OFF TO PERU

One such proposal was discussed by the Board last April: it is intended that a party of six should visit the Nudo de Apolobamba on the Peru-Bolivia border in the summer of 1959. Preliminary approval was given to the scheme and preparations are under way. Preliminary indications are that the programme will include geology, surveying and climbing, although the details will not be decided until the party has been selected. Further applications for membership will be considered if they are sent immediately to Mr. Gillett, Room 113, Physical Chemistry B.C.I. or Mr. W. Melbourne, Aero.

The Peru Expedition will absorb a considerable proportion of the funds which the Board has available this year but it is hoped that there will be something left for one or two smaller expeditions. Decisions about next year's expeditions will be made at the next meeting of the Board which will take place at the end of this term.

Proposals for support will be sent to the Hon. Sec. (Mr. P.T. Taylor, Civil Eng.) not later than November 15th. Detailed instructions about submitting proposals to the Board will be posted in the Exploration Society notice board in the Union.

P.F.T.

THE VANISHING PHOTOGRAPHER

It is my painful duty to report and explain an unfortunate incident which will no doubt have been noticed in the last session's President's Ball. A photographer had been hired to cover the event in the usual way, and during the course of the evening he flashed away industriously so that he and his lady assistant ran out of film payments and I was able to contact him. A few weeks later it was obvious from the complaints received that this photographer did not intend to send his customers the prints they had paid for, and a visit to his address confirmed this. He had, I suppose, disappeared shortly after June 20th - the date of the Ball - leaving many photographers pouring at the door, and needless to say, the police were looking for him.

The matter is now entirely in the hands of the police, so there is little we can do at the moment. I would like however to get some idea of how much money was involved, and if all who placed orders, including those who did receive some prints, would let me have details that I can pass on to the police.

By way of preface, Gil Streets, join me in offering sincere apologies to those who were victims of the fraud. I should point out, especially to Fractions that we have never had a crooked photographer before, and I shall do my best to ensure that we never have another.

John Sheldon
Chairman Entertainments Committee
EXPLORATION IN OSA.

In November 1957 the I.C. Exploration Board was approached, on behalf of a group of 2nd year botanists and zoologists, with a view to obtaining financial aid for a proposed scientific expedition to northern Norway. Official support was eventually received in the following April, fortunately much of the major organization had been completed by this date.

At the request of the Board the party was restricted to nine persons, including two girls. A careful plan, to travel north to Hammerfest, had been abandoned due to prohibitive expense and a fresh objective, Osa in Norway, was accepted.

A multitude of crises left for Newcastle in mid-July, and the party followed on the 21st, sailing for Bergen, happy in the fulfillment of eight weeks of optimistic speculation. The two days journey forged, link by link, a chain of disjointed memories. The flight of the Tyrne; mountains and sea-gulls in the sunlight; the great bridge at Haugesund; torn hands in the mountain mist.

In calm water; the fjord-side road what less than waterproof. The day mayily in the sun but dark and forbidding land. Towering to two thousand feet above were the sheer rock walls, friends cascading water. The base camp be- terminating in a heap of shattered

On the third day two of the party explored the head of the valley, the greatest height reached was 3900 ft. Where the lake feeding the river was found to be heavily ice-covered and surrounded by extensive snow fields. The northern face of Vass Fjoro, the region's highest peak, although snow-covered, appeared climbable. However, due to the distances and cliffs involved, it was evident that any scientific work at high altitudes would have to be conducted from an advance camp.

There was very little personal friction in the camp, even at times when ascents were lowered by the evil weather. Few complaints were voiced about week-end conditions, necessities or, most important of all, food, although finally the consumption of 'Ryvita' sandwiches, nut, banana and fruit bars became somewhat of an effort; the presence of the two girls added a moderating influence and led to the cultivation of the art of ambiguous statement. One never to be forgotten comment (from a woman naturally) was: "He came into the tent and attempted to remove my pyjamas! [?] They appeared obsessed with the removal of clothing (not their own) and on one occasion a certain young woman, holder of high office, argued her thumb during the theft of my best crossless trousers.

John R. Etherington.

EXPLORATION BOARD.

The almost incessant rain of the first week indicated that good weather could not be expected and we soon became reconciled to the prospect of constantly wet boots and deep clothing. Despite the adverse conditions, scientific work went ahead with little interruption and a vast volume of data was collected. Of this, more detail will appear in the report to the Exploration Board, and there is the possibility of a paper being published.

As the new college year starts, one is more conscious of many facts that become accepted as a normal and integral part of college life as the year passes. One of these is the extremely small number of women in a predominantly male college. This is due to major problems in some ways because it is unnatural to have numbers so out of proportion. Ignoring the side of the question which demands an increase in numbers of women and discusses how to make this possible, this leaves the other side which considers that part of the women or should play.

Judging by numerous conversations and quoted remarks, the average man considers the women at I.C. as creatures to be feared, avoided and ignored as far as possible. He will condemn them without knowing them and if by chance confronted with any favourable facts (or otherwise) the retort is merely 'women' with a shrug of the shoulders and the matter is dismissed. This is luckily not true of many who work hard for the college in clubs and societies but these latter are very much in the minority.

That is the answer then to this situation? To break down this barrier of indifference, a woman has to choose her path carefully. If she attempts to be friendly, there is the danger of being thought frivolous. If she leaves others to make the first step, it is never made, and she is either dismissed as dull, stupid or neglectful. Some people may say that there is no need for barriers at all but surely that is denying one of the fundamental of a university education - the freedom to mix and meet all types of people on a common ground. It appears then that the only path left for the women to follow is to be pleasant, well dressed and as easy to get on with as possible thus shifting part of the burden on to the men.

If the men would only approach the problem with open minds and be willing to alter their opinions the situation would be much improved. This is not an attempt to throw all the initiative on to the men as the women must play their part. If both sides however could play their part, the situation would then be that which we want them to be.
FELIX

EDITOR
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BACK HOME AGAIN

For those returning after a fourteen week long vacation, the beginning of term is heralded with mixed feelings. The joy, in anticipation of renewed friendships and social opportunities, is tempered by sadness. Sadness over the missing face; the characteristic laugh that will no longer be heard; the empty place around the coffee table. The clock turns full circle; another year begins, and Imperial College awaits your pleasure.

WELCOME ALL

Each year we receive an ever increasing number of Freshmen at Imperial College. We extend a cordial welcome to everyone, especially to the Overseas students. In addition to those from the Commonwealth we have this year four exchange students: two from Germany, one from Russia. For the latter, we hope that the chance of finding himself in one of the most decadent hostels of the Western world will prove insuperable.

introducing....

WE ARE INTRODUCING two new regular features this year: 'Cleopatra's Needle' which gives the opportunity for I.C.W.A. members to air their sundry views, and a motorizing column which will indicate latest superable exchange students: two from Germany, two from Switzerland and, for the first time, one from Russia. For the latter, we hope that the shock of finding himself in one of the most decadent hostels of the Western world will prove insuperable.

coming events

ALL SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE that the FELIX fortnightly diary of coming events is likely to amuse and to educate. It is now the full time librarian and the hours of opening are from 1 to 5 p.m. each weekday.

likely stories No 1

by SCRAPER

There once was a chimpanzee called Aristotle, and he went to the University so his Mummy and Daddy were very pleased. He had a scholarship worth fifteen hundred pounds a year plus fees. Occasionally he went to a lecture but he found it very boring and spent most of his time playing billiards, reading thrillers and drinking gin.

Sometimes he would take one of his girl-friends out in his MGA, and when, the summer came he would go down to the South of France and lounge in the sun. In due course he got a First, so he became a professor and seduced his secretary.

others which came to mind in a necessary personal choice are 'The Church in Russia' by Spinkis and the committee of eminent scholars of 'Parliament's Law or the Pursuit of Progress'. But even if you cannot read at all, don't fret. We have a useful Reference Atlas of Greater London, and, even if this is a little hard, a series of jolly picture travel books of Greece, Turkey, etc.

P.H.G. Draper.
The Freshman coming up to Imperial College this year are most fortunate in that they are arriving at a time of comparative peace; a peace unequalled during the past three years. Abstain­ tially the new Physicists Block on the con­ nexion of Prince Consort Road is in the process of being built, and in addition Prince's Gardens are rapidly changing their appearance but the Union build­ ing is now complete and free from the experiences of civil engineers.

This general principle applies also in the academic life where work is not altogether compulsory. The student therefore has to strike a compromise between his academic and non-academic activities. Very soon he realises that although he comes to college to obtain a degree, this is not the only qualification to assist him in his later career. Therefore I would implore every Freshman to make the greatest poss­ ible use of the opportunities provided for social life and athletic activity within the Union. It has been said that work from 10am. to 5pm. every day, and freedom and does nothing but play, is a fool by far. The secret perhaps is to tackle everything with the utmost energy, without taking advantage of his new-found freedom and does nothing but play, fin­ ally failing his exams, is a greater fool. The secret is to try chasing it. 

Order" hoods, available at 5/- dos. (Similar hoods are also available for adjacent P.C.'s but are supplied free)

The 'Dreaded Prooting Terror' which nightly fills the quad with infectious screams MUST be exercised. We haven't slept for the past week (anyone wanting a little exercise should try chasing it) Ouch!

Finally, Union Officers have encoun­ tered exactly the same problems as the Freshmen and are only too willing to help. If therefore you have any prob­ lems or criticisms do not hesitate to contact one of the Union Officers, either by writing or by calling person­ ally at the Union Office under the arch­ way.

On mentioning to the President of R.C.S. that a Silwood Meteorologist found the dimensions of hailstones of recommendation.

The only 'official' rag day is 'Murphy Day', the day of book burning on the Thames at Putney. For those who cherish the annual Nov. 5th 'warning' there are organised fireworks at Har­ lington while for those to whom the 'warning' means nothing the fireworks display at Trafalgar Square is worthy of recommendation.

If you expect me, like the rest of the shower who write this thing, to make platitudes to Freshers, you're way off the beam.

Personally I've no sympathy with them, but as long as they go back to London at five o'clock with their little brown bags and keep away from the Bar, I tolerate them.

A blank in Prince's Gardens was swept by fire the other day. Bravo, anything to hasten demolition.

To encourage more personal contact between staff and stu­ dents, there are two Wine Hall Dinners.

The most prominent events are the dances and dinners. Every Saturday night there is a 'Hop' usually organised by one of the many I.C. societies. Formal Dinners are run periodically: the Commemoration Ball is normally held at Claridge's, the Mines, Engineers, and the Country House Ball (R.C.S.) are held within the College as also is the I.O.W.A. Formal Dinner and Dance. At the other addresses are the most in­ formal Carnivals organised by the 3 constituent Colleges of I.C.

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Freshers, and others who have not so far instrumentalists are required but was otherwise quite thrustful and delivered two abandoned.

Except on days when Carter hit form bowling lacked a good spinner, but was otherwise quite thrumming and served better of the fielding. Should contact the Jazz Club secretary for more info.

Jazz is now respectable but don't let this spoil your enjoyment of it. If you can play there is some combination at I.C., ready to use your talents.

The present Boonengers, made in 1902 by James and Browne of Hemswell, is the second of the line - the original being a 1904 Rover which was with C. & G. until 1933. In October 1934, the present vehicle was purchased for £40 from a blacksmith in Shropshire. Like her predecessor, Bo' has participated regularly in the Veteran Car Club Brighton Rally and is good for many more.

Bo' registered a speed of 23.9 mph, and while her acceleration was not up to modern standards, her braking was much better. Petrol consumption is 12 mpg.

As a stationary in order to change. When 'priming' occurs, water that has accumulated in the cylinders may be shot up the chimney, where it picks up large quantities of soot - which has a conspicuous 'pull-out' area.

Any one of the dreams will be welcome, providing they have polished the statutory minimum area of brakes.

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In the 15th Rugby Club Tour of Devon Begun in the early days of Plymouth, where only one of three possibilities could be played. In this match I.C. shut out the Royal Naval Barracks on a sticky wicket for 52 (Bean 7-11, incl. Iat­trial) and showed a superior batting technique under such conditions, as knokking up the required runs in 45 minutes for the loss of 4 wickets (Kiihmann 3 1-11). The weather, the tempo of the gristle and the evening festivities all improved together as time went on, culminating in a glorious four days at Torquay. A supporters' group of drinking en I.C. students arrived on the Saturday and inaugurated the tour on a winning victory over Plymouth, where Marden clamped 21 in an hour (1st. 1st. 9th) towards the I.C. total of 144. Plymouth fell 76, mainly to Oggi (4-26).

The boat Club had also a fine year, bringing yet more silverware to the Trophy cases. In the Head of the River, I.C. moved up 4 places to 12th. We must mention the outstanding sculling of Mitrin Gaylard, who finished 7th in the scullers Head, following the record in the River, I.C. moved up 4 places to 12th. Wearn and Martin Geylard probably confirmed this by magnificently winning the Willen­den, Chestwick and Walton regattas.

The Cross-country Club gained an easy victory in their U.L. Championsh­ips, and provided the individual winner in John Wearn. In the Spire Park Head Racy, I.C. slipped up 5 places to 12th. We must mention the outstanding sculling of Martin Gaylard, who finished 7th in the scullers Head, following the record in the River, I.C. moved up 4 places to 12th. Wearn and Martin Geylard probably confirmed this by magnificently winning the Willen­den, Chestwick and Walton regattas.

The Athletics Club was just pipped in the U.L. Sports by B.C., 99 points to 99.

A club with a really outstanding record is the Rifle Club, which entered 16 teams in 13 different divisions of various leagues, obtaining 9 first places and 5 second.

Both the Swimming Club and the Boxing Club won their U.L. Champions­hips, the latter scoring their trophy with Kinig.

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