amused the whole time. The last occasion on which he had had to speak was when he was trying to convince his clients of the suitability of his plans for building some cow-houses. These were high class establishments, and the economic rent for a cow was £5-10s. The plans included a laboratory for artificial insemination; he felt that this would in no way satisfy students, and assured us that we would in fact get the best that could be provided.

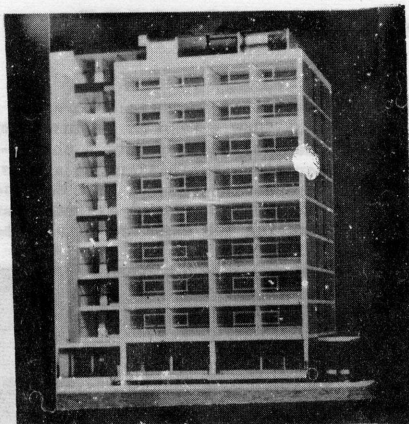
STOCKHOLM . . .

These introductory remarks were followed up by a selection of colour slides of student Halls of Residence in other parts of Europe. Deserving particular mention are the Domus in Stockholm, the restaurant of which is advertised by a large neon sign, which also serves to guide students homewards on dark nights! We may very well get one ourselves. The idea of letting rooms in summer to visitors from overseas seems to be still a distinct possibility as by that means a much better return on capital could be obtained, and this would please the Treasury. In Sweden students spend seven years in college, and it has been found necessary in Stockholm to build an enormous block of flats for married students. In fact, it seems that on going up to College as single students, men put their names on the waiting list for flats, so that when they are ready for one they will be able to get one easily. Each of these flats has a small kitchenette and a private bathroom. A slide of a typical room, which had its own private shower and washbasin, together with ample clothing cupboards and book space was also shown.

. . . AND PARIS

Egmont in Copenhagen is run as an hotel in summer, and this is found to be a worthwhile proposition. The staff situation is solved by employing students as waitresses and porters; they get the necessary training in a special course lasting about a week or ten days. This Hall was eight stories high, had lifts to all floors, and included dining rooms and similar community facilities. Another University that had been visited by Messrs. Sheppard and Sparkes was the Cité Universitaire in Paris. One of their Halls of Residence three stories high, was an extremely elegant design by Le Corbusier. Another eight stories high and housing 2000 students was just the opposite in design. A long, massive and uninteresting building, its facade was broken up by balconies and other frills. The hostel was for both men and women students, all allegedly living in single rooms. The sexes were not segregated into different areas but were randomly scattered through the building. The whole building had an

atmosphere that was, to quote Mr Sheppard 'quite indescribable and most interesting.' The French were very reticent on the subject but one could draw one's own conclusions from the number of couples that ate together at lunch time, together with their children in many cases, and from the large creche and nursery that was provided as one of the facilities of the Hall. The Cité Universitaire was an enormous project and even had its own station on the Metro. The dating facilities, however caused the largest amount of eye opening. It was to be hoped, Mr. Sheppard felt, that I.C. should never sink to the depth that this refectory reached. On coming in with the girl friend and baby one is served cafeteria-wise, stainless steel tray-plates being used which have depressions for soup, meat course, sweet, rolls and butter, etc. They served 3000 lunches an hour in one large room and, as could easily be imagined, the noise was indescribable. He had observed one couple eating a banana in a most curious fashion, starting one at each end, and working inwards until they in the middle. (The bananas was shown as one of the slides.) Two of the main items on the menu which cropped up very regularly were steak and chicken.



THE MODEL OF WEEKS HALL

(from the Planning Office exhibition)

Mr. Richard Sheppard now spoke at greater length about the Prince's Gardens project. Lifts would, he said, be installed in all Halls, together with common room facilities and refectories. The existing Garden would be retained, and would be mainly for the use of residents. This would be the first London square which had been rebuilt as a homogeneous unity. Most of the communal facilities will be situated in the south block. A certain number of shops will be incorporated, including a barber's shop. Dining Halls would be built in small units so that noise levels can be kept down to tolerable limits; associated with them would be bar and butchery. These, together with committee, music and dark rooms would be situated on the Lower (news) level. Car parks would be situated at the rear of the East block, and it was hoped that a cycle repair shed might be possible. The road on the East side of the square would be closed to vehicular traffic and that on the south side would become purely an access road to the car parks and the South block. The North-side road would however have to remain, as it provides access to Ennismore Gardens. The change in the roads had, he said, already been approved by the L.C.C.

QUESTION TIME

As a result of their travels round Europe, Messrs Sheppard and Sparkes had come to the conclusion that rooms should have a floor area of between 120 and 150 sq. ft. The present plans were based on an area of 140 ft. super which is the minimum area recommended by the Ministry of Education; however the U.G.C. seem to think otherwise and are trying to cut us down to 120 sq. ft. The architects next worked out what furniture was required, and could be fitted in conveniently. As a result of experimenting with numerous small models they had come to the conclusion that room dimensions of about 14ft. by 10ft was about the most suitable as it gave the most economical arrangement of space. The furnishings had been under close investigation owing to the exceptional standard of strength that is required for student-type furniture. It had been found that articles manufactured to British Standard Specifications were not nearly strong enough, and that much more rigid specs. were necessary. They had decided, that put-you-up type beds were wholly unsuitable; because after four years' use in other hostels they were virtually worn out. Divan beds will probably be provided.

SPORTS CLUB

It is planned eventually to incorporate a sports club in the North side buildings. This would include squash courts etc. The Swimming Pool originally planned would not be built immediately but would be deferred to some date in the future, being included in some other scheme as and when the money became available.

HOTEL ? PERHAPS

It has not been decided whether or not the buildings will be used by summer visitors. Lift facilities will be provided to the 1st, 5th, and 9th floors only. Access to other floors will be by staircase. As far as visitors were concerned they would in all probability not like the idea of having to walk up to their rooms, but as Mr. Sheppard pointed out, they can always take the lift to a higher floor and walk down.

WHEN ?

It is hoped that the first stage of this scheme will be completed by 1960, with the possibility of Weeks Hall being completed earlier; this includes the East and South sides of the square if the U.G.C. gives the go-ahead and provides the necessary money. Weeks Hall would go on no matter what else happened, as the money was ready and waiting to be used.

At this point all further questioning was stopped as the meeting was brought to an abrupt close on the pretext of being 2.30 p.m. and time for lectures. This is rather to be deplored as it cut out what was developing into a very interesting question and answer session. It is a pity that more time could not have been kept free for the inevitable questions.

CLUB REVIEW

THE CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS

NELSON'S COLUMN

WE, the inhabitants of the third Christmas Island set amongst the coral reef of the new aeronautics building, rejoice because our season is close upon us. It is the season of Santa Claus and our long lost relatives, of hurried buying at Marks and Spencers and pound catching with the Post Office but it is also the time when we Islanders, like shipwrecked mariners from the seas of science, can escape for a full three weeks to the palm trees and golden sands of our island. Upon this cradle of truth and light, our minds can muse upon the beautiful, the pleasing, and the mysterious as we have done for all too short periods in the shadows of the all too real Imperial College.

AS I.C. MEN

As one gazes round the quad, with its truly distinguished surroundings, a dismal sight greets one's eyes. People rushing to and fro, mainly men clad, sad to relate, in anything from boiler suits to filthy old sports jackets. Perhaps one can excuse the boiler suits with a Carnival at hand; some-one has to work. But who could excuse those baggy trousers which have probably never seen a press - that filthy shirt that remains concealed for days on end underneath the ever-present sweater. A frequent cry heard in I.C. is "More women, more women", but who could possibly expect to attract a woman in that state. I can only suggest that Education Authorities increase their grants to cover such minor details as hair-cuts.

Another remark frequently heard is "If I lived in the Hostel I could wear any old clothes; it is only because I travel that I put on my clean shirt occasionally." (This is an authentic quotation). This rather suggests that to live in the hostel induces one to assume a state of extreme filth and untidiness, but in fact the standard is practically the same in or out of hostel. One could excuse casual clothes if they were kept clean, but this is far from the case.

Another sad thought comes to mind when one considers the very respectable attire seen at a ball or dinner. I can honestly say that quite a large percentage of these people are absolutely unrecognisable when not wearing their usual clothes. Perhaps the old saying that evening dress "does things to a man" is only too true.

To conclude: since the occasional wash is obviously unpopular, I can only recommend that undergraduate gowns should be introduced - they are excellent dust covers.

Sabrina

Dr's Allan and Blackman have visited Christmas Island this term to chat about Victorian Rationalists and Cause and Chance. These gatherings filled the Physics library which was disguised as the beloved island; other gatherings jibbed and jabbed at the Islanders' own prose and poetry and also had a taste of a Tchekov or two. A particularly vague paper was read by an Islander on Twentieth Century Obscurantism and the third Christmas Island will be finally submerged for 1957 with the Touchstone Secretary, Mr.C.K. McDowall, speaking on 'A Penny for the Old School' - a defence of classical education and literature. This will be at 5.45p.m. on Tuesday December 10th, in the Committee Room off the lower Union lounge.

A veteran Islander, David E.H. Jones, is experimentally to exhibit his experimental cartoon films at 5.15p.m. the previous day in the same room. Prospective Islanders are assured of a genial welcome at these or any other of the Island gatherings.

As you eat your turkey bone, think of us Islanders basking in the Winter sunshine of the Christmas Island; we shall not think of you until the dreaded January 7th.

Peter Jarman.

MINES BALL

In my opinion, as an outsider but a frequent visitor to College Balls over the past four years, this year's Mines' Ball was an unqualified success.

The novel idea of having the bar on the stage and the orchestra on the side of the floor had the effect of breaking up the box-like appearance of the Concert Hall, and imparting a feeling of unity that has generally been lacking at College Balls. From the bar it was possible to watch the dancers and join in when moved by the spirit.

There was ample seating in the Hall and the Bar, so that the fun of the Ball could still be enjoyed while resting. Attractive decorations, a good orchestra and a general feeling of conviviality all went to make the Ball the success it undoubtedly was. May there be more like it.

Caroline Dutton.

FAME

The December issue of MOTOR SPORT includes a photograph of Jezebel crossing the finishing line at the end of the Brighton Run. The owners of the Dennis fire engine are asked to write in and give various technical details, such as the petrol consumption. Bo., however, didn't get a mention.

Some vital statistics have recently been uncovered: "Sabrina was formed in eight days on San Miguel." The Sabrina in question was a volcano which erupted in 1811.

Whilst waiting in the interminable lunch queue Nelson overheard the following, "I've had a year's Biology with her last year", this is food for thought.

FELIX Public Services are pleased to announce the recent publication of Volume One of a TEXTBOOK OF BREWING by M. Jean de Clerck, Professor of the Universite Catholique de Louvain. Why can't we get Professors like this?

"Engineers & Scientists come and here Miss Joan Vickers, M.P. ..."; thus ran pamphlets, printed by the Central Office of the Conservative Party, which were distributed around the Union (against Union rules). And yet people complain about FELIX.

It is reported that after the FELIX hop, Brigit Bardot was found flat on her back in Warden Irving's room. We thought that women were not allowed to spend the night in the Hostel.

Heard backstage at the R.C.S. Smoking Concert, Mr Green remarking to Miss Wallace: "Young lady, will you get into the bath with me?" And she did. In public, too. Move over, I.C.W.A.

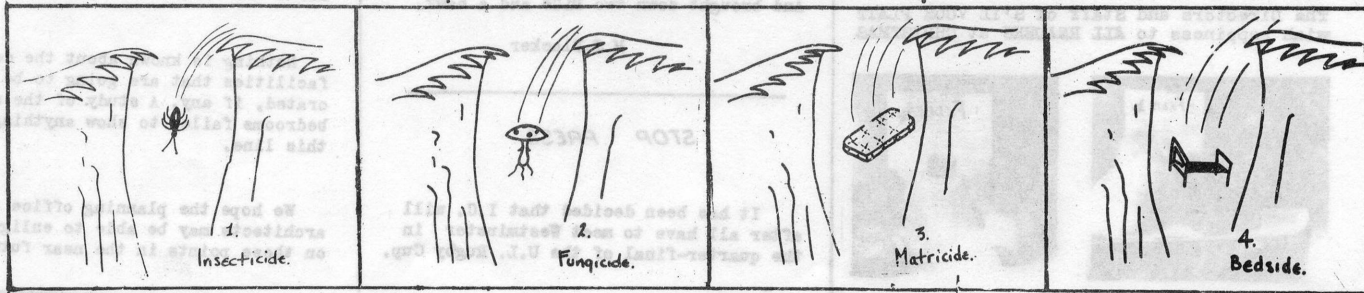
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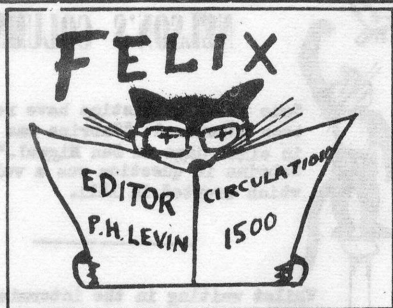
Messrs Jock Wallace and Brian Wallace are at the moment on their way to Germany, where they are going to attend the Feast of Saint Barbara, who is supposed to be the Patron Saint of Mining, at the Clausthal School of Mines.

They were not quite sure what to expect when they arrive, but they know that it is a formal affair, attended by about 1500 people. Among other things, Jock will be expected to make a speech (in German, of course). He and Brian will be leaving for home on Sunday.

(Jock is not Brian's brother, and neither is Sheenagh.)

As the Bra. said to the Top Hat: "You go on ahead, I'll give these two a lift."





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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MONEY

Any undergraduate who could do with a few £s is invited to enter for the Sir Arthur Acland English Essay Prize. All you have to do is to write an English essay by January 15th. The Registry is looking after the particulars, and will show them to you with pleasure.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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The Directors and Staff of S'IL VOUS PLAÎT wish happiness to ALL READERS at CHRISTMAS



FELIX

VIEWPOINT

EXPLORATION

Several highly successful expeditions have been run by students from this college during the last few years. But what of future plans? - To judge from the Explorations Board's in-tray only a follow-up expedition of a research nature which might well have been backed from other sources, is forthcoming.

Surely research projects are not the only thing which can come from I.C.'s once teeming brain. The Exploration Board has been criticised for not broadcasting the fact that funds are available, but surely there are some members of the College enthusiastic enough to enquire: the original fund was brought about largely through the efforts of a couple of keen students.

The Exploration Society is being formed to encourage the formation of plans for future expeditions, to pass

on knowledge gained and to promote wider interest in exploration in the College. Two major expeditions having returned, each catering in the main for specialist interest, it is hoped that opposition from the "vested interest" of the mountaineering and departmental groups will be dropped.

One hopes that the new Club will be as independent as possible of the Exploration Board. It will be a student society and as such we wish to remain free to make our own decisions and criticisms, although we should be very grateful for advice from the experienced explorers at present on the board.

It would certainly be very useful for a future leader to feel that he had the weight of a lively student body behind him if he got mixed up in the mere bureaucratic trammellings of the Board.

Xenophon.

questions

Dear Sir,

At the Rector's College meeting, time for questions seemed to have been deliberately cut short. Was this a means of avoiding any criticism, it certainly seemed to be so from his look of surprise when the question of a swimming pool was raised. If this was the case I would like to raise three questions to which, perhaps, FELIX might be able to get answers.

1. Is there going to be a decent library in Prince's Gardens, or is the existing Union Library, for all its qualities with the limited resources at its disposal, going to remain the sole outpost of English Literature and Art in the College?

2. Are there going to be Music Rooms for serious practice, and a room fitted with high quality sound reproduction equipment for those wishing to listen to gramophone and tape recordings?

3. What cooking facilities are going to be provided, or is everyone going to be expected to eat in the refectories?

Yours etc.,

K.G. Reader.

Our Architectural Correspondent writes:

Enquiries have shown that at the present there are no plans for incorporating library facilities in the Halls of Residence. Any such facilities that may be provided will be on the central site.

Music rooms are planned on the lower floors of the South block, what they are, and how extensive they may be is not known. Nothing seems to be known about the facilities offered.

Nothing is known about the cooking facilities that are going to be incorporated, if any. A study of the model bedrooms failed to show anything in this line.

We hope the planning office or the architects may be able to enlighten us on these points in the near future.

LIMERICK COMPETITION

This year there were no outstanding limericks in the printable section. M. J. Blacker produced two quite reasonable attempts which could have been improved but nevertheless gained him a prize of one bottle of brandy, which he had better collect from the Editor soon.

The unprintable section produced some limericks of a rather higher order. The first prize goes to Chris Gravina for a student who took a dumb blonde for a walk (and found she wasn't so dumb). Will he please collect his banana from the Editor's fume cupboard. Mr Gravina also produced easily the most revolting entry.

Second place was shared by D. F. Channon, whose student learned his lesson the hard way, and John Dell: "Did desperate things with a fork."

A clever young student from York
Once pierced his leg with a fork.
He said "Oh, dear, dear
They'll all think I'm queer
With four holes and a comical walk."

A clever young student from York
Who was addicted to baked beans and pork
Once lay on his tum
In the boiling hot sun
And brought down two MIGs and a hawk.

M. J. Blacker

STOP PRESS

It has been decided that I.C. will after all have to meet Westminster in the quarter-final of the U.L. Rugby Cup.

festering

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

shame

Dear Sir,

May I encroach on your space to mean briefly? We seem to have lost sight of the First Principle of Ragging - 'The object of a rag is to cause the maximum possible inconvenience to the raggees with the minimum of damage'. Ideally this leaves the Great British Public to go on its way muttering 'Hooligans' and 'Teddy Boys', and the Gents in Blue Zoot Suits to thumb frantically through the handbook for some excuse to take a hand and collect their usual shower. But please let's not open our doors or distribute pyrotechnics among children on railway platforms etc.-it gives the G.B.P. a legitimate moan, and the G. in B.Z.S. the chance to favour us with their unwelcome presence.

It is easy to criticize, and I must at least suggest some lines on which we may, within the First Principle and without the G. in B.Z.S., cause with luck, most gratifying chaos.

There was once a College Principal who conducted a student through his domain (and fed him) under the impression he was an American Prof.....

Violence in the Science Museum is unthinkable, but if several new exhibits appeared - Archimedes' Bath perhaps, or maybe Newton's Apple, or even the chisel used by Rutherford to split the atom....we might even have photographs in FELIX - and the G.B.P. and G. in B.Z.S. could mind their own festering business.

Yours,
S.W.O. Ivermee,

Editor's note:

The lawn in the quadrangle was defaced by students from Battersea Polytechnic.

the beau

FROM THE CO-EDITRESS OF "BEDFORD NEWS"

Dear Sir,

May I, on behalf of my readers, express our appreciation of that so delightful Beau you sent to us last week. It was not, alas, an important motion on the agenda that attracted such crowds to our Union General Meeting on that fateful day. We were all vastly intrigued to meet our Beau of the Year, and found him a worthy winner indeed of this competition.

Let us say at once that he surpassed all expectations and his photograph. As he stood on the platform, his downcast eyes and modest demeanour in great contrast to his sturdier and more vociferous attendant swains, he surely appealed as much to the maternal as to the Beau-hunting instincts of every one of us. We are very pleased with him, and hope to see him (and oo.) at Bedford in the future. Have we at last realised the long-felt need of a pepper-upper? May he continue to brighten our days.

Yours sincerely,
Felicity A. Ayton.

society of the church

Dear Sir,

Our aim as students should be the grasp of the basic principles of our subjects and the application of these to practical problems. The less important details can be assimilated later to our particular specialisation. We believe the same considerations apply to Christian work and witness in a University, and that the differences arising from denominational practice should be set aside in favour of working with others of different Churches in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Denominational differences are slight and are somehow magnified by those who oppose Christianity.

The basis of the Christian Union is consistent with the chief confessions of Faith of the Protestant Churches and thus it is possible for Christians from all denominations to meet in fellowship and to unite in witness. Although other Christian "cells" exist in the College, we maintain that to form these on a denominational basis would only serve to create unnecessary and additional confusion in the minds of those seeking the Truth.

Yours sincerely,
David Wright
Derek Butters.

Dear Sir,

The leaders of the S.C.M. wish to refute a statement made by Mr Peter Evans in the last issue of FELIX concerning the formation of a Church Society. At no time has there been any consultation between our committee and Mr Evans.

In the matter of the formation of such a society we firmly support the Union policy of non-denominational Christian societies as at present in I.C.

We also deplore the fact that the proposed society would be run from outside the College and not by students of I.C.

Yours sincerely,
R.E. Whitbread
(President I.C.S.C.M.).

discount

Dear Sir,

If any of your readers are intending to buy any sporting goods for Christmas, I suggest that they try "Gordon Lowe's" - a sports outfitters in Knightsbridge, where, a student from I.C. is given a 10% reduction in price. A large variety of first-class sports clothing and equipment is stocked.

Most of us know that free membership is given to students by Cy Laurie's Jazz Club. Does anyone know of any other such concessions?

Yours truly,
Keith Wall.

Sir

We have all been in public washrooms and used automatic towel dispensers. For myself, I have always thought them most convenient and had never seen one out of order. But that was before they were installed in the Union building. I have hardly ever seen those there when they were not out of order and spewing lengths of sodden and filthy towelling on to the floor.

This is not only revolting to look at; obviously it is also very unhygienic. Why do these things always happen to I.C.? Our Union might almost be dedicated as a monument to misfortune.

Yours truly,
R.H. Pooley.

warning

Dear Peter,

This is an awful letter I have to write to you, and I must say I feel terribly mean doing this to you. What you are going to think of me I cannot imagine; perhaps it is a good job I shall not hear what your comment will be.

To start with I deceived you; I do have a boy friend with whom I am going out at the moment. I have been out with him this weekend and for the first time I realised I was in love with him after he proposed to me. I said yes and now I feel I cannot possibly go out with you on Tuesday. Please forgive me for doing this to you - it seems a horrible mean trick but on the other hand I could not feel happy about the evening.

Yours sincerely,
J.n.t.

Editor's note:

This is a genuine letter. The original is available for inspection.

sociology

Sir,

I am conducting a sociological investigation into the way of life of the Oblong tribe, a hitherto unknown pygmyoid-negroid cuboid race, inhabiting the unexplored hinterland of New Guinea.

The papers presented during the course of the investigation will, where possible, be printed in a special Oblong supplement to the Spring Edition of PHOENIX, and, this being so, I should be grateful if all field workers would attempt to collate and submit their findings by Monday Jan. 13th the closing date for this issue.

As examples of the type of data required, I can do no better than to point out the titles of two papers already sent in: "The Tribe with Three Legs", and "The Tribe with Three Sexes". These exemplify the high standard of the material we are hoping to receive.

Yours etc.,
Peter Jarman.

A NEW CONSERVATISM

"It's the same the whole world over.
It's a shame life ain't so nice;
But you 'as to grin and bear it,
Or pay a bloody price."

There is a political spectrum, and different types choose different colours. Firstly, there are those who like their politics cut and dried:— they accept the underlying assumption behind some political theory and then rely on logical developments for answers to social and humanist problems; Scientists might find this method attractive. A whole mass of jargon and sometimes meaningless terms have evolved from their arguments. Others, influenced by upbringing, parents' political opinions, and (unconsciously) the psychological label they bear, just are what they are and remain so for the rest of their lives, with few exceptions. Some, with the independence of youth, react with varying degrees of violence against their domestic political atmosphere. Many people, in many ways sensibly but in other ways unfortunately, take little interest in politics. They find the subject boring and are generally apathetic unless events manage to strike some chord of emotional fervour. "They" are then blamed for everything; "they" in their turn blame economic and sociological entities. The real scapegoat may not even exist. Finally there are lovers, warmongers, and mathematicians, who never play fair and have very widely varying shades of opinion. Cynics and "intellectuals" will probably not be reading this article.

Let us forget, for a moment, the existence of this political spectrum and give a little thought to the following point, which we think is best illustrated by a certain aspect of college life. The student at I.C. is being continually presented with new amenities. He has a new Union, new laboratories and lecture halls, new Hostels etc. In fact, during the last few years student life had been endowed with a good deal of almost luxurious necessities. Is the recipient of these items any happier? One only has to read FELIX to find out that; he has found considerably more to complain about. He has become a good deal more critical and there is a danger of him becoming too much the fault-finder. Of course, while we hope that students will appreciate and value their ever expanding college, we think that the fault of becoming too critical is an eminent one in the 'outside' world. Although we should strive to make our country a better place to live in, we must always be aware of the danger of making the man-in-the-street too fussy and too ready to blame that scapegoat called authority. What the 'new Conservatism' is in fact aiming to do is to encourage the individual to think about his personal responsibilities - not let the 'State' think for him. (One of the most controversial examples of a personal responsibility is that of providing for one's old age by family saving, not by indiscriminate, compulsory, impersonal State schemes.)

Conservatism aims at preserving the best in capitalist society, particularly the individual drive and character. There are real dangers of "big business" and the trade unions alternating in their control of the country's economy, although the worker is agreed to be winning the battle. Unfortunately, this tragic strife has degenerated into a political slanging match. Nationalisation means ever-increasing power for the State and large numbers of both small-time and benevolent capitalists will suffer.

POLITICAL FORUM

Increasing automation is a problem which will have to be solved regardless of the prevailing political system. What is needed is an essentially pragmatic approach to these, and other economic difficulties, bearing in mind that a government's job is to rule and to uphold the law, and not to act as a charitable institution. Peaceful co-existence, and not expensive indulgence in dramatic "coups" which do not come off, should be the keynote of Conservative's new foreign policy. The old School tie, imperialism, colour prejudice, fanatical patriotism, feudalism, plutocracy; all these have been popularly associated with conservatism in the past. Looking into the future, if our country is to survive in an expanding world where individual freedom is not forgotten for emotional theories based on past mistakes, then our new conservative policy must irrevocably wipe out these aspects. Otherwise conservatism is doomed to failure.

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

'Maxims for Revolutionists.' Shaw.

R.B. Williamson

THE NEW LIBERALISM

"Science has created a new world. The key to it is nuclear power. We have to live in that world - to turn it from a terror into an opportunity."
Jo Grimond.

This is not a statement of Liberal policy. I wish to give you some idea of the lines along which Liberals are thinking and working towards the goals of Liberty, Opportunity and Security for everyone in Britain and throughout the world.

There is not enough friendship and co-operation in our society today - self-sacrifice and small acts of charity are sadly lacking. It is a general attitude, only too evident in a large city like London and reflected by crime statistics and cruelty to children and animals. It is an attitude which will not go until we have freedom in the true Liberal sense of the word.

A Liberal Society - one where there is a maximum of opportunity and satisfaction - is the ideal of millions. In it racial and class distinctions have no place. Any person should be

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THE NEW SOCIALISM

The Parliamentary Labour Party was founded in 1919, because of the need for working class representation in Parliament. It took as its basic objects the Social Ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. Most of the impetus for the acceptance of these objects was emotional rather than rational. Emotionally, the working class reacted against the obvious unfairness of capitalism as it then existed. But the political movement did have the beginnings of a theoretical basis. This theory came from consideration of the recurrent cycles of booms and slumps. In the capitalist system, the profits of business lay in the hands of a few. The value of a commodity is decided by three things: wages, necessary investment and profits. Thus it is evident that if unnecessary (from the economic point of view) profits are made on articles, then the total amount of money in the consumer market cannot buy back everything produced. This leads to over production (strictly speaking, under consumption) and businessmen lay off some of their workers. Unfortunately, this further reduces the money of the consumers and slumps occur. This was described as "the inherent contradiction in capitalism - abundance of commodities means poverty for the majority of the people."

On this problem, the Labour Party is divided. Some members consider this theory of crises to have been disproved, as we have had a comparatively lengthy period without slumps; others point to factors suggesting why our next slump has merely been postponed due mainly to the constant demand for more armaments since the war, and the huge demands for consumer goods due to the unparalleled destruction caused by the last war, and they point to the present situation in America to justify this.

The New Socialists believe that most of the ills of capitalism have been solved over the past few years. They consider that the long period of full employment and high living standards in Britain is not temporary.

Rather than talking about changing the society, they are therefore more concerned with reforming and improving the existing society. The policies they advocate are moderate enough to attract the middle class voters; and radical enough to maintain the support of the working class.

Their most important proposal is contained in the document "Industry and Society" which outlines the programme for acquiring shares in firms - mainly the inefficient firms. Although it is not intended, in any case, to acquire control over the firms, it is hoped that even the threat of such action would force employers to consider their workers' interests more, and lead to better worker-management relations. Such a policy attracts the working class, for in this way they will have a greater say in the management of industry, whilst not alienating middle-class voters. This has been done even by Tory governments, as in the cases of the Suez Canal Company and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The money to acquire shares will come from the surplus on Labour's Superannuation scheme. Every member of the community will contribute towards this central fund, which will be used for investment. The profits from the investments will provide guaranteed pensions for everyone. In this way, without alienating big business, every worker will be secure in his old age. This scheme is modelled on a similar one introduced by Dr Adenauer's Government in West Germany, and is the main income-raising side of the New Socialist proposals.

When the Labour Government takes office (sometime before 1960) these proposals will be put into effect and it will be seen whether their theories or those of the Old Socialists are correct. It is to be hoped that the Conservative Government's refusal to negotiate on the suspension of nuclear tests will not prevent our electing a Government of New Socialists.

Judy Leman
(Hon. Sec. I.C. Sec. Soc.)

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able to earn good money, keep it and keep it good. To this end Liberals suggest Government help to enterprising people who wish to start business in industry and agriculture; the granting of generous loans for house and farm purchase; the encouragement of profit-sharing and co-ownership in industry, by the removal of tax obstacles to them; and a general reduction in taxation. A fall in the cost of living and a phenomenal rise in production would be apparent in a matter of months.

But what about the less fortunate individuals, in difficulties through no fault of their own? This is where the Social Services, originated by Liberals before the 1914-18 war, come into play. They were intended to help people to help themselves - pensions and subsidies are required for the unlucky, injured, old and sick, not for everyone regardless of means. It is ridiculous to subsidise uneconomic projects indefinitely in peacetime; instead the money should be invested in capital equipment for the industries our island can cope with.

To bring about these changes without strife or hardship we must continue to improve basic Education and extend Education in technology, industrial management and Trade Union procedure as much as possible. We must also provide temporary higher unemployment pay to help people to train for fresh jobs and even move house in the transitory stage.

Liberals believe in freedom for the individual above all. A person should be able to work, worship, save, spend and generally live as he wishes, not as bureaucrats called the State demand. Therefore the freedom of individuals must be guaranteed by a proper balance between their rights and the claims of Government and Local Authorities; it is Parliament's responsibility but Parliament at present reflects group interests above the common interest, is handicapped by an outdated committee system and is neither relieved of much work nor fairly advised by an ever one-sided House of Lords. Some degree of Parliamentary reform and the granting of more responsibility to Local Authorities in certain fields, so as to bring more ordinary citizens into Local Government, would be worthwhile. Finally, individuals need much stronger legal protection against the tyranny of employers, Trade Unions or Trade Associations. This, incidentally, would be another advance in the direction of partnership between all employers and employees.

Simultaneously Britain must pursue a realistic course in foreign affairs and remember that people of all nations have the same rights to freedom. Military and economic force and colonialism lead to chaos when imposed upon anyone, but honest trade and co-operation yield peace and prosperity. Therefore Liberals say join in the Free Trade Area, Euratom and the Schuman plan with enthusiasm and, from experience, lead them to success; seek freer trade throughout the world; work for international treaties to guarantee free access to vital raw materials such as oil; and co-operate with the Commonwealth and N.A.T.O. in defence. Most important of all Liberals believe in seeking peace by negotiation, first with the Commonwealth, Europe and the U.S.A. and then with the Communist countries. The U.N.O. is the medium for this and it will fail if it is not used and its decisions are not adhered to: it is the duty of each one of us to serve, directly and indirectly, all INTERNATIONAL organisations and causes well.

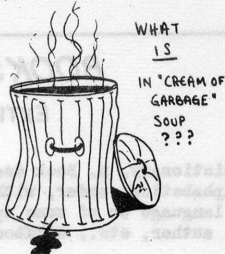
L.E. Johnson.

THE SUGGESTIONS BOOK REVIEWED

When Mr. Briggs first produced it in October this year, this volume was immediately recognized as indispensable to the I.C. student. In his foreword Mr. Briggs relates how, on returning from strenuous activity in the gym, he was frustrated in his attempts to buy soup and milk; with the money he thus saved the book was brought into being, and christened with a stream of pent-up complaints and the odd pent-up suggestion. In more serious vein Mr. Briggs explains to us how inflation hits the student twice over; prices go up, parents income goes up and grants come down!

A large part of the book deals with the complaints and particularly interesting is the chapter on peas. Mr. Mooney's peas have been variously described as lead shot, green bullets and indigestible ball bearings, but all contributors agree that they show little resemblance other than in size and shape to the natural product. As they are quite inedible this form of fish and chip decoration is a luxury we can do without. One contributor asked, in rather bad taste, whether they were in fact made from real peas or from some synthetic formula for which I.C.R. holds the patent. The Catering Sub-Committee remained ominously silent on this matter, but it pointed out that garden peas would increase the cost of a dish by 3d. It is pleasing to note though that evidence of the last few weeks indicates that a compromise has been reached, and the peas, if not tasting of the genuine article, are at least edible.

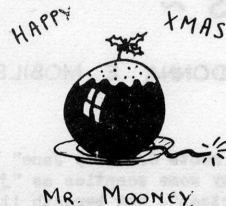
IT'S THE SEASON OF GOODWILL -
SO TELL US, MR. MOONEY -



Also interesting is the chapter on dessert spoons, which hostel dwellers find to be excellent dual-purpose instruments also suitable for soup. In contrast, patrons of the lower refectory object to using soup spoons for eating their Bakewell Tart and have been clamouring for more dessert spoons. The Catering Sub-Committee claim they are attempting to deal with the shortage, but seem to be in some doubt as to whom they are supplying spoons.

Perhaps as typical of the section dealing with the complaints we may quote:-

"The white of an egg was rubbery, the yolk more so. The peas were hard except where they had come into contact with the egg which they had dyed an unnatural shade of green. The chips were leathery and the whole dish was quite cold."



The author of these remarks was told to return such dishes to the counter and help to maintain good standards.

The remainder of the book is largely educative in nature and it appears that FELIX has reached the status of a learned journal, readers twice being referred to FELIX (Issue 113 p.l. col.1.). Also the eating habits of domestic animals do not interest the Catering Sub-Committee and correspondence on such matters should be sent to the Editor of FELIX. In which case would that gentleman care to note that on 18th. Oct. 1957 a woodlouse was found exploring the suet pudding and two days later five cockroaches were found in the refectory. Elsewhere we are informed that a question of supply and demand determines the Brinell hardness of chips and that the square on the cut side of a sandwich is equal to the sum of the squares on the crusty sides. As a final educative extract we quote:- "For some time I have been confused regarding engineering terms - e.g. ductility, rigidity, tensile strength, hardness and brittleness. Your pastry demonstrates the lot.

Yet this is not an entirely serious volume, for it has its witty moments:-
Comment:- My ice-cream was served on a gold plate.

Reply:- We will try to ensure that this will never happen again.

Comment:- Re my comments on pages 7 and 8, your reply "See page 4" is useless. You did not answer my request on page 4!

Comment:- What has happened to the chicken courses?

Reply:- Gone the way of all flesh - the price has proved too high.

Finally in reviewing this suggestions book, the only sensible suggestion which springs to mind is "We want a juke-box!"

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 6th. DEC.

DRAM. SOC. Christmas Production, "The Firstborn".
ROVER CREW Evening Meeting "Running a scout troupe".
GUILDS MOTOR CLUB Films, "RAC International T.T. 1955" and "Dutch T.T. 1954".

SATURDAY 7th. DEC.

DRAM. SOC. "The Firstborn".

SUNDAY 8th. DEC.

"Jazz at the Nucleus" I.C. Band at the Nucleus Coffee Bar.
I.C.C.U. Carol Service. All Souls Church, 8p.m.

MONDAY 9th. DEC.

CATHOLIC SOC. Annual Christmas Party with Bedford C.S.
I.C.C.U. "Unto us is born a Saviour". Miss M. Crouch.
MUSICAL SOC. Carol Concert in Queen Alexandra's House.

TUESDAY 10th. DEC.

WINE TASTING SOC. "Inexpensive Wines" Mr D.G. Lindsay.

FILMS ~

LA DONNA E MOBILE

"Felix meets Calamity Jane" is dismissed by some sceptics as "just another cartoon", but beneath its humorous surface there is a recurrent note of gravity.

The eternal mental conflict when "boy meets girl" is portrayed in cartoon form. Psychologists have expressed amazement at the clarity with which this *idée fixe* is presented. There is an undertone of frustration and discontent throughout the entire film, an indication of the hyperaesthesia to which the mind of the would-be lover is subject.

The film is a fantasy created by the love-sick youth and is an excellent example of what psychologists term "wish fulfilment". The setting is immediately romantic: boy meets girl in distress, girl weeping and ugly (a problem with which the learner-lover is not uncommonly confronted

In his dream world he solves the problem by substituting a dream girl. (This exemplifies the subconscious compensatory mechanism which attempts to protect our dreamer from harsh reality.)

The girl is lonely, unclothed and defenceless, but in this idyllic world our dreamer is chivalrous instead of licentious. He endures many hardships to clothe her in finery, but inevitably he is spurned by this femme fatale and is brought back to the horror of his real world.

RECORDS ~

A recent record I have received from the Decca Recording Co. is an excellent example of jazz chamber music. This is an extended player (45 rpm) and presents American ballad forms, enriched rhythmically and melodically by the Kinsey Sex-tet.

The vibes are played in a truly ethereal manner; the ectoplasmic vibrations permeate one's innermost being, even to the very soul. The emotional balance is maintained by an extended rhythmic sequence provided by the drums, but the contrapuntal technique is used a little excessively in the recapitulation. This tends to disturb the delicate balance between harmony and cacophony, and allows the sex-tet to go for coffee.

(Both sides of the record sound decidedly better when played at 33rpm -- off centre).

IC MUSICAL SOCIETY
CAROL CONCERT
MON. DEC. 9th
QUEEN
ALEXANDRA'S HOUSE
8pm.
TICKETS 3/6, 2/6

THE CRITICS

IN SEARCH OF MODERN JAZZ

Browsing among records has long been an occupation of mine; I have meandered through Mozart; I am devoted to Dvořák. Ah, you say, another classical slob; but no, bear with me a little longer, friends.

Being the season of goodwill to all men, and women, I have decided to forgo my prejudice and go in search of Modern Jazz. With a "poof" to the pops, and a catcall to the classics, I see "Jazz" → ". I fight my way through an amorphous collection of contorted, perspiring bodies, grovelling in the groove.

"I am searching for Modern Jazz" I say to the 38-22-35 (± 10% - experimental error) behind the counter. Noting my obvious rectangular shape she produces a '45', and thrusts me into a cubical. To a background of skiffle, and "Rock and Roll", I listen to my first modern jazz.

I try to detect a tappable rhythm ---there is none, so I invent one. The imaginary rhythm grips me, my movement becomes erratic: feet and arms fly in carefree abandon, clothes fall from me, but I am triumphant--- I have achieved my aim. However, at the moment of ecstasy I am deflated, a dozen Tommy Staxons are watching my antics with great interest. Pausing only to dress, I flee from the jeering, jiving crowd.

That was many discs ago; now I am an ardent modernist, no longer trying to contort myself to non-existent rhythm but content to listen reverently to its awe-inspiring polyphony.

R.O.T.

BOOKS ~

EXTRUDED CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY

dictionary, n. Book dealing, usu. in alphabetical order, with the words of a language or of some special subject, author, etc., wordbook, lexicon.

This is an extraordinary book. It reminds me of a lunatic I know who, on returning the L-R volume of the London Telephone Directory to his local library, remarked: "The plot's lousy, but oh boy! what a cast!" This book, likewise, has a lousy plot; it is saved from becoming tedious by the author's astonishing vocabulary.

I am not too happy about the author's arrangement of ideas. Having once defined the order of things he is content to let matters slide, and one knows what the end will be long before it is in fact reached. He has, however, shown a spark of ingenuity by taking a leaf out of Dante's "Inferno": in the middle of his book he found himself in L, but managed to escape by means of a highly ingenious contrivance known as M. Although nearly overwhelmed in a sudden deluge while passing from O to Q, he concluded in a masterly fashion with his Z in the clouds.

Our musical correspondent writes:-

Perhaps a few words on the development of modern jazz would be relevant here, for the uninitiated.

Its development this century can be summarised in the words of a distinguished music critic: "It shows a gradual change from homogeneity to heterogeneity, of increasing elaboration and deviation from the essential purity of classical style."

J. S. Bark in his book "That Primitive Downbeat" (Heinz & Heinz '57) expresses it differently; he says of modern jazz: "It's all done by mirrors".


The esote to significance of modern jazz must never be underestimated. When analytical considerations are paramount. With this in mind we can attempt to comprehend the artistry of the modernist.

Traditional jazz is conceived by some to be a stabilised, even an objective form of musical expression. Modern jazz, on the other hand, is in an eternal transitory state:- a crashing coda of tinkling timpani can be transformed spontaneously into an alert allegro. There is no rigid mould into which this jazz can be poured; on the contrary, a very high degree of elasticity, an infinite stretching in almost any direction, is considered quite legitimate.

The great advantage of this book is that it is 5½ inches thick. I have used it for several years to keep the safety-valve of my apparatus closed, and have found it second only to the Bible in this respect.

P.S. I have also found the E.C.D. very useful for looking words up in. If more people did this, we might get some better reviews in FELIX.

* but everybody reads



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GOLF

I.C. gain revenge

I.C. defeated Kings', their only conquerors last season, by 4 matches to 2 at Highgate. Mills had a close match, only getting home on the last green, after an excellent round in level fours. Constable also had a narrow win, but gave the impression that he had plenty in hand. However, Parkinson followed what has almost become a tradition amongst I.C. captains, when he went down, unluckily, after an intense struggle. Anderson played well to beat a formidable opponent on the 16th. green, and Scriven made victory certain by easily winning the secretaries' match. Derbyshire was a little unfortunate in losing, but this may have been due to playing the latter stages of his match in darkness.

I.C. continued their undefeated run with a victory against a below-strength Guy's Hospital team, in which Mills won his last match for the College before leaving to become a lecturer at Glasgow University. Parkinson and Constable won easily, as did Anderson, who is in great form this season. Scriven, after taking an early lead, met unexpectedly strong opposition, and had to be satisfied with a half. Derbyshire, however, could not produce the golf that established him in the College team and lost, making the result $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in favour of I.C.

X-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- (1) Cox? (3,4,3,5)
- (9) Mixed up to make a gent lad. (7)
- (10) Meticulous start around on the list. (4)
- (12) Geologists find it in a capital city. (4)
- (13) Apart from myself in a pig-house it's not very nice. (5)
- (15) Gash is without a mixture for deep breaths. (5)
- (17 & 18) Same comparison. (2,2.)
- (19) E.S.W. cord. (5)
- (21) Natives in Cuban tunics (5)
- (23) Initially careless, worried afterwards. (4)
- (24) Comes before the Lord in this modern age. (4)
- (25) Wagging tails? (7)
- (27) Jumper satisfies what is contains (15)

DOWN

- (1) Big tail soon gives responsibilities. (11)
- (2) Not completely beaten but you've had it. (5)
- (3) Can hold its liquor in a brewery (3)
- (4) It is a beheaded spirit which makes one disorderly. (5)
- (5) Found in eighteens (5)
- (6) Dead in a cul de sac. (3)
- (7) Della Lollo in England gains confusion. (5)
- (8) They test your metal (11)
- (11) Bobby's dark accomplice (5)
- (12) The thanks for a letter from Greece. (5)
- (14) Provides a knotty problem. (3)
- (15) It is not the B.B.C. making it an article. (3)

HOCKEY

On Nov. 20th the first Stephenson Cup match was played, Guilds beating R.C.S. 2-1 in a close-fought but even-tempered game. R.C.S. opened the scoring with a somewhat fortunate goal, passed from an attacker's foot. Although shaken, Guilds did not panic, and they drew level after a scramble on the edge of the circle. In the second half Holmes put them ahead with a well-taken shot from a long corner. The game ended with R.C.S. attacking the Guilds goal with every man, but to no avail.

FIRST DEFEAT

On Nov. 23rd the 1st XI suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of St Catherine's, Cambridge. I.C. was under strength with one defender and several forwards not available for various reasons. Added to this the inside right arrived too late for the early start that had been arranged and Packer came into the forward line. Shortly after the start the I.C. Captain, Graham King, strained his back and was a passenger on the left wing for the remainder of the match. He will be out of action for a while with a slipped disc - we wish him a speedy recovery. In spite of all these misfortunes, I.C. lost by only 2-0 thanks to good work by the defence, especially the full backs Macrae and Godfrey.

CONVINCING WIN

Against St Peter's Hall, Oxford on Nov. 27th I.C. won convincingly by 5-2. Solway opened the scoring with a reverse stick shot from the left which was misjudged by the goalkeeper. Then Holmes, with a well-taken flick from a centre from the right and some strong approach work added three more before half-time. After the interval St Peter's Hall came back into the game and scored with two good shots but Holmes added a fifth for I.C. to put the result beyond doubt.

The 1st and 3rd XIs were at Teddington and the 2nd XI at Harlington for three matches against N.P.L. on Nov 30th. The 1st won a fast game 2-0 thanks to Miller and a good solo effort by De Broekert. The opposing inside forwards, though with good stick work in midfield, found their attacks continually broken up before reaching the circle, particularly in the second half when the I.C. defence showed better control of the situation. The 2nd XI lost a close game 3-2 and the 3rd lost 2-0.

The 1st XI goes into the 2nd round of the U.L. Cup, where they meet U.C., with an excellent record behind them. Their record, in fact, has improved beyond recognition on that of last season.

Club Record to date:

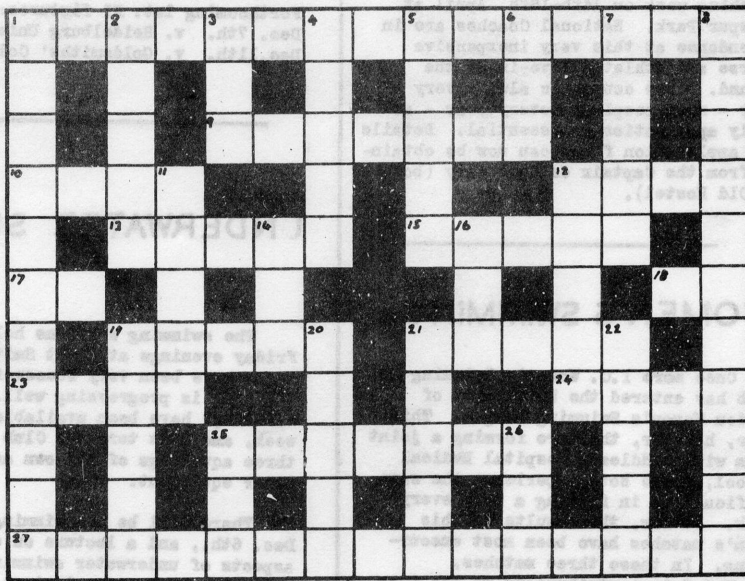
	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st	12	11	0	1	39	11
2nd	8	2	2	4	11	23
3rd	6	3	1	2	13	7

I.C.W.S.C.

On Nov. 23rd I.C.W.S.C. squash team paid a visit to Bristol for a match against the 1st team of the Bristol University Women's Squash Club. Being handicapped by a shortage of willing players, I.C.W.S.C. was just defeated. This did not in the least dampen their ardour, and an excellent time was had by everyone.

The Table-Tennis team is as yet unbeaten, having defeated Royal Holloway, the Institute of Education and Westfield.

Hilary Thompsett is to be congratulated on being selected for the British Universities hockey trials. Judy Lemon also has won recognition outside I.C. and swims for the University.



- (19) Scandinavian food (5)
- (20) Stake for more than your earnings (5)
- (21) It is striped for a soft confused goon. (5)

- (22) Students collect in an uncharged particle. (5)
- (25) Should you do this to your eyes? (3)
- (26) Placed on stage. (3)

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS

3rd U.L. Winter Athletic Competitions.

In the field events section of last week's athletics at Motspur Park, I.C. showed up very badly against other University Colleges and Hospitals, being placed 6th. in the "Tjalve Trophy" competition. Two members of our team failed to arrive on time, thus throwing away points. The only event which we won was the hop, step, and jump, in which Dave Smith and a promising fresher John Constable were placed 1st. and 4th. respectively, with leaps of 43'11" and 40'5". A good effort by regulars John Newman and Bob Lloyd brought us 3rd. place in the shot, but the only other place which we obtained was 5th. in the discus with Newman and Harry Abbott, who is now back with us after a year's 'rest'. Our long jumpers and javelin throwers were badly off form and in the high jump we could not produce two jumps of 5'0" - which incidentally would have gained 5th. place.

In the relays, however, the sprinters are to be congratulated on running exceptionally well, a just reward for the regular training which most of them have been doing on the track. The team was composed mainly of freshers - Dave Jones, Keith Ludlam, and Chris Warren - and with U.L. sprinter Bernard Curtis and 1/2-mile Pete Goodwin to complete the team, they came 2nd. and 3rd. in the 4 x 110 and the 220, 220, 440 relay finals. However, due to a poor performance in the long relay (880, 880, 1 mile) in which we were only 4th. we lost the Relays Cup by one point to Kings' College.

The lesson to be learnt from this opening match is that if we are going to regain the University Champs. Cup in May, our field events men must follow the example of our sprinters and train harder. Regular indoor sessions of only 30 minutes on the I.C. Circuit will progressively build up strength and stamina throughout the winter, and opportunity for coaching is provided by the U.L.A.C. who hold a coaching week on 14th-18th. April at Motspur Park. National Coaches are in attendance at this very inexpensive course and athletes live-in at the ground. This course is always very popular - many people go every year - so early application is essential. Details and application forms can now be obtained from the Captain or Secretary (both in Old Hostel).

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Once more I.C. Women's Swimming Club has entered the University of London Women's Swimming League. This year, however, they are forming a joint team with Middlesex Hospital Medical School, since both experience the same difficulties in forming a team every week. So far, the results of this term's matches have been most encouraging. In these three matches, I.C.W.S.C.'s contributions to the team were Janet Petersen, Judy Lemon, Hilary Tompsett and Pat Norman.

Results:-

I.C. & M.H. v. Kings'	Won 29-20
I.C. & M.H. v. U.C.	Lost 20-30
I.C. & M.H. v. Westfield	Won 31-22.

SOCCE R

For most of the matches this term the 1st.XI forwards have accepted most of their chances at goal, scoring 49 goals in 12 games. For the last two matches, however, while the defence has played soundly and general tactics have been good, the forward line has missed many chances. This was particularly evident against Varndean, Brighton, where I.C. attacked continuously with open football down both wings. Sufficient chances were created for over a dozen goals, but I.C. had to be content with two, one of them scored from a penalty by D.Joyce.

Against L.S.E. on Wed. 27th. Nov. the result was a draw, 0 - 0, this being a fair result in a game in which both defences were in control. For a period of 20 mins. in the first half, I.C. applied constant pressure on the opponents' goal and could well have scored.

I.C. defeated Kew Association 4 - 3 on Sat. 23rd. Nov. in what was a very enjoyable fixture, suitably concluded by a pleasant evening at the "Cobwebs", Richmond.

The 2nd. XI, although heavily defeated by Clement Danes G.S., who will oppose I.C. 1st. later this season, have won their last two League games (one against the leaders, L.S.T. II) and are now challenging for the leadership of the division. The 3rd. and 4th. teams have consolidated their positions at the top of divisions II and IV respectively with recent victories.

Club record:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st. XI	14	9	2	3	51	27
2nd. XI	14	10	1	3	55	39
3rd. XI	14	11	1	2	44	21
4th. XI	14	14	0	0	69	17
5th. XI	13	7	0	6	54	51

Technology Cup

In the first match of the competition, Guilds defeated a depleted Mines team by 7 - 0.

Forthcoming 1st. XI fixtures:-

Dec. 7th. v. Heidelberg Univ.(H)
Dec. 11th. v. Goldsmiths' College (H)

CROSSCOUNTRY

I.C.C.C.C. Regains Prestige

On 23rd. Nov., in a quadruple match against Southampton, Cranwell, and Ranelagh, I.C. produced the strongest team to appear this season, due partly to the absence of a U.L. fixture, and partly to the match being an unofficial trial for the Club's first team in the University Champs. The result was a glorious victory for I.C. with the whole team of seven inside 30 mins. and all producing personal best performances. J.Collins, inside 28 mins., was 4th, J.Conway 5th, R.Landbeck 8th, and other I.C. positions 12th, 15th, and 19th. in a field of 40 runners. The defeat of Southampton University was particularly pleasing, as they provide tough opposition for the U.L. 2nd. team, and they won the Hyde Park Relay last year.

On 30th. Nov. the Club easily defeated a rather weak Romford A.C. team in an uneventful match, except for a fantastic effort by Keith Wall, who achieved a time of 28m. 40s. and earned a place in the I.C. first team for the U.L.Champs.

Against Westminster College on 20th. Nov. I.C. had an easy win; the individual winner was John Collins.

Three of our members were in the University team which lost to S.L.H. on 30th. Nov. John Collins, the I.C. Captain, ran extremely well to finish in 3rd. place, and was the first U.L. man home.

The University Championships are being held tomorrow, and the Club's recent improvements indicate that we have a good chance of winning for the second year in succession. Our only serious opposition is likely to come from L.S.E. who also have a strong team this year, and the result may be very close. The strength of I.C.C.C.C. is shown by the huge entry of seven teams.

RIFLE CLUB

Record Score Against U.C.

In the 4th. round of the Engineers Cup the I.C. 'A' team continued their run of successes by beating U.C. with the record score of 595 out of 600. Since no other team in the first division has won more than one match, the I.C. 'A' and 'B' teams are first and second with 4 and 3 wins respectively.

The 'C' team has the highest aggregate in the second division, but has been narrowly beaten in two matches. The three lower teams have won all their matches so far.

A team of eight visited Birmingham recently and defeated the University by 6 points (790-782). The team returned home with pleasant memories and some more decorations for the range.

UNDERWATER SPORT

The swimming sessions held on Friday evenings at Great Smith St. baths have been very successful, and training is progressing well. Two aqualungs have been available each week, and next term the Club will have three aqualungs of its own as well as other equipment.

There will be no swimming today, Dec. 6th., and a lecture on certain aspects of underwater swimming will be given in the Zoology lecture theatre at 5:15 pm. Students not in the Club are invited to come along and find out more about this new and exciting sport.