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GUILDS ELECT BELLE



RACHAEL PEARSON

A lovely Devonshire lass from Bedford College - Rachael Pearson - achieved eternal fame, or rather notoriety, when she was chosen to be "Miss C.& G. 1958" at a recent Guilds Union meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16th. Bedford's Unicorn, repainted in Guilds colours, was christened Rachael in her honour and returned to its rightful custodians. This was the climax of several recent exchanges between Bedford and C.& G.

The first exchange, of the Unicorn for a "pretty pink pot", designed to be "very comfortable and leaving no red mark", occurred the previous Tuesday (see p. 3). Then the C.& G. President, Dave Clark, invited some of the fair young Bedford maidens to stage a beauty contest at C.& G.'s forthcoming Union Meeting - the winner receiving the Unicorn. This was duly fulfilled when 13 girls of assorted shape and size arrived at C.& G for inspection.

The Bedford Rag President, Penelope Johns, (see photo on p. 2) who introduced the parade, was greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm and was unable to utter a syllable for several minutes because of the din. Eventually relative silence reigned, only to be immediately disrupted into bedlam when she referred to the Guildsmen as "Gentlemen". In reference to the "p.p.p." she quoted from Proverbs: "An abomination unto us, but a very present help in time of trouble".

The contestants entered singly, were helped up onto the bench by many pairs of very willing hands, flaunted their virtues (and otherwise) and sat down on the front of the bench. They were deliciously inept at this gracious art, and the temperature in the vicinity of the front row began to rise appreciably, until the scene became somewhat reminiscent of Sunday night at the Windmill. The clothes they wore were supposed to typify certain localities (Piccadilly proved very popular).

RCS FRESHERS DINNERS

"Gentlemen I pray you rise for the thermometer". With these words the hosts and freshers rose to their feet as the R.C.S. inaugurated the latest series of Freshers Dinners on the first Monday of term.

For the first time since the inception of these dinners there was a surplus of volunteer hosts, and with such enthusiasm success was guaranteed.

The Union entertained members of the teaching staff and the officers of Mines and City and Guilds. The presence of these dignitaries occasioned a surreptitious search for those embarrassing little stories that important people are always trying to forget, and unimportant people are trying to remember. The Friday dinner was attended by the Rector and his wife, who amused everybody by exchanging elaborate and improbable Chinese stories with Mr. and Mrs. Les Allen.

The President of R.C.S., Pete Kasler, spoke on all four occasions with his traditional eloquence. It was wagered that he would repeat himself at least once during the course of four after-dinner speeches. To

his great credit he won a whisky and ten pints of beer at the price of no less than eight different risqué stories.

The bards and trophy officers in academic gowns, top hats and horn rimmed spectacles, treated the assembled companies to their dedicatory ode.

"Freshers, into your guiltless hands we fling
Defence of this thermometer, a thing
Hounded down by generations, we recall
'Twas made last year, out of a
cistern ball."

On Friday night the men were joined by the ladies of I.C.W.A., and after four stag dinners it was good to see them. It is only hoped that in future years I.C.W.A. will be prevailed upon to disperse their charm. The R.C.S. every ready to cater for the whims and fancies of its I.C.W.A. members provided vegetarian dishes for their president Gill Tildan-Smith.

The after dinner atmosphere in the bar was not everybody's cup of tea, but judging by the crowds it was almost everybody's glass of beer. Never before have the R.C.S. male voice choir produced such volume of song and shown such VERSatility.

The contest was judged by volume of applause and there was little doubt as to the winner, who had used her #38-24-36 to good advantage, assisted by a full skirt and yards of frilly petticoat, she purported to come from the Welsh village with the long name. The Unicorn was rechristened Rachael and presented to her with a kiss from the gallant President, when popular opinion demanded a speech. All she could say was that it had been torture for all of them - which really was not surprising as it was definitely the noisiest meeting your correspondent has ever attended. Tony Owen - a tame Welshman (from Chem. Eng.) was persuaded to pronounce that Welsh village with the long name, being rewarded by a rather shy kiss from Miss C.& G.

The next thing to change hands was a baby's teat from Penelope to the President, who reciprocated by giving her a larger "domestic utensil" to replace the "p.p.p." which had been too small.

After an earsplitting "Boo-alaka" the meeting reluctantly broke up - the girls retiring for coffee with the original raiders.

* The Editor was seen afterwards pursuing Miss C.& G. with a 40 ft. tape measure, and later informed your correspondent of the relevant information.



PROFILE



PETER KASSLER

President Kassler is an enigmatic and versatile character. So adaptable is he, that we can list only a few of his numerous talents. Befitting a President of the R.C.S., we will do it in the following scientific manner:

(A) Sportsmanship.

A '22 man of '55 vintage, Peter Kassler last year attained the spirited position of Hon. Sec. R.C.S. Rugby Club. He has also been known to participate in a sedentary game of squash. In the I.C. Hostel, the White City of S. Kan.,² Peter is a prolific³ maker of coffee, except at bedtime when he dismisses all from his presence with his usual stream of inaudible invective.

(B) Woman's-man-ship.

Questioning him on the subject of love, Peter replied, "Ad finem esto fidelis."⁴ as is his deeply felt want.

(C) Committee-man-ship.

As Lord Chief Justice of R.C.S. he is a brilliant committee man. This stems from his notorious ability to neatly end⁵ all discussion by a just, understandable summing up of the situation; tying it up in a parcel with a delectable string of platitudes, (bull-filled.)⁶

(D) Bullship.

He is really quite a good chap.

Notes.

* This comma is a typing error, sorry.

- (1) Also applicable under paragraph (B). (Look up sedentary if you haven't got it yet.)
- (2) SPORT Stadium.
- (3) Chambers Dictionary definition: bringing forth offspring???
- (4) Faithful to the end.
- (5) Split infinitive by permission of Fowler.
- (6) Bull-filled Platitude: A lesser known variety of the Ornitherynchus.

GENERAL STUDIES

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Does force play any part in relations between nations? Are nuclear weapons so imperial that any catastrophe is preferable?

It was with these two momentous questions that Michael Howard, M.C., M.A. of King's College, began his lecture on the "Military Implications of the Hydrogen Bomb", at which there were about 160 present.

To the first he replied that we are still in the age of power politics, and to the second he pointed out that nuclear power is not so much a question of morality, as of expediency. Such power will continue to be necessary until a World Force is set up, and even then this will require some means of asserting its authority. "We have eaten of the fruit of good and evil, and no amount of vomiting will remove our knowledge of nuclear energy". But, such a World Force necessitates putting our welfare into the hands of other who have not the same interests, and this is a big step for countries with a long history and a high standard of living.

Nuclear weapons may be divided into two classes. First, the unusable strategic weapon for attacks on enemy territory only: "the price of destruction of your enemy is the near destruction of yourself", and can such weapons therefore be an instrument of policy for us? They can act solely as a passive deterrent, to be used only if we are threatened by others with nuclear weapons, or overwhelming conventional weapons.

S.W.7 UNIVERSITY?

The motion: "That there should be a University of South Kensington" did not raise as much heat as Clementine in the road outside, but there were still some interesting points raised, both old and new.

Dr. Coles of Physics, for example, believed that the artist and scientist who met over coffee in the morning and bear at night would both be less bored in later life, even if they were not less boring. That was why he favoured a union of the Kensington Colleges.

Mr. Basil Taylor of the R.C.A. argued that such an amalgamation would cause the smaller colleges to be swamped by I.C. He could see no bar on communal activities under the existing arrangement.

David Irving raised a standard against the University of London administrations, Imperial College administration and Sennet. He was particularly displeased with I.C. administration when as he put it, "had not even appeared to notice the articles in Phoenix".

After an initial mix up with Ther and his hammer, Peter Jarman went on to make out a delightful case on the theme:

"Life's a pleasant institution,
Let us take it as it comes"

Secondly, there are the tactical atomic weapons, where the range of destruction is measured in hundreds of yards: these are more economical, and the necessary build-up of our forces can be achieved with them, without endangering our standard of living.

There are three points to consider before using nuclear force:

- (i) the danger of initiating the use of A-weapons in those areas of the world where we are trying to make friends (e.g. Asia and the Far East).
- (ii) that most wars in the future will be through infiltration, and guerilla and civil warfare, where we are at a disadvantage of having to operate through bottle-necks.
- (iii) where to start? If we bomb enemy airfields and ports, they will do the same to us, much to our disadvantage.

But the abdication of our responsibilities would not be regarded as a moral lead for peace, and would cause the disintegration of our society, as with Turkey in the 19th Century.

In answer to a question from the floor, Michael Howard said that if we started sending the Americans home, all other countries would do the same, resulting in a weakening of the Western position which is dependant on the ring of American airfields all around Russia. We have no defence except in conjunction with our Allies.

"What an abortion of a University it would be," he cried. "Never before have there been degrees in Chinese pottery." He did not think artists met scientists even in Oxford or Cambridge.

From the floor, John Cox thought that the real need for broadening the education of scientists (engineers especially) should not be confused with the creation of an artificial university administration.

The house rejected the motion by 18 votes to 7.

R.D. Finch.



PENELOPE JOHNS



CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS

If you are as thoughtful as we assume you are, you have probably wondered why the Literary and Debating Society never seems to do anything Literary. Between you and the undersigned, hardly any of them could.

However, there is a group of people who certainly Debate, but mainly about Literature, which they tend to write themselves. They might well be called the Literary and Debating Subgroup of the Literary and Debating Society, after the famous Ministry of Wroks (Works Department) but they are not. They are the Christmas Islanders.

They will next meet on Friday October 31st at 5.15 pm in the Committee Room off the Lower Union Lounge.

The general purpose of all their meetings is to draw each other's highly critical attention to what they have written, or indeed to what they have read if it is interesting enough to be unpopular. Yes, they are an unpopular group - that is, they are at the opposite pole from the Mirror, Presley and Mrs. Dale. A lot of people call them Snobs, which has been defined as Those Who Refuse to Admit They are Bored. Perhaps. What the Islanders refuse to do is to tolerate what is boring. Call them Snobs if you like.



A fact that only an Islander would remember is that John Donne once said that no man is an island - if you are wondering who has died, for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for humanity which has lost one of its members, and consequently for you. So if the undersigned drown in the seas of science for lack of support it will be your funeral.

At any rate, they are certainly Islanders, living on a piece of land, fertile enough for ideas to grow and solid enough for philosophies to be built, entirely surrounded by - beer? Of course, they would not abstain from a treatise on Alcohol as a Means to Higher Mental States. Any bottle washed up from the surrounding sea is regarded as interesting until proved empty. And the Islanders try not to take anything seriously. The term Literature can be applied only loosely to their writings, and they usually prefer to use the word paper.

- Fred Wheeler, more or less on behalf of Peter Jarman, Francis Everitt, Peter Morgan, David Jones, Robert Palmer, George Ripka.

SCARVES

On coming up to University one is confronted with the question "What type of scarf should I have?" Depending somewhat on pocket and grant, the law-abiding citizen seeking to please authority will choose an official one, as will the gentleman desiring to be both elegant and inconspicuous. But the lover of the flamboyant, or one with the crying need of a sleeping-bag, go for a large woolen scarf

The reason behind the acquisition - a desire to impress on all that you are at I.C. and University. My main reason for buying one was that I got tired of the question "and what's it like at Bedford?" I defy anyone to say that now.

The art of wearing the scarf is tricky. Worn straight, it is a sure trip-up or delight of the wind. The alternative? Wound around and around spitting out mouthfuls of wool or gaberdine. Really well wound, one can neither hear, see or speak.

Frequently individuals may be type-cast from their scarf. Wound around six times - an efficient disguise or the owner is very cold. Colours faded - probably never been washed or efficient Freshers at work (cleaning shoes or dragging along the pavement is best) Beautifully ironed - usually the thin-striped variety - the 'man about town' look. Stringy - the resourceful type who uses it for a variety of jobs such as tying up luggage or tripping up girls. s.K.H.

PERU

The following members of The Imperial College were selected on Friday October 10th to form an expedition to the Cordillera de Apolobamba in the South American Andes.

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| G.C. Bratt | P.G. Chemistry | Leader |
| W.H. Melbourne | P.G. Aero. Eng. | Deputy Leader |
| A. Ewart | P.G. Mining Geol. | |
| J.W. Jenkinson | 3rd. Year Chem. Eng | |
| P. Garrard | 2nd. " Geology | |
| A.W. Smith | 3rd. " Mining Geol. | |

The preliminary organising committee wish to thank very much those members of the Exploration Board and the President of the Union who formed the selection panel.

The Apolobamba are a range of mountains between 16,000 ft. and 20,000 ft. part of which form the border demarcation between Peru and Bolivia. It is intended that the Imperial College Expedition, which has the initial support of the Exploration Board, should carry out a topographical and geological survey and climb some of the peaks in the area.



Leston at work

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ARGUMENTUM

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HOMINEM

'You find Carnivals improper and disgusting?' I ask.

D-L agrees.

'I presume that, as a true scientist, you base your views on experimental evidence. That is, you have sufficient knowledge of carnivals to make that statement.

D-L replies 'Of Course!'

I congratulate him on his perseverance in what must have been an unpleasant task. 'Now do you agree that if we are not satisfied by a play we do not go again?'

'Yes'.

'Similarly if we are not satisfied by a dance, a game or an exhibition we do go to another one.'

'Yes but I went to the carnivals merely to gather material for my article' replies D-L.

'Of course and I again congratulate you. Moreover, if you were satisfied by the play you would seek out a similar one and go to that if you could'.

'Naturally'.

'Then your problem is solved. You could not get your partners to return a second time' because they were not satisfied.

Note The phrase "to return a second time" is used in the sense that D-L implied: 'to return' and not, as is normal in English: to go a third time.

OPERATION UNICORN

Last Tuesday, a group consisting of an ICWarian, four Guildsmen and two R.C.S. men converged on Bedford College in broad daylight to collect the Bedford mascot immediately after their lunchtime Union meeting. This was the final move of a well-planned operation which had included an 'inside survey' of the college by two of the raiding group the previous Thursday. This was watched incidentally, with great interest by a co-operative audience of residents and staff.

The raid was organised in the usual Army fashion, each member of the group being numbered and fully briefed in every move they were to make. The final instructions were issued over coffee, after lunch, in the Hostel, and the party was back in the same room less than an hour later.

Operatives 1 and 2 entered the Bedford Common room and removed the mascot from its case, placing a suitable receptacle in its place. Nos. 3,4,5, guarded or sealed doors while No.7 held open the door of the hotted-up car driven by No.6.

The car rounded the Inner Circle at 45 m.p.h. and proceeded back to I.C. The rest of the group returned by cycle or Tube for their second cup of coffee.

Two hours later Bedford's Union President telephoned the I.C. Union office to complain that the domestic appliance kindly provided was too small. It was considered inadvisable to make the obvious retort over the 'phone.

FELIX

EDITOR

R F KERROD



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EXCESS

The Editor regrets that not all of the letters and articles submitted this week for publication could be printed, due purely to the shortage of space. This is indeed a healthy situation and one which we hope will continue. In the past, because of the lack of material, we have had to print articles of dubious merit, doing credit neither to FELIX nor to the authors. Let us hope that those days are now numbered allowing us to produce a paper truly reflecting the news and views of Imperial College. But this can only be done with YOUR cooperation.

"WORRIED"

The Editor also thanks "Worried" for the poem, illustrating so well the brutal callousness of the male of the species in matters of love. Unfortunately its Lawrencean style precludes any possibility of publication, as I feel it would offend certain elements of student society. (It is gratefully accepted, however, for the Editor's private anthology.)

Editor's Note

I feel that as the Profiles of the constituent College Presidents have already appeared in "The Phoenix Review of the Session", it is unnecessary to repeat them here. The "Profile" of Peter Keseler appears here rather as a literary work, than as a true reflection of his character.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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IT'S WORTH KNOWING

Beginning on Monday next at the Festival Hall is a series of nine Beethoven concerts played by the Philharmonia Orchestra, and conducted by Otto Klemperer: the first concert includes the 2nd and 3rd symphonies.

If you are near Hampstead Heath on a Sunday afternoon, Kenwood House is well worth a short visit: the Iveagh Bequest is on display here, including pictures by Reynolds, Gainsborough and Romney, but also there are some fine multi-coloured ceilings by Adam, and much excellent furniture. Open 2.30 - 5 p.m. Admission free.

English is a foreign language at LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES, a cosy little coffee house in Dean Street, Soho. Here spontaneous entertainment is provided (including a brand of music) by the many foreign students who frequent it. Incidentally, do not be surprised to find that coffee prices rise from ninepence to a shilling after 6 p.m. at most places in Soho.

The Royal Ballet season begins at Covent Garden on October 27th with the world premiere of "Ondine": the repertoire also includes "Firebird", "Lady and Fool" and "Les des Cygnes".

I.C. MOCK PARLIAMENT

In view of the success of the Labour Party at the recent General Election and the subsequent collapse of the British and American Stock Markets, Her Majesty's Ministers feel obliged to announce an Emergency Budget, during which, a clear statement of the government's intentions during their forth coming term of office will be given.

The Budget will be announced on Thursday 30th October 1958 in the Union Dining Hall at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend as M.P.'S of any colour.

Also beginning at Covent Garden next week is the Opera season: the first production is "Boris Godunov" (in Russian), and this is followed by "Barttered Bride", "Samson", "Aida" and "Ros-enkavalier."

Last Wednesday, "Mister Venus" opened at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St. This is a space age musical starring Frankie Howard, with Anton Diffring.

The Sadlers Wells Opera season starts on October 29th with "The Flying Dutchman" (Wagner): also to be performed during the next month are "The Merry Widow" (Lehar), "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saëns), "Falstaff" (Verdi) and "Il Seraglio" (Mozart).

Open tomorrow (9.30-12) at the Kodak Galleries in Kingsway is an exhibition of Brit.-Amer. photography, showing a large number of photographs alongside the advertisements in which they appear. Admission free.

NOV. 5TH.

Some day soon everyone will be receiving little notes from U.L.U., asking them to be good little boys and girls on the day of treason and plot, Nov 5th. This has been caused by the uncontrollable participation of 'outsiders' in student rags, so the authorities say, although it is debatable who creates the most havoc.

To combat this, the ICEC is running its usual hop - oom - firework display - oom bonfire - at Harlington. This year the tradition continues with even greater attractions. There will be buses as usual from the Union, four hot-dogs/person, lots of booze, a quartet and jazz band instead of records, and the promise of the biggest bang since the first American moon-rocket.

Tickets are the same price as for Saturday hops, but are strictly limited. Notices will go up announcing the selling time.

TAKE YOUR PICK

GUILDSMEN



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LETTERS

DEAD LOSS

Dear Sir,

Whilst this is an old cry, it was painfully obvious from last Saturday's (11th) dance that it could stand repetition. If the I.C. hops are to be a continued success, the men, who spend the major part of the dance occupying that quarter of the floor by the main doors, must realise that no matter how elegant they may look, the girls have come to dance and not see a floor show.

Should 'lack of women' be offered as an excuse, I may point out that there were plenty of women sitting round the side during every dance, with the possible exception of the last waltz. It seems that by this time even the most reticent of persons has mustered sufficient courage for a last frantic effort.

Finally Sir, in the earlier part of the dance, two attractive girls were having to dance together, and one of them, referring to the elegant statues, was heard to ask "Are they all dead?"

These then, it would seem, are the deplorable depths to which I.C. masculinity - once renowned throughout the whole of the University - has fallen. In the interests of our reputation I ask the people concerned to overcome their inertia or else occupy their Saturday evenings with some less 'hazardous' pursuit.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Marshall.

RED HERRING

Dear Sir,

With reference to Peter Jarman's letter "Seeing Red", may I clarify some points. There is an impression in the College that the Marxist Group, of their own choosing, are using the Literary and Debating Society as a front. In fact, two years ago we submitted the constitution of a proposed "Marxist Forum" to the S.C.C. with the normal number of supporting signatures. The constitution failed to receive the required second reading; the opinion of the S.C.C. being that the Marxist Group should function within the Literary and Debating Society.

Neither the Marxists nor the L.& D.S. consider this satisfactory. We see no reason why any differentiation should be drawn between the Marxists and other political, religious and philosophical societies in the College. We would point out that we have been active for a longer time than, for instance, the Liberals and would ask to be treated with the same consideration.

Yours sincerely,

R.D. Leigh
(for Marxist Group)

NO TITLE

Dear Sir,

I am spurred on by the delicious thought that a Bell Ringing Society and a Marxist Tiddlewinks Group are to be formed, and I write to propose the formation of a No Meeting Society.

The sole object of the No Meeting Society will be to have no meetings and, as such it should command the support of all the brown baggers. Its membership should reach to an all time record and it would only be natural that the society should have a grant several times larger than any other, say about £9578. This grant would be spent carefully under the guidance of a select committee of about 357 members but as this committee would never meet, I would reluctantly have to spend the money myself.

I would ask that any of your kittens that are interested in this proposal should contact me through the Union Raak and I will promise not to reply.

Finally, I suggest that their should be no meeting of the No Meeting Society next Monday lunchtime at 1.17pm in the Concert Hall.

Yours honestly,

John Druforth.

IMPERIAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dear Sir,

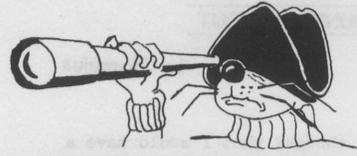
Fiery correspondence in your columns between the President of ICWA and sundry males would never have arisen had the men of IC a more mature outlook towards the ladies of the College.

The trouble is quite easy to diagnose: most of the male students here are naught but schoolboys at heart, and do not have a clue how to behave in company of ladies. They leer at the ladies and discuss them as sex-machines - even with a paltry knowledge of this subject - and consider themselves infinitely superior in maturity to their skirted companions.

As a result, we find that only if the lady is a reasonable sex-machine does any male talk to her - how puerile! Come on IC, wake up, treat the ladies in a reasonable manner, - talk to them a least, do not make them feel like lepers in a colony of Garths, - remove that idiotic schoolboy ban on them entering the bar, - stop calling them 'females.'

The above, when boiled down is simply an attack on the immaturity found rife at Imperial Grammar School. Even although you did leave school one or two years ago, try to forget it men. Please don't steal any more notices which have been erected for a definite purpose by the authorities - if I see any stuck on the Beit Building this year I shall cry - I can't stand it any more! When you do this, may be the ladies will at least want to talk to you. A woman of 19 years is more mature in outlook than a man of the same age, so don't give the ladies reason to think they are among a horde of six-formers.

Chas Parley,
Botany II.



Pyjamas have been changing hands so rapidly during the last few weeks that I have twice gone to bed wearing a black chiffon negligee. I don't mind so much, but I am getting peculiar stares from my floor-mates and the cleaners.

I am not mentioning anything about the President this week.

Quote of the week, from a visiting American lecturer:-
"I can be just as crude as I like. This is really terrific."
Humm. I wonder what the context was.

I hear that Paul Minton, Warden of the Garden Hostel, who sent a bill of £55 to three inmates last year for 'obtaining' a few notices, was seen struggling with a mammoth sign some 8ft. by 5ft. outside his door, the other night. Tut, tut Paul what would Mr Irving say!

I congratulate all I.C. males on their successful "Be kind to Gill" week. Perhaps the I.C.W.A.rians could stage a similar benefit week for the inmate of Room no. 72. He certainly needs one.

SENEX MILES

Dear Sir,

As with many correspondents, "Senex Miles" rather spoiled his case by overrating it. I doubt if more than a few students at I.C. who have already completed National Service did so after making a firm decision to "Serve their Country first". Such a decision would be far more likely to confuse the issue, for it raises the usual problem; how best to serve ones country. - When cleaning the latrines for some quiet backwater of the Army administration at some reluctant outpost of the Empire, the value of the service to ones country thus rendered, can seem low indeed.

The whole matter is likely to fade away in the next few years, but I too would like to see and hear less of National Service dodging and the undignified efforts thus implied.

By all means take a course of action calculated to avoid National Service, but this should not be allowed to become the sole driving motive.

It is easy to succumb to the blackmail of ones own petty fears, and the course of action thus dictated is easily rationalised.

Yours faithfully,

D.G. Clark.

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ROUND & ABOUT

by Romulus

I thought that I would have a quick lunch in Queenie's. There were at least a hundred people in the queue. I raced round to the Union. I knew that I should have to wait at least twenty minutes in the Lower Refectory so I went straight for the lift. The doors closed just as I arrived. Speeding up the stairs I passed a long over-flow queue from the Dining Hall. A glance at the stationary figures around the Upper Refectory was sufficient. I retreated across the Quad. to the snack-bar.

A short queue here, I only had to wait twelve minutes for my cup of tea and a sandwich. Unfortunately there was nowhere to sit down and so I juggled with my plate and cup, contemplating the waste of time spent in waiting for meals.

1ST VARIATION ON A THEME

by Sig

Quote of the week:

"All I'm interested in is men, and getting a 1st. Class Degree".

This remark, passed by an attractive freshee this week, goes a long way to show how wrong the pruders are when they bewail the incompatibility of Sport and Work. Consider that sentence: what devotion and unselfishness are here - you may be sure, SHE will not waste HER lecture time. This is only just, of course, for the words of learned lecturers are not to be taken lightly as you would castor-oil or aspirin although, admittedly, lectures usually have an effect identical with one of those.

But in this institution (and I use the word advisedly) which of you can say that he has not glanced covertly at his watch as boredom set in, only to find that it is only just 10 minutes past? The truth is, of course, that most of you are at the stage when your hormones are doing the most interesting things.

While the flow of erudite words flows for ever onwards and the brown-bagger ahead piles up his ample notes, requests for Mand to come into the garden (for no specified purpose) float easily into the mind and the pleasant day-dream advances no further mathematically than 38-26-38, an integrated area most men would like to approach in the limit (asymptotically?).

Those of you who are One Degree Under notice the balance of mind the young lady shows. Not merely a degree (and the best at that) but also research. Research into that subject of endless fascination to many young women. I mean of course, young men. The squeamish may cry out in anguish, but the hormonal activities of this (noble)pile - "hmtin', shootin' and secretin'" are everywhere manifest in College Life - as a walk in rubber shoes along the Hostel corridors any evening will show.

If young men and women of like persuasion did not have some outlet, this College would be like a fruit cake - full of nuts.

At that very moment 300 people were waiting for meals. At a rough guess at least 1000 people wait at I.C. for 10 minutes each day for their food. There are 5 days in the I.C. week and 30 weeks in the I.C. year, so for those who are mathematically minded it is not difficult to reckon that in one year we waste at least 25,000 hours waiting for meals.

Stupendous - isn't it!

A private-eye detective hired by the Department of Un-Imperial Activities has been following ex-President Chad around College this week. Without doubt there is proof that Chad is learning to speak Russian. He has been seen in the Mech. Eng. Department on various occasions carrying a Russian primer. Frequently in dark corners of the laboratory and on the lonely stairs he has been heard uttering Slavonic phrases. We know that after a year's Presidency a man tends to fade into oblivion, but we never expected this or is it, that Chad has a Russian girlfriend?

Though at I.C. we have an excellent Union of our own with all mod. cons. some I.C. men still have the time and inclination to participate in broader student life at U.L.U. Mr. R. Harford is the secretary for the U.L.U. Swimming Club, he is the University of London backstroke champion, as well as being captain of I.C. Swimming Club. Harford is the man who distinguished himself last year at the U.L.U. Swimming Gala by loosing his trunks - but not the championship.

R.J. Loveman, who acted as Business Manager for Phoenix, is the Swimming Captain at U.L.U. B.R. James deserves our congratulations for he is Captain of the U.L.U. Association Football Club.

ME OFFICER?
RAGGING?

SUCCESS AT I.C.

To be someone at Imperial College office or membership of a committee is a desideratum. Research has shown that this can be attained by either of two paths: these we outline now for the benefit of freshmen and others.

The Character Route: A comic beard, reputation for indecent exposure, dirty shirt worn outside the trousers, height of four feet nine inches ... by the acquisition of any of these conspicuous stigmata it is possible rapidly to become known within the college. To be observed vomiting noisily, drunkenly and regularly at lunch hour within the Beit Quadrangle is another recommended, albeit well-tried, method of becoming a character. Others include the habit of going barefoot to all college functions, bringing two or more small dogs to all lectures and practicals, never being seen except when accompanied by a glamorous blonde six feet two tall and with a 38-20-28 figure. Not recommended: noisy home-built cars; a small handcart containing a stuffed effigy of the Domestic Bursar.

The Character racket must be played for all its worth: we knew a student who took skis with him wherever he went and who finally became assistant secretary of the Chess Club. Useful adjuncts to the method should be developed for special use: a man who loudly demands the Darts Club pot from the duty officer in the bar will soon become known. The dirty-shirt trick works well in literary and mountaineering circles.

Once recognition as a character is reached office soon follows: Secretary (Fixtures) to the Youth Hostel Group, Vice-President of the Bowls Club, member of the Committee of the 23 Club, these and many others are recent successes.

The Bar Route: This is expensive but guaranteed. Mark down the President or Secretary of your favourite club or society - for example, the Polynesian Club - and buy him a bitter. Follow this up with two or three bitters a week up to half-session and if the official still accepts (he always will) you are assured of getting on next year's committee: this is to ensure that the supply, mysteriously curtailed at half-session, is continued.

There are some people incapable of succeeding by either method: they include the impoverished and the goon-like brownbaggers. However they can get on by following a further method, the Club-of-one's-own technique. Find two oafs interested in dominoes, stick little papers on notice boards and behold, a new club with YOU as President!

Under-water swimming has accomplished just this quite recently: we suggest a Poker club, Guild of Fretworkers, Mormon Society, a Numismatists Club etc....seeing what the Union gets stung for, all these look like being sure-fire hits, getting £250 a year from Union funds.

If you lack confidence there is still hope. Bribe one who is "in" to mutter "Old Stumblecrumpet might make a good secretary" at all committee meetings he attends and, if old Stumblecrumpet coughs up the usual pints, he eventually attains his goal. Better, get two "insiders" at this independently -- they can each report on how the other one is doing and so save woeful waste of Whitbread.

D.L.

SAILING



The first team narrowly lost by one point to University College Hospital in the semi-final of the Castaways' Cup competition after a member of the team has retired because of an infringement of the rules.

There were 29 teams entered for the competition, which is in effect the intercollegiate team racing championship of the University.

The 2nd team did well to reach the last eight and the third lost by only three points to the eventual winners.

A very good performance was put up by Graham Taylor who had six first places in eight races.

<u>Helmsman</u>	<u>Crew</u>
<u>1st Team</u>	
C.J. French (Capt.)	R.D. Bennett
G.C. Taylor	A.R. Tathan
C.J. Farrow	C.N. Wallis

<u>2nd Team</u>	
J.D. Webb (Capt.)	P.A. Taylor
J. Wilczynski	B. Roscoe
T. Rees	A.J. Williams

<u>3rd Team</u>	
R. Slingsby (Capt.)	J.B. Matthews
A. Danbury	A. Davis
D. Turner	R. Watson

The club has very high hopes for the coming year.

SOCCKER

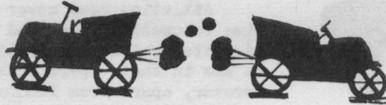
The fortunes of the I.C. teams, so far, this season have been rather mixed, but taken overall are very promising.

The 1st XI lost 6-2 last Wednesday to Westminster, the score note representing the closeness of the game. On Saturday, strengthened by three University Players, the team won quite convincingly over Q.M.C. in a Preliminary Round of the U.L. Cup by 6 goals to 1. On Nov. 8th, at Harlington, they meet U.C. (who beat Goldsmiths 6-1) in the First Round Proper, in what should prove to be a very hard game.

The I.C. 2nd and 3rd XI's competing in the same League have also set off to a good start. The I.C. 2nd XI have beaten Battersea 4-1, but found the I.C. 3rd and U.C. 2nd teams very strong and lost 5-2 and 3-2 respectively. In addition to this the 3rd XI have lost to Chelsea 2-0 and to a very strong Battersea team, including two U.L. players 4-3.

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th XI's have also done quite well in their matches so far, and as the teams become more settled over the next few weeks we hope that results will improve accordingly.

MOTORING



COLUMN

FRESHER WINS GUILDS RALLY

A fine Sunday afternoon saw a very disappointing field of only nine cars set off from the Union at the start of the City and Guilds Motor Club Freshers' Rally on Oct. 12th.

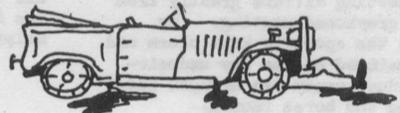
The first section was a simple route card out of London to a deserted spot near Dorking, the catch being that a specific average speed had to be maintained continuously. Competitors were warned that there would be a secret check en-route, but thanks to the marshals, who with great presence of mind joined on the end of a bus queue on the Kingston By-Pass, only four cars got through without penalty.

Having got so far, the next section began, and this consisted of a number of points, to be visited in order, with a question to be answered at each. The clues given for locating these points varied from spot heights to bearings from latitude and longitude intersections, distances being in some handy unit such as thousands of inches, or kilometers. Here too was where the weaker competitors came to grief. A Morris 8 ran a big-end and stopped. An M.G. just stopped. A Morgan disappeared (he doesn't seem to have got back yet!)

Those that survived then had a short break before going on to the final section. This was of a photographic nature, each crew being given a set of photos of sign-posts which could be plotted by working backwards from their designations. As darkness fell over the back-woods of Surrey navigation and driving became more difficult and no-one reached the final control (at a desolate fork on the side of Leith Hill) without penalty for lateness.

Everyone made their weary way into a cheerful English hostelry near at hand (complete with blazing fire) and took full advantage of its tapped resources while a set of provisional results was feverishly worked out. It was soon evident that M.L. Brunt's consistently steady progress had won him an easy victory - appropriately enough a fresher had won the Freshers' Rally.

G.P.H.



BACK HOME

Jezebel took a party of 11 to her home town of Guildford on Wednesday Oct. 15th. The 30 mile journey was completed without incident in just under 1 1/2 hours. The fire-engine was running very well, taking all hills at over 20 mph unless balked! It is only up a steep hill that we dare use her full power.

After a tour round the Dennis Bros. works, we were given a much-too-short ride in a new, Rolls-Royce engined fire tender. A matinous suggestion that this luxurious vehicle should replace Jezebel was summarily dealt with.

We were then able to compare Jezebel with the 1914 fire tender maintained by the Dennis apprentices. Although this is complete with pump, the tyres have been replaced by pneumatics, which look rather incongruous, though they do give a much smoother ride.

After suitable refreshment (no. 3 for Jez, bitter for the crew), we returned to I.C. running for most of the way on other peoples' headlights.

P.L.H.



COMING EVENTS.

Monday, 27th Oct.

CHRISTIAN UNION. Talk by Prof. M. Guthrie on "Is Jesus really alive?"
Metallurgy Lecture Theatre 1.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th Oct.

R.C.S. MATHS AND PHYS. SOC. Lecture on "Research work at the National Physical Laboratory" 5.45 p.m. NAT.
HIST. SOC. Lecture by Dr. Maynard-Smith on "How Animals Chew" 5.30 p.m.

WINE TASING SOC. - "Sherry" - E. Davis
Snack Bar, 5.30.

Wednesday, 29th Oct.

RAILWAY SOC. visit to Beekton Gas Works
R.C.S. MATHS AND PHYS. SOC. visit to De Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd., Hatfield.
DRAM. SOC. Theatre visit to "Long Day's Journey into Night".

Thursday, 30th Oct.

R.C.S. UNION MEETING.
LIT. AND DEB. SOC. Debate "That Top People are behind Times" Mining
Survey Lecture Theatre 1.15 p.m.

Friday, 31st Oct.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB. International Evening, Concert Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 3rd Nov.

CHRISTIAN UNION. Talk by Rev. J.K. Spence "The Holy Spirit's Work in Conversion", Metallurgy Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th Nov.

RAILWAY SOCIETY Talk by R.H.N. Hardy "Experiences in the Motive Power Dept."

Wednesday, 5th Nov.

Hop at Harlington.
Union closed in the evening.

Thursday, 6th Nov.

R.C.S. MATHS AND PHYS. SOC. Lecture "The Patent System", 1.30 p.m.

SPORT

EDITED BY K.W. LUDLAM.

SPORTING VIEW POINT

IS ATHLETICS TOO AMATEUR?

Amateur athletics is governed by the amateur definition, an extract of which is:- "An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize or monetary consideration in any Athletic Sport or Game, or been in anyway interested in a staked bet or wager made in connection with any athletic competition in which he was an entrant or competitor". Another important rule states that "open betting must be rigorously suppressed at Athletics meetings".

Thus at Amateur Athletics Meetings the athlete strives to win for the glory of winning alone, urged on by supporters, who hope to share in their hero's triumph, rather than take dividends.

The crowd and atmosphere at an athletics meeting differs greatly from these at a greyhound meeting. By these rules the sport is kept clean and healthy, untainted by the few undesirable influences money has brought about in greyhound and horse racing.

There are many arguments against, and few for, a circus of professional athletes touring countries. The athlete may make his living from it, but it is unlikely he would find satisfaction and enjoyment in his sport.

RUGBY

Now that two weeks have elapsed since our trials the position and strength of the Rugby Club is beginning to clarify. Having a good percentage of the first three teams of last year still incredibly in College, we have a very sound basis on which to build our sides for this season; because of this strength many freshers may be disappointed at not finding themselves in as high a team as they may have expected.

The first XV have comfortably won the first four games they have played (against rather mediocre opposition) meanwhile scoring 90 points, but have got some very tough games to play.

The second XV have won both games they have played beating the U.S. Navy in an unusual game last Saturday. The Ex B have also won both their games the other teams having lost one and won one each.

The new season is notable for a higher rate of scoring since more open play is encouraged and it appears that the resulting game is more enjoyable, and more pleasant to watch.

However, now that the sides are settling down together we should have a very successful season.

Athletics need never become a full time occupation, provided that there are adequate training facilities for athletes to use in their spare time. In Britain, however, apart from London and the Universities such facilities are very rare; as a result many people do not reach international standard.

It is right an athlete should sacrifice to get to the top - it helps to strengthen the character. If, and when, he gets to the top, he may enjoy the free travel to matches in countries which, otherwise, he would never visit. In that respect he is lucky, but should those privileges demand that he sacrifice much money; as indeed he must, when purchasing top class equipment and suitable dress, which he is obliged to wear at certain functions.

Although professional (or full-time) athletics is unwanted and undesirable, should an athlete be allowed to make money by indirect means? Advertising, broadcasting, lecturing and writing by an amateur are, at present, forbidden; this is rather unfortunate as much good could be gained. Limits, however, must be placed on the athlete's freedom.

It is doubtful that an athlete could make his living by these means, but I think a limit should be placed on what he earns. Some proportion of his earnings could be paid directly to the A.A.A. by the body concerned, thus helping to finance the sport.

By these means an athlete would help the sport, the general public and other sportsmen; in addition to compensating for the financial hardship he may have been through.

David Briggs.

SWIMMING



I.C. BEAT U.L. CHAMPIONS

Result

IMPERIAL COLLEGE (3) 5 v KINGS COLLEGE (3) 4.

Despite fielding a weakened team because of a Mountaineering Club expedition to North Wales, I.C. made a successful start to the season, finishing winners in a hard fought game with Kings, by the odd goal in nine. Promising debuts for the I.C. team were made by Jones, and Shorey, whilst Bregazzi, an old hand, played well in his first match as goalkeeper. University player C. KING scored all Kings' goals, with HART 2, SHOREY 2, and HARFORD scoring for I.C.

Forthcoming events

(P - Polo, S - Swimming)

Oct 24th Buckingham Palace Rd, 7.30 p.m.
1st v Southgate II (P)
Oct 27th New Cross 4.40 p.m.
1st v Goldsmiths (S)
Oct 31st Buckingham Palace Rd, 7.30 p.m.
2nd v N.E.C. (P)
Oct 31st Buckingham Palace Rd, 7.50 p.m.
1st v Stoke Newten II (P)
Nov 7th Buckingham Palace Rd, 7.30 p.m.
2nd v University College (P)
Nov. 7th Buckingham Palace Rd, 7.50 p.m.
Richmond (P)



CROSS COUNTRY.

U.C. RELAY

The season opened with U.C. Relay at Parliament Hill on 11th Oct., which resulted in yet another victory for Loughborough, who lowered the record (set up by them in 1956) by 49 seconds, achieving a magnificent 52 m. 59 secs. Second were L.S.E., followed very closely by I.C. 1st team, whose time, 54 m. 28 secs. lowered the I.C. record for this race by 2 m. 49 secs.

On the first lap, John Collins put I.C. in the lead, doing a time of 8 m. 43 secs, just beating the I.C. previous best of 8 m. 47 secs.

The I.C. 2nd team finished 6th, after U.C. and Kings', but ahead of Reading University and Q.M.C. To illustrate the fact that standards are rising, our second team beat the previous I.C. record by more than a minute.

Fastest laps by I.C. men:-

1. John Collins	8 m. 43 secs.
2. Dave Briggs	8 m. 53 secs.
3. Jim Bernard	9 m. 08 secs.
4. John Cleater	9 m. 08 secs.

I.C. V. MARJONS V. WESTMINSTER

On Wednesday, 15 Oct., I.C. 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams had a race against Marjons and Westminster over our home course at Petersham. The winner was O.L. Gilbert (30 m. 11 secs) followed by J. Bernard (30 m. 24 secs) and G.P. Tilley (30 m. 38 secs).

Team result:-

1. I.C. 2nd	(1, 2, 3, 8, 9)	23
2. Marjons	(4, 6, 7, 14, 18)	49
3. I.C. 3rd	(5, 13, 15, 20, 23)	76
4. Westminster	(11, 16, 24, 26, 28)	105
5. I.C. 4th	(12, 27, 30, 31, 32)	132

Although not scoring in the match, three members of the first team went round the course, recording the following times:-

Dave Briggs	28 m. 46 secs.
John Collins	28 m. 48 secs.
Alan Brown	30 m. 00 secs.

THE 'MOB MATCH'

The 'Mob Match' between London University and Poly Harriers took place on Saturday 18th Oct., at Parliament Hill and about 20 I.C. men were in the U.L. team of approximately 50. The match was won by U.L. by an enormous margin, the score being 240-889. The individual winner was Mike Batty (L.S.E.) with a time of 27 m. 37 secs, followed by R.H. Dunkley (Poly) in 27 m. 44 secs. Three I.C. men ran extremely well, and by this performance have almost secured places in the U.L. 1st team. They were:-

4th John Collins	28 m. 06 secs.
5th Tony Larkum	28 m. 20 secs.
6th Dave Briggs	28 m. 24 secs.