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I.C. won (and LOST!) the Gutter - ridge Cup at Motpur Park last Saturday, but this was almost incidental in a day of many strange scenes. The large colourful, partisan crowd was entertained by the final of the seven a side tournament which dragged on like a Scottish dirge for fully forty minutes before Woolwich clinched the game.

Immediately afterwards the crowd watched at fever pitch as Mike Barron led on the Presidents XV for a scintillating display of fast open rugby. The idea was to boost the morale of R.V.C., so that the game might not be too one sided; unfortunately the quality of vigour depressed them even more. The day will long be remembered for a brilliant try by Rushton, running at an angle of 45°, dummying his way past every flag, before grounding the ball to the right of the posts, despite a late tackle by his own full back. With typical generosity, Rush dained to take the kick himself, but since the opposition had fled the team lined up to be presented to the Pretender to the Duchy of Gloucester (Les Allen) and "Lady Dorothy" (Sue Coombs). The ensuing ovation continued as I.C., led by captain Mike Bregazzi lined up opposite Vets. to be presented to Sir Douglas Logan, Chancellor of the University. And, so to the game.

Imperial rapidly made their way into the vets twenty five, and a blind side break by Wyn Davies only just failed to bring a try. Continued pressure brought reward, when after five minutes, on winning the heel the pack splendidly carried the ball over the line where it was grounded by Otto Gilbert. Bregazzi's kick from the touch-line scored grandly between the uprights and all hopes of a quick try were realised. Vets. were not to appreciate the difficulties they faced and retaliated by reaching the I.C. 25. That they only did this once more in this half was a real measure of I.C. superiority. Half time came thus with I.C. leading by 5 pts. - 0, Bregazzi having only narrowly failed with a 35 yd. penalty.

Vets. helped by a following wind, gradually came more and more into the picture in the second half, but throughout, their three quarters took up positions normally occupied by wing forwards and their sole attacking idea consisted of the kick ahead and swift following up; however, fearless marking, brill -

BACK HOME AGAIN

ICRFC. WIN GUTTERIDGE CUP BY DEFEATING VETS 13-0

iant tackling and faultless catching by the I.C.+defence foiled all their efforts.

The end came virtually early in the second half, when just after Vets having failed to convert a penalty in front of our posts, Ray Milward following up quickly a kick from Wyn Davies amazed a lethargic full back by his turn of speed resisted the temptation to pick up on the run, and dribbled over the line to score in the corner. Breg. failed to convert, but I.C. looked comfortable winners at this stage.

Vets. continued to FIGHT, (indeed, both Tom Banks and Dai Howell, falling to blows more worthy of Ingmar Johanssen than rugby players), but cool defence, swift covering and tight play kept the I.C. line intact. Once, however, after a rare mistake, the line looked at Vets mercy, but a brilliant pick up on the run, a dazzling run, and a fantastic 40 yd. touch by Randal Peart was a high light of the game.

Just to emphasize their forward supremacy I.C. made the score 13 - 0 with another push over try attributed to John Bridges. A great cheer went up from the supporters as Randal Peart took the kick, and the noise was redoubled when he converted.

The final score was fully justified for I.C. had played cool, intelligent rugby throughout. No one person could be singled out for extra praise, everyone played their part and all deserve credit for a great team performance.

The best kept secret was that Gordon Margretts had broken his arm in a tackle during the opening minutes. The XV offer their best wishes to the Soccer and Hockey Clubs in their bids to make this a triple year.

T.G.B.



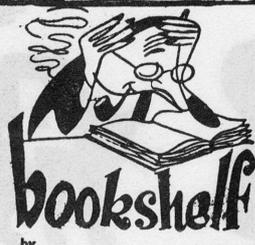
UNDERGRADUATE SURVEY

As I.C. expands, the gap which already exists between the governing body and the students, becomes larger. In the past the only means of bridging this gap have been the contacts established between I.C. Council and the Rector. These contacts have been very useful in putting forward the Union's point of view, but this is not necessarily the same as that of individual students. In fact the only means the Rector has of determining the opinion of students is via I.C. Council, via a Union Meeting. Everybody knows that I.C. Union meetings are poorly attended and that individual students put forward their own views all too rarely.

To try to rectify this position the Rector has organised an undergraduate survey in the form of an exhaustive questionnaire. Questions range from General Studies to Food, Hostel Accommodation to Parking, with the last page devoted to the Union. The idea is not to pry into a student's private affairs but to gain information which will be used in planning future student facilities. The details of each particular student's private life will be confidential and only the statistical analysis will be published.

This is your chance to help the future students of I.C. and I hope that all of you will take it. The questionnaire will appear in the College Letter-racks on Monday Feb 29th and the closing date will be March 7th.





by
CALUS TORRÉ

The English translation of Françoise Sagan's latest novel has just been published.

Its title *AIMEZ-VOUS BRAHMS?* gives little indication of its contents. Needless to say, the author has stuck to her usual theme, of that much overworked eternal interminable triangle on which so many novelists rely. The book is sold at the attractive price of 9/6d.

The story could hardly be more simple. A mature artistic woman, Paule, verging on forty has a well established lover of roughly her own age. This lover is unfaithful to her quite regularly with younger damsels in order to boost his ego.

She meets a virile young lawyer, and they gradually become entangled.

He displaces the older man in her affections and so they set up in partnership. They both feel the affair cannot last long, which proves correct. Paule realises that she must go back to her original lover, and leaves the young man in despair. The book closes on lover number one telephoning Paule to tell her he has a business dinner and cannot see her that night. He's off again!

I find the story lacks any twists or clever situations and just goes along its straight forward way allowing one to anticipate every move that is made. Françoise Sagan has always enjoyed an extremely high reputation, which she undoubtedly deserves for her first two novels, but I feel that here in this case, she is rather relying on that reputation instead of the merits of her writing.

If you are an ardent fan of the author's and enjoy her style of writing - she, indeed, has an unerring talent in writing of her character's emotions - you will probably like the book, but I do not think that it cannot be highly commended.

A quartet of novels, *THE ALEXANDRIAN QUARTET*, has just been completed by Lawrence Durrell. These four books, *JUSTINE*, *BALTHAZAR*, *MOUNTOLIVE* and *CLEA* (all at 16/-) deserve the utmost praise and indeed have got it. They make Mlle. Sagan's

novel look like a schoolgirls attempt at an essay.

The quartet is the result of a very successful experiment by the author. He has attempted to look at the same series of happenings in all four books from entirely different viewpoints. He attempts to show that characters and situations are seen in quite different lights by different people.

The four books deal with the writers beloved city of Alexandria. The story is woven in an entrancing way giving a wonderful description of this town of mystery and enables a reader with no experience of Middle Eastern civilisation to build a most colourful mental picture of it.

In *Justine* he looks back into the past and recreates the people, events and love affairs of the story from his own memory. In *Balthazar*, he is forced to see the same story from Balthazar's viewpoint, which alters his considerably. *Mountolive* is in the third person and discloses an unexpected political plot, while *Clea* is a sequel used to tie up the loose ends and finish the story neatly.

This is an extremely interesting well written set of books by one of our leading novelists which should not be missed.

NANOOK AND THE MINERS

The chill blast of the icy Arctic wastes was soon transformed to a glow of inner contentment as travel weary and gold heavy miners in search of revelry descended on sleepy Dawson City last Friday night.

The latest ship load of dollar-eyed dollies, gathered from all parts of England, clung to the weather beaten sides of the fortune hunters as the soft lights and Carnival atmosphere took their effect.

The mighty thirst was upon these sons of the soil, and the dust in their throats was settled by three hundred pints of free beer provided by the management. The house was drunk dry by the time the sheriff closed the bar in the early hours of the morning.

The excellent music makers provided strange rhythms from many lungs as revelers trod the measure around the floor and in a back room upstairs a group brought forth strange and exciting sounds in a sneak preview of a new kind of music yet to be invented, called "jass".

The eskimos fearing the high spirits of the Miners returned to their icy homes and none were present at the revelry.

As one a.m. approached people drifted from the surrounding rooms to Black Jake's saloon for the floor show. The lights that had not been shot out were dimmed and three delectable Hiawathas fired from the local reserve started the show with one of the most amusing and entertaining sketches yet seen. The fact that Trevorina Scarratt had been shot with an arrow whilst bending over the cooking pot seemed to cause her no discomfort. It is said that she had some difficulty in explaining away the red war paint, which she could not remove, at an interview the next morning.

Andalusia Franklin and Michaela Mathews, who introduced some foreign dish called "crabs", completed the excellent trio.

Smooth Master of Ceremonies, John Egan, specially imported from Chicago, then introduced a scene familiar to all; the fight for a woman's hand using the lead law of the West. The bullets and bodies were fast and furious, and it is presumed that Black Jake Goodman should have been shot by hero Bob Baird for the hand of the only female miner in the area, Carolyn Russell. However his gun was rusty.

Nobody knows where the chorus line for the next act came from although it is rumoured that one of the members, seen occasionally poking his head between the arms of the others, was once the secretary of some mining college in England. Someone tripped everyone fell, flour bags flew, and it was a hell of a mess; but great fun. As the curtain fell the audience justifiably applauded the hard work that had gone into the act.

The band continued playing until 3a.m. when the new type of music took over and continued until the first rays of the Arctic sun peeped over the icy rim of the horizon. The gold dust spent, the miners hit the trail for the North, after an exhausting night, thanking and congratulating sheriff Tom King for all his hard work.

Once again Lawson City slept.

I. Callow.

WOLFSON FOUNDATION GIFT

It has been announced that the Wolfson Foundation has donated to the College £350,000 for the building of laboratories for biochemistry and chemical microbiology, and for the support of teaching and research in these subjects. Professor Ernst B. Chain, F.R.S. and Nobel Laureate, of the Institute Superiore de Sanita of Rome, has been appointed to the Chair of Biochemistry and I.C. Professor Chain is best known for his work on the discovery of penicillin for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize together with Sir Alexander Fleming and Sir Howard Florey.

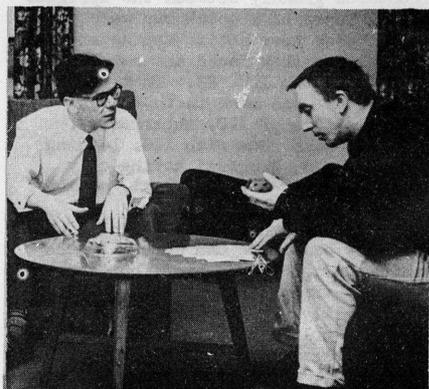


THE BIG KNIFE

Rehearsals for the Dramatic Society's Spring Production, *THE BIG KNIFE*, are well under way as the pictures show. Dragged out of 'retirement', Les Allen takes the lead ably supported by a cast containing some new names in the drama field. Remember the dates.

Tues. 15th. Weds. 16th. Thurs. 17th. Fri. 18th.

March



EGG AND SPOON

As a publicity stunt for world Refugee Year and also in order to break the existing record, it has been suggested that Imperial College organises a TWENTY-FOUR HOUR, EGG AND SPOON RACE, ROUND THE CIRCLE.

This to the best of our knowledge has never been done before!

The idea behind the sheer glorious idiocy of such a scheme is to try to interest the Newspapers, Television and the London public and so gain wide publicity for the World Refugee Year Carnival.

It is hoped that support for the race will spread throughout the University of London as a whole. Already five teams of twenty members each have been formed from Guilds with the promise of at least two more. Canvassers are now actively engaged in whipping up support in R.C.S. and Mines. I.C.W.A. has promised a team and altogether we hope to make this the biggest organised student publicity shambles seen in the London streets, this century.

Teams of twenty will run relays round a route approximating to the circle line. That is on the surface, on foot, between stations. No one member of a team will be on his (or her) feet for more than one and a half hours. A provisional route has been sorted out and legal enquiries are pending.

EVOLUTION OF A SPECIES

The country (we are told) is clamouring for more scientists and technologists, men (and women) with three years of sound training behind them, ready to take their places in industry. Three which have transformed them from self-conscious school children into capable, qualified adults. Three short years have done this; and it might be interesting to watch the development of such a miraculous process.

The operation begins on the first day at University. Fresh from school, the raw youth's illusions of University life are exploded by the shabby 2nd and 3rd year students, the cramped lecture room, and the chalk covered gentleman on the platform at the front - Dirk Bogarde never had it like this! On top of all this disappointment, the chalk man succeeds in breaking our recruit's heart completely by announcing that he is expected to work like a nigger for the next three years,

Outside College hours the picture is brighter. He gets used to not having to sit in the toilet to smoke a cigarette, and away from the parental eye what does it matter if he gets drunk every night? Besides, living with Mum doesn't give a chap anywhere to live his sex life. Soon he re-learns the coarse songs he sang as a fifteen year old and, from a place in the crowd everything looks rosy again.

Well this is the punch line, people are wanted to take part, runners, people with cars as route marshals, anybody who has the correct reactions when coughing will be considered physically and mentally fit to participate..

Rest assured that no hardships will be encountered along the route since it has been suggested that all check points will be either public houses or coffee bars and when they close cars suitably stacked with all the necessary comforts so dear to the student's heart.

So this is an appeal to idiots in the name of sanity. All you frustrated practical jokers who complain that this College is dead, all you lazy idle tea swillers who moan about apathy and do nothing about it - here's your chance.

This is also an appeal to the sensible level headed types who think that this idea and all its originators are nuts. We want to publicise World Refugee year, and beside the sanity of trying to help homeless, half-starved refugees, however indirectly, the insanity of this race idea seems harmless enough. - Besides, you may be grandfathers one of these days.

The best way to relieve people of their money without legislation is to make them laugh.

So anybody who's either mad enough or moral enough to support this idea, or anybody with ideas, suggestion etc: get in touch with

Robin Dodswell 2 E.
Chris Adams 3 Maths R.C.S.
John Bridges 2 Yr Met:

With progress to the 2nd year comes a more responsible outlook. No more does he help seven others to remove the trousers from a struggling rival. It is now his job to incite freshers to such deeds. Strong advice from political Union officials urges him to take part in Union administration in preparation for executive positions in his third year.

On the academic side the work piles up, but now our specimen is used to being snowed under with problem sheets.

So comes the last year at College. Of course no official position is reached by our typical student. This promise was merely a carrot dangled before his nose by a shrewd buck-passer. The prospect of having to stand on his own feet seems frighteningly near. Maybe greater application to the job in hand over the last couple of years would have fitted the candidate better for the task of holding down a responsible job. Or perhaps wider participation in social or political affairs would have been character developing.

And at the end of the road he begins to wonder, much as he did at the beginning, "What next?"

J. Graham.

Elect. Eng. 111

REPLY TO A SLEEPING DOG



In this issue, a letter from a gentleman who calls himself "Sleeping Dog", attempts to defend the action of Brown baggers in taking no part in College social life.

This gentleman is living, if living is a term which can be applied to him, in a fool's paradise. Having contributed his Union fees, which are paid by the people who pay his grant and not by him, he feels that if he pays fourpence for his fortnightly Felix, which the majority of his brethren of the nine to five fraternity never do, then he has done his stint to the running of the Union.

It matters not at all to him that without the Union, this college would be a technical school, that his confreres would eat their sandwiches in lecture rooms while they did their problems, and he would leave this college in the same infantile state in which he entered it. In fact he would revel in his ignorance.

His ideal would appear to be the narrowest possible existence within the limits of his academic career. He is not moved by any loyalty to I.C. He neither knows about nor cares about what goes on around him. His only claim to fame is a sneering little letter to Felix, which he has not got the guts to sign.

He is shallow and infantile and, he says, he will lead the brown baggers to the barricades and overthrow the Union. It is my personal opinion that this letter was composed under the influence of a half pint of cider ordered in a moment of weakness and drunk in an hour of effort.

Mr. Sleeping Dog Sir, if you have nothing better to say, then I suggest you get back to your calculus and finish up leading a third rate life in a fourth rate suburb. J.C.

BRIDGE



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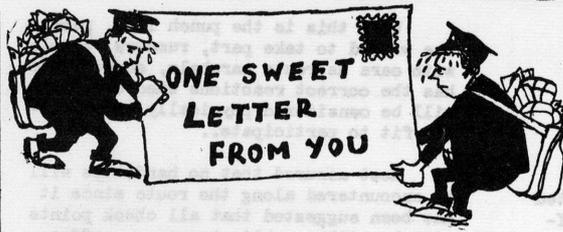


Editorial Comment

The first half of the academic year is over, and the second half has got off to a good start. This is the time of the year when sports teams reach the zenith in their respective fields, when work, that dreaded subject begins to grip everyone, and Felix sales start the downward trends. Considering the first topic, this year the sportsmen of I.C. have proved beyond any shadow of doubt that I.C. is the foremost athletic college in the University. The Rugby Club, as has been reported elsewhere, had little difficulty in winning the Gutteridge Cup, and hopes are high that the Soccer Club and the Hockey Club will complete the hat trick, a feat never before performed in the history of the university. But success has not by-passed the minor clubs. Swimming and basketball teams are almost certain winners of their respective leagues, and the "men-afloat" have kept the I.C. colours flying high. The idea of work needs no introduction, and can be rapidly passed over, and we reach the MOAN! Felix has been hit this year by two main bugs, critics who just talk, and petty thieves whose abilities are becoming more and more apparent. To contrast the first, the number of contributors and Felix reporters has been doubled but there is little that can be done against the latter.

COMING EVENTS

- 26th Feb Rector's Cup
- 27th Feb. Hyde Park Road Relay
Soccer Club Final
- 28th Feb. R.C.S. Motor Club Treasure Hunt.
- 29th Feb. Cath Soc. Annual Sherry party
- 1st March Talk by A.F. Cook. "Southern Railway Locomotives" at 5.30 City and Guilds.
Start of Photographic Society Annual exhibition in the Concert Hall.
- 2nd March. Record hop, upper refectory, admission 1/-
- 3rd March S.C.M A.G.M Snack Bar 5.45
I.C. Riding Society, film on Show Jumping 5.45 Chem. Eng. Lecture theatre.
- 8th March Railway Soc. "Leeds Station Re-organisation" a talk by A. Dean in Rm 161 C&G. at 5.40
- 9th March C. & G. Motor Club Dinner. Railway Society visit to Cittingbourne Paper Mills Railway.



Dear Sir,

I must protest against the attitude taken by your paper. Despite your constant cajolery and threats against the usual even tenure of my existence, I will not surrender my brown bag. I will not willingly remain on the college premises after five and I will not (beyond this brief epistle contribute to Felix.

I think I can claim the support of most of your readers. They, no doubt, like myself feel they have contributed enough to college life after paying our union fees and our fortnightly fourpence to Felix. Be content, sir, to enjoy your position in the ruling elite of this college and do not encourage us to revolt lest we overthrow you. Do not pour scorn upon us or we shall boycott your paper and see you bankrupt, the debtors jail your alma mater.

Yours sincerely,

Sleeping Dog.

Dear Sir,

I would like to use your space to thank all the people who gave their time on Thursday, Feb 11 to man the collection boxes in aid of the World Refugee Year. The flag day was a part of a week's activity throughout the University organised by the University of London United Nations Student Association. The money is going towards the UNA projects of the WRY. The money collected at I.C. amounted to £34 - 4 - 9d. and, apart from money collected at U.L.U. and L.S.E., the highest collected in the University. Not all the money has yet reached the bank but the total is expected to reach well over £300.

Yours faithfully,

P. Porgess.

Dear Sir,

We should like to express our disgust with certain Union members, concerning their behaviour on the evening of Saturday 13th February. That particular evening the committee room which is laid aside as a ladies' cloak-room on "hop-nights" had a so-called "special" meeting held in it, during which the members swilled the room with beer and vomit.

Is it not time some individuals grew up and acted like men instead of lunatics when they have had a drink? Or if they must drink to a point of intoxication can they not confine their papers to the bar premises?

This event was not the only one that occurred on Saturday night that reduced I.C.'s name to that of mud. A coat, a hand-bag and an umbrella were all stolen from off union premises. Must we tolerate thieves amongst us, as well as illiterate louts who are more fitted to a zoo than a university? Many similar incidents in the not too-distant past can be recalled (excluding the regular Saturday night swamp in the gents' toilets?, in which members of the college have demonstrated to the public and their associates that they are unworthy of

the name of gentlemen, and correspondingly disgrace the name of the student body in general.

Grow up I.C. and leave your nappies behind!

Yours faithfully,

G.M. Harris (Civil G.W. Elmes
II) G. Aanson
Diane M. Harris Cloak attendants
(Chem I)

Dear Sir,

In your issue of January 29th, you published an article entitled "What do you think?", in which you attempted to arrive at a conclusion as to which form of education (i.e. public or grammar school) best suited an individual to university social life. The author of this article came to the conclusion that it was the public schoolboy, with all his "independence, self-confidence and polish", who ran the social rat race more successfully than his more lowly bretheren.

We would not go as far as to say that all public schoolboys are brash and over-confident but it does seem that they are typified by "plum in the mouth" accents, fancy waist-coats and umbrellas. Apart from this frankly "U" style of dress and deportment he has no advantage over the grammar school boy, who not having been cloistered in a "monastic" way of life throughout the formative year of his childhood does not have to exhibit himself in such an ostentatious manner.

When it comes to the criterion of self-confidence and independence, it must be realised that the grammar school boy has, as like as not, spent several summers canoeing, camp or hitch-hiking on the continent, whilst his opposite has retired to his father's country residence.

As we believe in constructive criticism and abhor all that which is totally destructive, we should like to state that in our opinion, ex-school boys whether public or grammar are equal. If however one has an advantage over the other with regard to entertainment value it is more likely to be the ex-grammar school boy, as it is odds on he's seen more of life, though the other may have experienced more discipline.

However as the main topic of conversation of both, as freshers, seems to be what they did at school or where they went the previous Saturday night, we believe that neither, until they have "lived", can run a social life successfully. In order to do so an individual must have experience of living with all types of people and apart from this, be an entertaining and not too exacting conversationalist. After all it is far more interesting to hear how old so-and-so got to Istanbul than to listen to a dissertation on Pott's biology master.

Perhaps one of the contributory factors to the more stimulating social life of any of the Oxford or Cambridge Colleges than that of I.C. is that both of the former, until late only accepted post-national service men. If I.C. were only to accept undergraduates with a year of "living" prior to college perhaps we would have less apathy towards our college functions. It is food for thought.

Yours faithfully,

G.M. Harris (Civil II)
Diane M. Harris (Chem)

Dear Sir,

Can I ask if anyone in this College realises the "South-African Boycott Society" exists? I might well ask for only twelve to fifteen people so far regularly attended the meetings we held at which we discussed ways of implementing the boycott.

When the motion, condemning the South-African government policy of Apartheid and supporting the boycott, was passed by our Union I've no need to say that most of those fifteen people voted for the motion WHERE ARE THE REST? These people, who by their vote, agree with the boycott, where are they? - We need help if we are to succeed. Help us picketing shops every Saturday morning; help us selling the "Boycott News"; help at headquarters.

Cannot Imperial College be moved by the suffering of others - the fact that farm workers are paid one shilling a day; strikes are forbidden; non-suffrage for blacks; families are broken up etc. etc. AND etc.

What are the arguments against? - that non-whites will be the first to be hit by external boycott? This may be so but every organisation which commands any important non-white support in South Africa is in favour of it. That it will have no great effect? - "IF THIS BOYCOTT MAKES THE AUTHORITIES REALISE THAT THE WORLD OUTSIDE WILL ACTIVELY OPPOSE APARTHEID IT WILL HAVE STRUCK A BLOW FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE" - 'Boycott News'.

There are many more pros and cons. "Boycott News", which will be on sale at the end of this week, I believe answers them all.

However why I write this letter is to beg for support from those people who agree with the boycott. Let us forget our own needs for once and see to the needs of a people who are so much worse off than ourselves.

We have a meeting next Wednesday lunch hour at 1.15 p.m. in the Small Physics Lecture theatre. Will we have more people ready to work for this great cause? Or will all except fifteen of us:

"daft the world aside
And bid it pass"

Yours sincerely,

J.R.A. Power.

R.C.S. MOTOR CLUB TREASURE HUNT

All members of I.C. welcome.

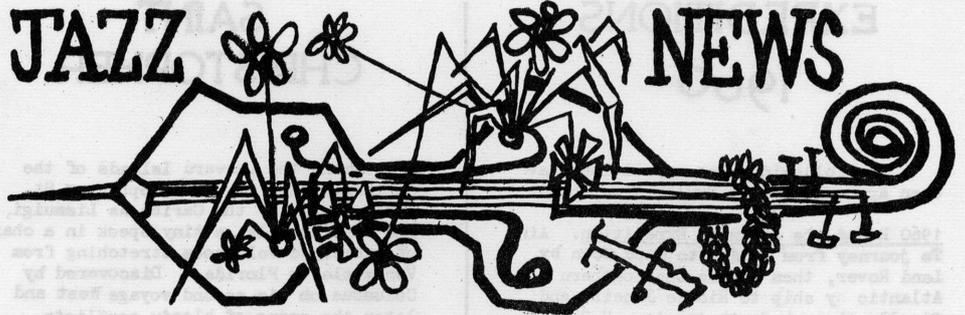
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SUNDAY 28TH.FEB.



The southern semi-final of the 5th Annual National University Jazz contest was held in Reading Town Hall on the evening of Wednesday 17th February 1960. There were ten bands competing - two from Reading, four from Cambridge and four from London, including two from Imperial College. The judges were Alun Morgan and Benny Green. The result was 1st Cambridge Big Band, 2nd University of London Jazz Band, 3rd Dave Gelly Quartet (Cambridge). They are the facts.

These are a few personal views. In my opinion it is almost impossible to get a fair result from such a contest. Not only were there traditional, mainstream and modern types of jazz, but the modern section contained a trio, two quartets, and octet and a dectette. The musical standard of all was very high and I would have thought that they could not have been compared without a large amount of personal taste entering into the matter. I must point out that this is not a personal bias brought about by the fact that the Jazz Gardeners were not in the first three. The Gardeners gave an absolutely faultless performance, marked by complete relaxation and perfect balance. It has been said that their stage presentation was probably the best of the evening and the basic inherent swing which they attained was certainly not bettered by any of the other groups. The way in which the whole audience concentrated whilst the Gardeners were playing, and the way in which they snapped into applause at the end of the set made the trip well worth while for the three I.C. musicians.

But this is no reason why the Gardeners should have been placed in the first three. The musical standard of the other groups was equally as high and the only way in which a definite result could be obtained was to let personal taste decide. Which is presumably what happened.

Had I been judging I would have aimed at selecting a variety of styles (assuming the musical standard to be sufficiently high) with the accent on originality. It will be noted that no traditional band has got through from this semi-final. I consider this wrong. In his remarks Benny Green dismissed all the traditional bands by saying that a banjo cannot make up for a piano. What he should have said was that it was his own personal narrow minded view that a banjo cannot make up for a piano. All the traditional bands had banjos and no pianos. None of them got through. Enough said?

The placing of the Cambridge Big Band was a big mistake in my opinion. The band had good musicians (though many were not jazz soloists) and indeed the tenor player was the best on this instrument in the contest. But their arrangements were exact copies (phrase for phrase, note for note, instrument for instrument) of arrangements by Gil Evans and Marty Paich. They featured a bearable vocalist who sang note for note like Mel Torme whilst the band played the Marty Paich arrangement note for note. This was the rock bottom in originality. The sound achieved by the band couldn't help but sound pleasant but it tended to

be stodgy and the rhythm team dragged. Giving first place to this "dance band" was a gross error by the judges.

The University of London jazz band was without a doubt the best of the evening. This octet, built around a nucleus of the U.C. band, featured a flugel-horn player of quite amazing capabilities. Obviously the band was built around him and he was a great inspiration to the other musicians. But every member of the band was a very competent soloist. The rhythm team produced a good drive and the clever punchy arrangements gave the band a driving, fresh and original sound. But they had to be content with second place - let us hope that this is changed in the final.

The Dave Gelly quartet deserved a place in the first three, for Gelly blew a nice alto and the rhythm section were competent. But I couldn't help thinking that these alto-led quartets are getting far too numerous and far too stereotyped.

The I.C. traditional band under Ken Gibson's leadership took some time to warm up and there were far too many fluffed notes in the first two numbers. But when they settled down they played well. Unfortunately, like the other trad bands, they fell victims to Benny Green's dislike of banjos.

Anyone who has read the jazz column in the Observer will have guessed that Benny Green gave us an amusing time when he commented on the bands. Unfortunately I haven't space to relate all of his comments, but typical was his comment on the Jazz Gardeners. He accused them of not playing the correct tune of "But not for me" (a completely irrelevant fact), made some pathetic remark about Gershwin turning in his grave, and suggested that the Gardeners bought the sheet music. This was greeted with a chorus of cat-calls, boos and other pleasant exclamations from every corner of the hall. Benny Green's continual reference to himself as a musician (he played baritone saxophone with Lord Rockingham's XI) became a little tiring to my ears at least.

Alun Morgan was surprisingly quiet throughout the whole proceeding; it appeared as if he was quite bored by the whole thing. Let us hope he snaps out of it by the final or else the British jazz critics will probably add to their ever growing opposition.

May I stress that these views are aimed at the inadequacy of the method of judging as a whole; there is no personal bias involved at all. The jazz club would like to thank all those who show interest in our activities and especially those who took the trip to Reading.

To finish on a pleasant note I am able to report that the I.C. traditional band has reached the final of the London University jazz competition for the Colyer Cup. The final is at N.E.C. on March 2nd and tickets may be obtained from Richard Rushton.

EXPEDITIONS 1960

The following nine expeditions have been approved by the Exploration Board:

1960 Round the Atlantic Expedition. Aim: To journey from London to Cape Town by Land Rover, then across the Southern Atlantic by ship to Rio de Janeiro and finally through South America, U.S.A. to Canada by Land Rover. On the way the party will make a study of airline operation in primitive and isolated areas and conduct a specification survey (i.e. market survey) of aircraft required. The Exploration Board gave its approval to this venture and will insure the personnel. Party: Bill Melbourne, Ian Gartshore, Dave Hyde.

Diving Expedition to Cornwall. Aim: To carry out underwater geological exploration off the North coast of Cornwall using free diving techniques. It is hoped that some information may be gained from this survey concerning the possibility of economic underwater metalliferous mining of the North Cornwall coast. Party: R.H.T. Garnett, W. Stewart, P. Lane, J. Woods, T. Long. The Exploration Board granted this venture £75.

Central Iceland Expedition. Aim: To do an ecological and geological survey of a region in central Iceland. The work will be directed by Dr. Kershaw of the Botany department. Party: Dr. Kershaw, T. Larkum, N. Clark, J. Cleator, A. N. Other. The Exploration Board has granted this venture £100.

1960 Jan Mayen Expedition. Aim: To extend the glaciological work started in 1959 in Jan Mayen in higher altitudes; in particular to try to make a first entry into the Beerenburg Crater and a circuit of the Beerenburgh Ridge. Party: F. Smith, J. Fraser, G. Topping, M. Smith. The Exploration Board have given this expedition £100.

St. Kitts Expedition. Aim: This all woman expedition is the first of its kind and it is hoped it will be the fore runner of I.C.W.A. expeditions in the future. The aim is to do general zoological collecting and to make individual studies of Amphibia and Heteromidae (plant bugs) on the island. Party: A. Philips, S. Hocking. The Exploration Board have granted one hundred pounds to this venture.

Eastern Iceland Expedition. Aim: To make a geological map of a piece of Basalt Country south of Djupivogur, Eastern Iceland. This work is to tie in with the geological mapping which has been going on, under Dr. Walker, in Eastern since 1954. Party: D. Kinsman, J. Chadwick. The Exploration Board gave its approval to this venture and will insure the personnel.

Third I.C. Ghana Expedition. Aim: This is a follow-up expedition on the two previous expeditions of 1957, 1958. In particular the work will be concerned with various aspects of insect infestation in the holds of ships on the regular West Africa/U.K. run. Party: C. Welch, M. Luff, R. Crowson (Glasgow). The party have been given the Exploration Board's support and £80. Crowson will be financially independent of the expedition.

Iran Expedition. Aim: To do geological and botanical work high in the Elburz mountains in Persia. Transport will be overland in an ex-W.D. Humber Staff Car. Party of four include: J. Sheard, B. Pressman. The Exploration has granted this venture £170.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Among the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean lies St. Christopher or St. Kitts, known by the Caribs as Liamuigi, the fertile isle, a tiny speck in a chain of submerged volcanoes stretching from Venezuela to Florida. Discovered by Columbus on his second voyage West and later the scene of bloody conflicts between French and British colonists, it finally came under British sovereignty in 1783. Steeped in legend and romance, this island is the destination of two nineteen year old girls, both zoologists forming the first all-women expedition from the Imperial College of Science and Technology. Shelagh Hocking is of Danish-Cornish descent and was born in Tanganyika; Ann Phillips is the daughter of a distinguished R.A.F. officer.

They aim to solve some of the many zoological mysteries of the island. St. Kitts lies midway between the range of North and South American fauna and its indigenous animals are an unknown entity. The expedition hopes to unravel this puzzle and send any animals it captures back alive to the London Zoo. Their main concern is with the reptiles, amphibia and insects as there are no known large mammals on the island.

The most impressive and mysterious feature of St. Kitts is Mount Misery, its brooding peak, which is eternally shrouded in cloud, overlooking a large volcanic crater. The height of this peak is still not known accurately and to establish its true height is one of the ambitions of the party. Continuous torrential rain has crumbled the basalt rock into a treacherous surface and Mount Misery promises to present a dangerous challenge. The crater below the peak contains a sizable lake of unknown depth which few white people have seen, let alone investigated.

I.C. CARNIVAL

During the first week in May the College is organising a week's Carnival activities with the declared intention of obtaining funds for World Refugee Year. Rumour has it that there are other intentions to this carnival, but they cannot be declared (after all, losing 7 for 24 doesn't encourage early declarations). We can promise a good game, however, with a really good batting side and, if mixed metaphors are allowed, many strings to our bow. Fortunately the game will be played mainly in the evenings (with flood light in necessary) so that everyone will be able to attend. To cope with these unusual hours of play the Boards of Control involved have agreed to allow play on several days, so that note (especially chess players), the big game extends over the periods April 30th to May 7th.

If you have been feeling a little brown lately or you fear that your annual summer attack of brownness may prevent you seeing the game, have no

Kashmir Expedition. Aim: To do an overland trip from Europe to Kashmir in a standard production car and so demonstrate the accessibility of these places to a normal production car. Also to provide an account for the A.A. and R.A.C. of the road conditions encountered. Party: M. J. Armstrong, A. Duncan, D. R. Fulford, R. L. Grasty. The party have been granted £50 by the Exploration Board.



Surrounding the mountain is a broad belt of tropical rain forest rarely penetrated by the local inhabitants. This forest is to be the main area worked by the party, which will have its base camp on the outskirts as much of the collecting will have to be done at night. Temporary camps will be set up where needed at various points in the forest.

Below the forest the land is extensively cultivated and plantations extend down to the coast. These are broken periodically by small homesteads and clumps of bread-fruit, mango, pawpaw and cashew. The coast itself, fringed by a coral reef, has sandy beaches extending into a long, semi desert sand spit with large salt lakes, at its tip, in the south of the island. The spit is isolated from the mainland by St. Timothy's Mount, a conical rock barrier across its width.

The expedition arrives at Bassterre the island's only town, in late July, after the rains, and they will be there in the hurricane season. Circumstances permitting, the party intends to return to England in early October.

fear; the game is in the second week of the summer term and brownitis does not usually attack until considerably later in the year. The best thing to do is heavily mark that week in your diary, make no other arrangements and, when the time comes, allow yourself to be sorbed into the game. In that way you can be sure of being free of brownitis.

Of course, if you have a particular mania about brownitis then you may feel that the precautions recommended so far are insufficient. In that case you may favour immunisation. Now immunisation is a relatively simple procedure; all you have to do is to breathe the atmosphere which surrounds the wicket. Obviously, this is most easily done by helping to prepare the wicket for the game.

The doctors concerned (they also go under the pseudonym of Chairman of College Carnival Committee) are:-

Chris Leech (C & G)
Geoff Nicholson (R.C.S.)
Harvey Richards (R.S.M.),

and if you can type or erect floats, they will welcome you in their surgeries.

In other words the I.C. Carnival needs you. And let me stress that this is an I.C. Carnival, not a nebulous London University Carnival, so give all your support to I.C.

If you have any bright ideas for floats for the procession, side shows for the fete, publicity stunts or any other methods for raising money for the W.R.Y., let us have them now.



BEAUTICWARIAN

No. 8

SHELAGH HOCKING

FASHION

I.C.W.A. entered the U.K.U. Fashion Show this year. The regional semi-final was held on February, 17th at Goldsmith's College, New Cross. The I.C. entry was organised by Miss Wallace. Eight coll colleges took part, each having 5 models to illustrate the theme "Student Fashion". Monsieur de Barrone made a most, engaging comper, in spite of comments from fellow basketball players in the audience.

He first introduced Kristine Bragiell who wore a blue angora winter coat, over a grey mohair slim skirt and white sweater. Next came Joan Kingston, showing red corduroy slacks, with a blue paisley over blouse, as casual wear. Sheenagh Wallace wore a more formal green jersey costume. Judy Wright was dressed in a blue figured nylon evening dress, which was enthusiastically received. Brenda Taplin brought the show to a close, appearing in a quilted cherry coloured housecoat, over a pink baby-doll nightdress. At this point the comper wished the assembled company goodnight and sauntered off, arm in arm with the last model.

Goldsmith's team certainly deserved their win. No other placings were given, but I.C. showed up extremely well against stiff opposition, and are to be congratulated upon their poise, and professional appearance. They managed to look remarkably relaxed in front of a critical audience, and seemed undisturbed by unpredictable noises of audience appreciation.

N.B. Mr. I.C.W.A. Election changed from February 29th to March 7th

GLIDING

I.C.G.C. has had a very eventful period since the last account of its activities. The Eagle, a high performance two seater, arrived just in time for freshers day, and it was seen rigged in Prince Consort Road by many people.

Changes at Lasham, where we have been operating, have made training there prohibitively expensive, although flying is still possible. While hoping for an alternative site, we spent two enjoyable week-ends at Oxford before Christmas; but we have now moved to Redhill where training is by aerotow in the Eagle. Intensive flying in an attempt to erase the back-log of last term is now taking place.

BADMINTON

Record to date WON 18 LOST 4

Yes! this is the present happy state of the club's record. After losing 3 matches right at the beginning of the season an unbeaten record had been maintained until a week ago when the first team lost to Cambridge Cookerels by 6 rubbers to 1. This result would probably have stood at 6 - 3 had not one of our players been unfortunate enough to eat Chinese food prior to the match; he did however spend a very pleasant afternoon with the nursing staff at Cambridge Hospital, since which time, I am very glad to say, he has made a rapid and complete recovery.

To go through the matches in chronological order and give details would be rather uninteresting but the second team's victory over the formidable U.C. team must be mentioned. A splendid fight by everyone concerned put the second team well in the running for top of the league.

Success too is the byword of the mixed team's progress and unofficial reports maintain that it shares the exalted position of league leaders with U.C. and L.S.E.

The first team have finished their league commitments and will probably finish second in their division, although there is a chance of championship honours.

However, the season's activities are not drawing to a close with the end of league matches in sight. There remain away fixtures with Oxford Woodpeckers, Southampton and Reading, THE CLUB TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 2nd and 5th at Nine Elms Baths, and several other friendly fixtures.

Hopes for a portable court for use in the concert hall are at present high although the matter is still under consideration by the student finance committee. If the necessary grant is forthcoming, facilities next season should be much improved and the club will be able to cater for a greater number of members.

Lastly, a mention of the annual dinner and theatre outing. This, held on 15th Jan, was very well supported and Mr. Mooney served an enjoyable dinner to 44 club members and guests. A surprisingly uneventful bus trip to the West End's Lyric Theatre heralded a very entertaining show and revealed to all, the delightful laugh of our Hon. Secretary (many suggestions have since been put forward as to its list description!).

As soaring from Redhill would be very restricted owing to the proximity of the Gatwick Control Zone (visions of gliders and jets on the approach simultaneously) we propose to return to Lasham after Easter. We hope the possibility of our members giving up gliding for power flying with the Tiger Club at Redhill is remote!

Given a reasonable summer, this should be a vintage year for soaring. Phoenix, our Skylark II, is now being restored after fire service last year and Roger Vaile and David Ashford will be flying her in the National Soaring Week in August.

The Eagle will afford opportunities for advanced instruction in cloud and cross-country flying, which has been, of necessity, neglected in the past and undoubtedly this will result in much more efficient solo flying.

GOLF

The I.C.G.A. has started the new decade well: two cancellations by our opponents, and one win. On the 10th we beat St. Mary's Hospital by 4 matches to 1, at Highgate. Here are the individual results:

Brian Leadsom lost to Rodney Tate, 1 hole
Norman Looch beat John Hall, 1 hole, after being 4 down with only 6 to play.
Hugh Godfrey beat Peter Tweedale, 5 and 4.
Michael Rycroft beat George Vaughan, 6 and 5
John Street beat George Vaugan, 5 & 3

M.J.R.

CROSS COUNTRY

I.C. Add to Trophy Collection

On Wednesday 10th February a strong Imperial College team carried off the trophy awarded by the South West Essex Technical College in their annual four and a half mile race through Epping Forest and back streets of Walthamstow. The second team was narrowly beaten by Borough Road Training College who now possess a strong team while the weaker I.C. third and fourth teams came ninth and fifteenth respectively. Consistent running by John Collins gained him second position and he was closely followed by John Cleator and Jim Bernard. Of the remaining first team runners John Conway was 7th, Mike Barber 8th and Tony Larkum 12th. A welcome return was that of Alan Hooker after a brief retirement.

The Metropolitan Police were well and truly beaten on Saturday, February 15th at Petersham by a mixed team. Even after leading a wild goose chase John Cleator managed to win but only by a narrow margin. Six of the next eight positions were occupied by I.C. runners, followed by a motley crew of seven policemen. Bob Baldey and Alan Brown were to be seen loitering at the back, with dubious intentions, no doubt, to embezzle points for the Petersham Pot.

A trial, held to help select the team for the Hyde Park Road Relay, on the following Wednesday produced some very good results and it appears that the I.C. team will be well in the fore on the great day. On the same afternoon a three man "A" team defeated a similarly small team from Q.M.C. by 9 pts. to 14. A three man "B" team tailed along behind with 23 pts.

At Parliament Hill Fields on Saturday 20th February a second team was beaten by the Vale of Aylebury A.C. by only two points; the Lloyd's Bank A.C. finishing third. John Conway held second position throughout much of the race and Pete Warren ran steadily to finish fourth.

SHOOTING

Courtman Shield Match

This competition between the three Colleges is shot in rounds, and continues until the same College has won two rounds.

This year Guilds have retained the Shield by a comfortable margin. The detailed results are shown below.

	1st round	2nd round	
C & G	591	590	
RSM	568	578	
RCS	567	566	R.C.B.

SPORT

SAILING

On Sunday, 7th February, Graham Taylor won the University of London "A" point series cup. He did so after only 6 of the 8 races had been run but his lead was so decisive that the series was conceded to him. Well done Graham,

Other members of the club have also been doing very well in the Points racing. David Pentz, a first year Oil Tech. student, has sailed consistently well to place one of the College boats first in the "B" points series and he is now working hard to improve the placing of this boat in the "A". It now seems probably that the 1st and 2nd boats in the "B" series will be from I.C., thus carrying off the double.

On Saturday 6th February I.C. 2nd team went to sail at Reading on a flooded Thames. The match was very interesting with strong currents and light winds. It was a change to sail hard through the water yet still watch the land going the other way!

Towards the end of the race the down stream buoy broke loose and David Pentz was last seen chasing it downstream in a desperate attempt to round it. It is rumoured that David, unable to sail against the current, returned to London by Firefly but Reading University don't seem to have lost one of their boats. I.C. lost 29 pts to Readings 42½.

On Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th March I.C. Sailing Club has entered two teams in the inter-collegiate team match for the Castaways Cup. Opinions vary but the general census of opinion is that I.C. have their best chance ever of winning this event. The next issue of Felix should tell us the result.

HAT TRICK

AT LYMINGTON



making one of his regular visits, to the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club, won the Christmas open Firefly meeting last vacation.

Against very strong opposition he carried away his 3rd pot from Lyminster after sailing the series in howling gales.

He must be especially congratulated for beating the Jardine twins into 2nd place; Adrian Jardine is an Olympic probable for the British dinghy team.

SOCCER

Since their resounding defeat of U.C. in the U.L. Cup semi-final replay, the 1st XI have been extremely inconsistent. In league games they appear to be too keen and play with tremendous spirit. Witness their 6-2 trouncing of Mannheim University after being 2-1 down at half-time and very good 3-2 defeat over Christ College, Cambridge who included two England Amateur Internationals in their side as well as several blues. In a league game with Chelsea Poly, I.G. allowed this very moderate side to draw 4-4 with them and thus take 3 points off them in the league championship which they do not deserve and which I.C. can ill afford. Having defeated U.C. in the cup, I.C. approached the league game with the same opponents too casually and were soon in arrears. It was not until the latter stages of the game that I.C. woke up and played football worthy of them, by which time it was too late and they eventually lost 2-1.

The 2nd XI, after leading their division for much of the season have in recent times been slipping and after their 3-6 defeat at the hands of a strong L.S.E. 2nd XI have slipped to third place.

The 3rd XI, which for much of the season have been bottom of the same division made a supreme effort and defeated both C.E.M. and Woolwich Poly in critical league games. However the climax was reached against U.C. when the 3rd XI excelled them-

selves and won 1-0 on a very heavy snow covered pitch although they had only 9 fit men. A rapid deterioration has set in since and in their league games have been lost 2-0 and 10-1 (the latter due to the absence of their captain and the centre-half for the day!!!). Their relegation prospects are again unfortunately ominous.

The 4th XI, have now completed their league programme and are at present lying 2nd in the division. However their chances of promotion are very slim as several teams have still games to play.

The results of the 5th and 6th XI games have been lost in the chaos caused by half-session exams. There have been rumours, however, that some of these have been deliberately lost and that the opponents of these teams have been regularly celebrating double figures. However the P. Davies "Sport" XI has been functioning regularly and has recorded its first win of the term. They defeated a representative Rugby XI or XV (not definitely known which) 10-0 and thus maintained their record of being always involved in a match in which double figures have been scored. (Arnott in goal, for the first time after a game did not complain of back strain!)

The Club would also like to take the opportunity of congratulating the Rugby Club on winning the U.L. Cup and hope that some of the supporters who helped them win it will also support the soccer club in their U.L. Cup Final on Sat 27th Feb. (TOMORROW)

HYDE PARK

ROAD RELAY

The "Twelfth Annual Invitation Hyde Park Road Relay" is to be held in the Park on Sat. Feb 27th at 3.00 p.m., the start being at the West End of Rotten Row.

A record entry of about 70 teams (42) from Universities and Colleges in England and Wales make this the largest relay in the Country and possibly the world. Each team consist of 6 men, each of whom runs a 2½ mile circuit of Hyde Park. The record for this lap is held by Martin Hyman, who achieved a time of 12 mins 39 secs. while running for Southampton University in 1958. The course record is held by Liverpool University (1958) with 81 mins 37 secs.

Last year Manchester won in 82 mins 41 secs., Durham were 2nd, and Leeds were 3rd with I.C. 6th, U.C. 11th and Kings 13th. Selwyn, Cambridge won the Imperial College Union Cup for the first College, with less than 500 students, to finish.

The entry includes 16 Colleges from London, 14 from Oxford, 13 from Cambridge, 2 from Wales and 26 others. On this year's form it seems that Loughborough may well win, though Durham, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and I.C. should be close behind. Of the London Colleges, I.C. should do well, never having been below 6th and having beaten most opposition this season, U.C. should be well up, and judging by the results of the S.W.E.T.C. Trophy Race, Borough Road may cause some surprise. Selwyn and St. Catharines', Oxford, are favourites for the I.C. Union Cup, the latter having the famed "all-blue team".

Many well known athletes are to compete, including several inter-

nationals, and times should be very fast. These include Steve James, the runner of last year's fastest lap (12m. 52 sec); A.A.A. 3 miles winner Bruce Tulloh (Selwyn); ex U.L. International Kevin Gilligan (Wadham); ex National Junior Mile Champion, Paddy Montague (Balliol); Internationals Dave Shaw (Birmingham) and Jack Heywood (Reading); former record holder Harry Minshall (Selwyn); Alistair Wood (St. Catharines'); A. Fruin (St. Cats'); and M.A. Tribe (Durham).

Cups presented are the I.C. Union Cup and the Sir Roderic Hill Cup for the winner. Medals are presented to the first 3 teams and the runner of the fastest lap. Time standard certificates (13 mins 35 secs) are also awarded.

Mr. J. Crump is Referee and the Organisation is by I.C. Cross Country Club.

The I.C. team will be chosen from John Collins, John Conway, Tony Larkum, Jim Bernard, John Cleator, Mike Barber, John Jaeger and Alan Brown.

Any offers of help should be addressed to Dave Fearn or Chris James.

HOCKEY

On Wednesday next I.C. play Battersea in the Final of the U.L. Cup. Battersea are favourites to win since (i) All the major colleges were in their half of the draw except I.C., (ii) The only other time I.C. reached the final they lost to Battersea 2-0, (iii) Battersea have won the cup 5 times out of 7.

Battersea are well known for their fanatical supporters and therefore to give I.C. a chance of winning this match we need your support.

The date is Wednesday 2nd March. Coaches leave the Union for Motspur Park at 1.45 p.m. Make a note now!