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NEW

PHYSICS

BLOCK



The New Physics block was opened on October 20th. by Sir John Cockcroft. A large crowd of distinguished people gathered in the main Physics lecture theatre to hear Sir John, introduced by the Viscount Palmouth and the Rector, give the opening address. His description of the electrical apparatus which produces a large current, poking through a hole in the wall, for one of Professor Blackett's experiments, was very well received in reply. Professor Blackett paid tribute to Sir John, and saying that Sir John was the best scientific administrator in England today.

Sir John then called upon modern technology to aid him in unveiling the large block of stone above the entrance. In spite of the rain, a large number of people watched the ceremony from across the road. After the opening, the assembled company wandered around the block, examining laboratories and apparatus. All agreed that everything was well appointed, and, so far, no major grumbles have been heard. It seems as though Professor Blackett's praise of the architects and contractors is well deserved.



TOADSTOOLS

Historians or film producers, wishing to recapture the atmosphere of Wellington's tent on the eve of Waterloo, or Montgomery's caravan before Alamein would have been well advised to eavesdrop on a military conference held in an upper room of Beit Hall late on the eve of the opening of the Physics block. For this was the final briefing before Operation Toadstool.

The reason for the Operation was simple. Several users of the new Physics block had noted in horror that a number of iron toadstools had been planted just outside the building, in Queen's Gate, but had been painted as mushrooms. They could only be toadstools, however, being obviously unfit for human consumption. So it was decided to restore them to their proper species by painting a variety of coloured spots all over them.

The atmosphere was tense in the briefing room as the reconnaissance patrol laid down their cups of coffee and set forth. While they were taking up their positions to guard against the blue-uniformed enemy, a Fifth Column, consisting of two of the prettiest girls available (both alas engaged), entered the building itself and engaged the night watchman in charming conversation. Meanwhile, the Operation proper got under way. Armed with brushes, pots and "stencils" (pieces of card-board with round holes in them), a commando group gained access to the mushrooms by a secret route and completed the mutation into toadstools at lightning speed. Having retired, they decided to paint the concrete pots as well, just to match. Withdrawal of all parties was completed without any casualties, except a few paint covered hands and clothes

and in fact, without any sign of enemy activity. Mopping-up operations were undertaken with a mugful of petrol.

Obsessed by the Scientist's love of symmetry, some of the raiding party thought it intolerable that the other end of Prince Consort Road should remain undecorated. Their artistic talents turned to the statues outside the Royal School of Mines. These weatherworn figures now blossom forth in resplendent masculinity or languorous seductiveness. It is rumoured that a stony smile has at last spread across the lips of Beit and Werner, and that the belles of the R.C.M., prancing primly down the street in the morning with their music cases, are half-conscious of a roving yellow-painted eye that appears to follow them as they go.

Nor did Guilds escape. Artistry was somewhat exhausted by them, there are not any statues outside Guilds anyway - but there did at least appear some indication that R.C.S. painters had been there.

The raiders' one regret is that they were not able to correct some of the equations on the since unveiled slab, to bring them into line with the information given on certain of their own exam. papers. However, it will all be out of date before long.

The toadstools, incidentally, reverted to mushrooms shortly before the building was opened. Pity.



JAZZ NEWS

Suddenly, it's The Jazz Consortium! This cosmic group went into orbit in the top chophouse of Imperial College last Saturday. Man, they blew like they were in the Galaxy M81 in Ursa Major. (Like, dig the extended astronomical metaphor, Dad!) Unfortunately, it will probably take several light years before the squares dig this sort of solid noise. Components of the Consortium are: Dick Radmore (tpt.), Walter Skinner (alto), Richard Rushton (piano), Frenetic Farnsworth (bass), Mike Smith (drums). Oh Buddy-boo, Walter just knock me out, he's so funky. I mean, he has certainly gotten Birds message. And Mike crouches there battering his solid steel tubs. At present the Consortium are running through the Miles Davis book. Norman Granz had better duck!

The forthcoming Jazz at the Phil. tour looks like being a knockout. I mean, with Gillespie and Cannonball Adderley in the side, is there anything else? Another attraction for you plutocratic bums is the film "Jazz on a Summer's Day," still showing at the Cameo-Poly. I believe it's a gas, but, of course, I haven't seen it myself, due to a lack of lettuce. Like, that's the way the cookie crumbles!

The latest news flash from Doc. Fritchard is that he is running out of beads mirrors and shotguns, essential for trading with the Alberta natives. Manksville!

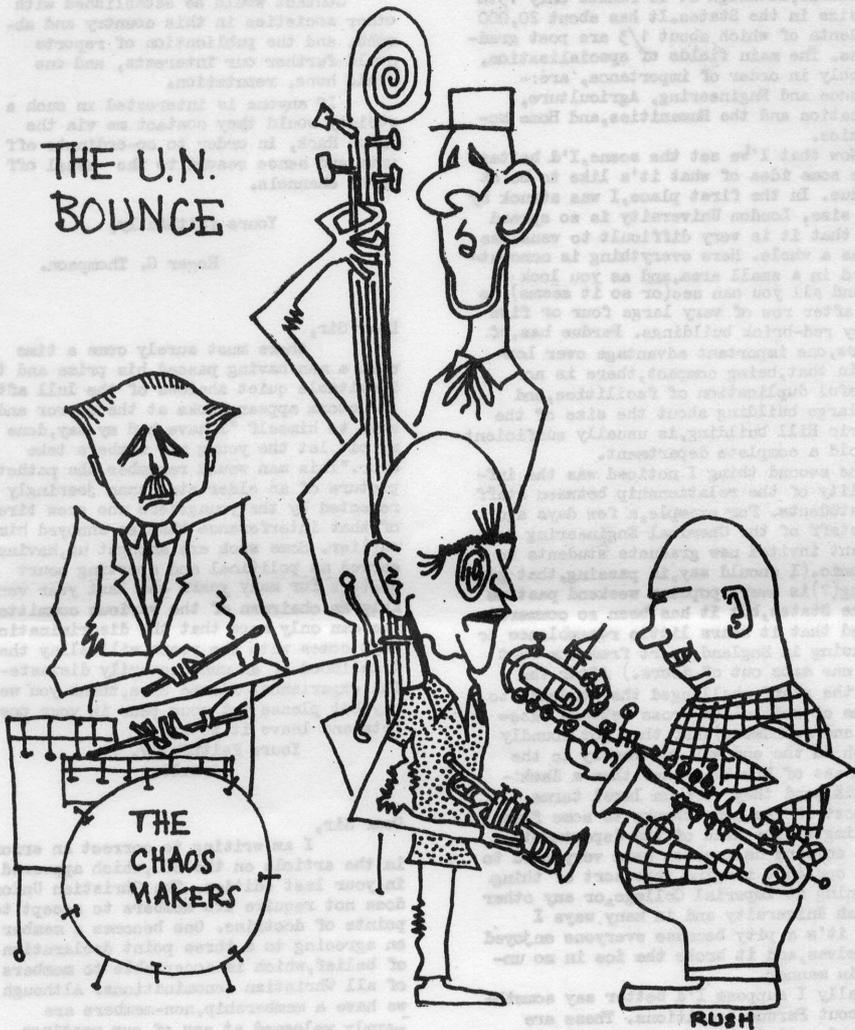
Visitors I have had from overseas this week include new harp star, Emily Flue, the girl who has set the Punjab on fire; way-out bop euphonium player, Gloria Quink; and steel erector Harry Stashing-ton.

Sales of my "Do-it-yourself-hard-bop-kit" are falling, due to competition from Menitoys. They are producing a comprehensive "Jazz set" for 1/10d. But they're small potatoes, Man, in fact Cubesville, man, Cubesville. By throwing in a plastic alto, and life size model of Uranus, hard-bop kit sales should hit the top.

This week's book choice is Ephraim Sewers' erudite tome, "The significance

of the bassoon in wallpaper design". To get Sewers' message, the only thing to do is flick through those swinging pages while simultaneously playing a whole-tone blues on an ocarina.

Rimshot.



"Now dig this Atomic solo, Man!"

MUSIC

A student in London has one big advantage over his provincial counterpart, and that is that London offers a large number of theatres, two opera houses, two resident ballet companies and two large concert halls with nightly concerts of both classical and more modern music. However it is amazing how many students fail to make use of these almost unrivalled opportunities; so to encourage them the following notes have been compiled. This week's article is devoted to opera, but it is hoped in later numbers to mention the theatre, ballet and forthcoming concerts.

The opera season opened on Oct. 19th with a gala performance of "La Sonnambula." This seldom heard Italian opera is a delightful work and the veteran Italian conductor Serafin contrived, with Miss Joan Sutherland and the rest of the cast, to make this performance a great success. The same conductor and soprano triumphed in 1958 in the production of Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" which will be heard again later in the season.

The sets and costumes for these two very well known operas are really first class, and when your correspondent saw this "couplet" last term, the resident company did the music full justice.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd, Franco Zeffirelli's beautiful production of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Fagliacci" return to the Lon-

The published programme includes future performances of these three operas, as well as revivals of "Peter Grimes" "Carmen" (in English), "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" and "Macbeth" (both in Italian) and "Der Rosenkavalier" (in German).

Among other revivals to date, probably one of the most successful is "La Cenerentola"; Rossini's gay, fairytale opera being well-suited to the intimate atmosphere at Sadler's Wells. Once again the English translation helps to put across the inherent wit and charm of this piece in which Denis Dowling is particularly successful as "Dandini", repeating the performance he gave at Glyndebourne this year.

At Sadler's Wells, the season started somewhat earlier with a new production of "La Traviata". As with all performances at this theatre, it is sung in English and so provides an excellent opportunity for the newcomer to opera to familiarize himself with the music and plot without having to contend with Italian dialogue.

Gallery seats at Sadler's Wells can always be obtained on the night of a performance at 3/-. Tickets for Covent Garden should, however, be bought well in advance for 6/- or 7/6 depending on the performance.

NOV. 5th.

This year's "Guy Fawkes Wail" will be held on Saturday, 5th. November, at the College Sports Ground at Sipson Lane, H Harlington.

Tickets will be on sale from 1st. November and will be obtainable from the Union Office at lunch time. The price of 2/6d. includes hot dogs, transport to and from Harlington, and entrance to the dance.

Make sure of your ticket by coming punctually on the 1st. since this is an extremely popular function, and tickets will sell out quickly.



Editorial Comment

WE NEED WRITERS. Every Editor of "Felix" has made this appeal. This Editor is no exception. Regular fortnightly articles, occasional articles, any articles will do. A six page "Felix" is not a good reflection on the life of the Union, and if 1/3 of the College wrote one article per fortnight, we should get 28 articles, enough to fill about 9 pages. If you feel the need to burst into print about lectures, the Union, women or anything else, do so. Immediately.

ICWA Election.

Due to the non-return of Sue Coombs, President elect of ICWA, another election has been held, and Mary Tones is the new President. Ann Hodnett was elected Hon. Sec.

Dear Sir,

It has been my misfortune to eat another meal in Ayrton Hall. Of the food, the catering staff and the general setting I have no complaints, but the animals that were also eating have provided yet another example of why the youth of the country is so widely condemned today.

Provision of cloakroom facilities has been made in the building, together with a hall porter to take care of articles deposited therein. Either it is the habit of the I.C. animals to throw brown bags, duffle-coats, and other garments all over the tables from which they eat at home, or dare I suggest that the I.C. animals do not possess tables at their homes, to say far less of hooks and cloakrooms. This is by no means the first occasion on which such squalor has been endured to make it possible to eat an early meal at I.C.; in fact it occurs in Ayrton Hall every evening.

May I therefore suggest an addition to the "culture" programmes—that of a course entitled "Elementary Etiquette" or "Manners Maketh Man", so that these I.C. animals may have the opportunity of becoming gentlemen.

Yours Faithfully,
A.S. Tarte.

Free Speech

We have received the following letter from George Bacynski, who left last year with a degree in Chemical Engineering and is now doing a postgraduate course at Purdue University.

Dear Jim,

Since I've only been here about three weeks, I shouldn't in all fairness, try and draw any conclusion from what I've experienced of University life on this side of the Atlantic.

What I shall do first of all, then, is to describe Purdue University to you, and then give you my first impressions of the place. (I warn you, though, that I disclaim any responsibility for any legal proceedings rising out of the contents of these letters, and that in the event of my being subpoenaed by the Senate Investigation Subcommittee, I expect Felix to pay for the best lawyer I can get.) Well, here goes!

Purdue University is located in the township of West Lafayette, across the Wabash river from the parent town of Lafayette, and about 120 miles south of Chicago. The University is situated on a campus approximately 360 acres in area, but the 70 or so main (educational) buildings are concentrated in a strip 1/4 mile wide and 1 mile long. The remaining 200 acres are devoted principally to halls of residence for students, and recreational facilities.

Purdue is a large University by English standards, although it is ranked only 15th in size in the States. It has about 20,000 students of which about 1/3 are post graduates. The main fields of specialisation, roughly in order of importance, are: Science and Engineering, Agriculture, Education and the Humanities, and Home Economics.

Now that I've set the scene, I'd better give some idea of what it's like to be at Purdue. In the first place, I was struck by the size. London University is so spread out that it is very difficult to visualise it as a whole. Here everything is concentrated in a small area, and as you look around all you can see (or so it seems) is row after row of very large four or five storey red-brick buildings. Purdue has, of course, one important advantage over London in that, being compact, there is no wasteful duplication of facilities, and one large building about the size of the Roderic Hill building, is usually sufficient to hold a complete department.

The second thing I noticed was the informality of the relationship between staff and students. For example, a few days ago the staff of the Chemical Engineering department invited new graduate students to a picnic. (I should say, in passing, that picnicking(?) is a very popular weekend pastime in the States, but it has been so commercialised that it bears little resemblance to picnicking in England, apart from the fact that one eats out of doors.) After the meal, the staff challenged the students to a game of softball (a cross between baseball and rounders.) That they got soundly beaten in the end was due mostly to the shortness of breath rather than a lack of skill, and they were on level terms.

For most of the game thanks to some fine pitching by the head of the department, whose curving deliveries were very hard to hit, I couldn't imagine this sort of thing happening at Imperial College, or any other English University and in many ways I think it's a pity because everyone enjoyed themselves, and it broke the ice in no uncertain manner.

Finally I suppose I'd better say something about Purdue traditions. These are many and varied, and are always being thrust down our throats (when I say "ours" I'm including myself among the Freshmen.). I had heard it said quite often that Americans were conscious of their lack of traditions, but it wasn't until I got here that I realised fully what was meant. They have many

traditions over here, but, although everyone goes through the motions, one gets the impression that their traditions are slightly ridiculous, and that they are slightly ashamed of themselves for going through the motions but that they are taking courage in numbers. Now I'm not a rabid nationalist, and I'm willing to admit that many English traditions are now slightly ridiculous. The big difference is that very few English traditions started out by being ridiculous from the very moment of their inception.

Well, I've opened my mouth, and I've put my foot in it up to the knee, so I think this would be a good point to finish.

All the best!

George Bacynski.

Dear Sir,

May I, through the columns of your paper, enquire if any members of I.C. would be interested in forming an Ornithological Society within the college. Many universities in the country have made valuable contributions to the understanding of bird behaviour. I feel that Imperial College could well provide sufficient people of energetic and scientific disposition to do the same.

The activities of such a society would involve lectures, films and demonstrations, with a considerable amount of outdoor field work. Such field work could include surveys, trapping and ringing and the study of specialised topics. Such activities could even be arranged on an expedition scale.

Contact would be established with other societies in this country and abroad, and the publication of reports would further our interests, and one would hope, reputation.

If anyone is interested in such a society would they contact me via the Union Rack, in order to co-ordinate efforts and hence resort to the usual official channels.

Yours faithfully,

Roger C. Thompson.

Dear Sir,

there must surely come a time when a man having passed his prime and the inevitable quiet shadows of the lull after the storm appear, looks at the mirror and says to himself "I have had my say, done my bit, let the young new members take over." This man would remember the pathetic picture of an elder statesman jeeringly rejected by the youngsters who grew tired of that interference that so annoyed him earlier. Some such are amongst us, having served as political and sporting court jesters for many years and last year very ably as chairmen of the various committees. One can only hope that the discrimination that comes with the years will allay the likelihood of an unnecessarily distasteful experience. Please Sirs, thank you we say, but please put your pens in your pockets and leave it to us.

Yours Faithfully,
A. Hall.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to correct an error in the article on the SCC, which appeared in your last edition. The Christian Union does not require its members to accept ten points of doctrine. One becomes a member on agreeing to a three point declaration of belief, which is acceptable to members of all Christian denominations. Although we have a membership, non-members are warmly welcomed at any of our meetings.

We should be glad if you would be so kind as to publish this letter in order to correct any false impression that may have been given.

Yours Faithfully,
Martin Atkins
President, I.C.C.U.

S.C.C.

The first meeting of the SCC was held on October 17th. and at this meeting Mr. Brian Ford was elected Hon. Sec.

A report was given of the SCC Executive committee meeting which covered four main points. First, it was noted that Council had requested the student officers of the SCC to investigate the problems of overseas students. Second, the question of the obscuring of notice boards by the cloak-room doors was referred to the House Committee. Third, clubs were asked to make more intelligent use of the internal noticeboard. Lastly, it was agreed that orders for engraving pots should go via the Chairman of the SCC to the trophy officer.

Mr. MacPherson, representing the Debating Society, stated that Council had placed the society in the RCC. He thought that the major activities of the society were discussing, arguing and debating of religious, philosophical and political issues and that, therefore, the Debating society was more akin to the SCC clubs than the RCC clubs. It was also more convenient if the President of Debates could attend the SCC meetings in order to contact speakers for debates. The fact that if the Deb. Soc. were in the SCC it would be the only one awarding colours was dismissed as trivial. A request that the Chairman of the SCC ask Council to reverse its previous decision was carried, nem. con.

The date of the next SCC meeting was fixed as Nov. 21st, junior treasurers were reminded to collect their account books from Dr. Owen, and volunteers were obtained to decorate the pavilion at Harlington on Nov. 5th.

Clubs were reminded of the Union rule against distributing literature in the refectories.

Clubs were asked not to arrange meetings on Nov. 15th as there would be a Union Meeting on that day. Some dissatisfaction was expressed that this date had not been announced earlier.

A suggestion was made that clubs be allowed the use of the college internal postal system.

Overseas Students.

On Thursday, Oct. 20th, the SCC officers met Mr. Taylor of the registry and the Presidents of the International Relations Club, the Indian, Pakistani and Arab societies to discuss the problems of overseas students. Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Mr. Ng Wing Kong were also present in advisory capacities. The discussion lasted several hours and the main points are summarised below.

- 1) The Rector's Survey showed that a large proportion of overseas students felt that the Union was not doing enough for them.
- 2) British students, though rarely prejudiced against coloured students, are too reserved or else too patronising in their relations with them, and overseas students want, above all else, normal genuine friendship.
- 3) Some overseas students are also at fault in that they are looking for colour prejudice and ascribe too many of the vicissitudes of everyday life to this cause and rebuff attempts at friendliness on the part of British students.
- 4) There is nothing the Union can do to combat colour prejudice outside college where the coloured student is most likely to find it.
- 5) Admitting all coloured students to hostel or running a lodging bureau on their behalf, although not impossible, presents great practical difficulties.
- 6) The organisation of freshers' receptions and dinners for overseas students would accentuate their uneasiness rather than relieve it.
- 7) The President of the International

VIEWPOINT

Despite well-meant attempts to damp down controversy, it appears that discussion of important Union matters has continued unabated. The Rover crew have recently voted 12-11 against wearing trousers at one of the most heated meetings yet held at I.C. Soon, the Socialist Society will be the government at an I.C. mock Parliament, and will be led as Prime Minister by the only pro-Gaitakellite in the society. The Debating Society, placed against its will in the Recreational Clubs Committee, have received unexpected support from the Social Clubs Committee which decided unanimously to ask for the return of the Debating Society to the S.C.C.

The publication of the deliberations of Council in Felix was a welcome improvement on previous practice but may I go a step further by mentioning issues not yet decided? Council have rightly left the decision on the destination of this year's carnival proceeds to the I.C. Executive Committee. We certainly should try to avoid an annual controversy on this matter. Might I suggest, however, that any member of the Union with strong views on this subject, see members of the Executive in advance? This should ensure that the decision this year is not completely at variance with the wishes of Union members, even if unsatisfied customers still exist.

Another issue to be decided soon, this time by Council, is whether the Union members should have to pay for casual use of the tennis courts. The present practice in all other sports is that a membership

fee is charged by all clubs and this fee entitles the member to the use of the appropriate facilities. The situation is a little different for the tennis courts (and squash presumably) where a very high proportion of the users of the courts may only play one or two games per year. It has been suggested that the tennis courts should be considered as a recreational facility of the Union just like the television room or the Union lounge and that no charge should be made for the hire of the courts. The regular users of the courts would become members of the tennis club in the usual manner.

The contrary viewpoint, expressed in the preliminary discussion on Council, is that the tennis courts, like the boat-house etc., may be useful sources of income to the Union and should be ignored. The point was also made that casual users of the courts might act more responsibly if they had had to pay for the privilege and that in any case the sum in question (10s max. per annum) was not excessive by any standard. The issue is due to be decided at the next meeting of Council.

SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE.

Relations Club said he did not think his club had organised enough meetings for overseas students recently, and promised to rectify the situation.

8) Formal club meetings however, did not really meet the desire of overseas students for personal contact with British students, and the idea was conceived of appointing sympathetic and enthusiastic Union members to be "contactors" i.e. to arrange small informal gatherings of British and overseas students at intervals throughout the year. This scheme still requires more attention to detail but seems to present some chance of meeting the current dissatisfaction of overseas students.

Bob Finch.

THE WORLD OF ART

Practically everyone in the English book reading society is awaiting with baited breath the result of the Crown vs Penguin Books case. The most used word in the language at the moment appears to be unexpurgated. LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER, always a sensation, has now reached overwhelming heights of notoriety. Lawrence will soon be as famous as Shakespeare, and yet we may never be able to read this famous (infamous?) book.

There is a big weakness somewhere when a legal system calls upon twelve ordinary people with absolutely no literary qualifications whatsoever to judge whether or not a book by a very able writer should, or should not be placed on the bookstalls for everyone to buy and read.

Surely a much more realistic approach would be to appoint a committee of, say, qualified writers, critics and readers to judge such a work.

Let us hope, anyway, that the case goes to Penguin Books giving us the opportunity to judge for ourselves.

Muriel Sparke has just produced another book called "The Bachelors." (price 16/-)

Dissappointingly, it falls sadly short of her previous book, that very successful and amusing novel, "The Ballad of Peckham Rye." In her latest attempt, she again chooses to highlight a particular section of the community; this time the bachelor society of Kensington, Chelsea and Hampstead.

She never quite finds or keeps the atmosphere of these districts and this gives the story rather a hollow ring, the personalities of a couple of the main characters have been built up quite satisfactorily, but the secondary characters are rather weak, due to only one short description of each at the time of entry into the action.

The plot of the novel centres round a group of spiritualists and, particularly, their medium, who is on a charge of forgery and fraudulent conversion. Intrigue sprouts everywhere, even interrupting the bachelors' search for free love and meals.

The story is sufficiently involved to hold the readers interest, but never quite reaches the point where the reader cannot put the book down. Miss Sparks lively style relies mainly on dialogue, which is both witty and amusing, and never boring. However, in this book she has not managed to bring the reader into the story and make him really care what is going to happen. One more or less feels like a disinterested outsider being told about friends of friends.

On the whole, a rather disappointing follower to her previous book, but one well worth reading, at least to the keen reader.

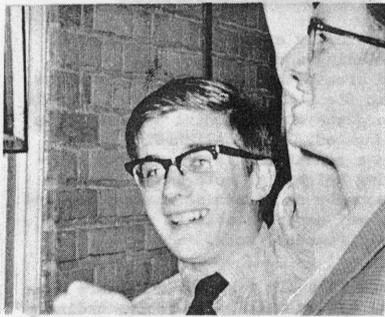
To finish, there are three interesting Penguins published this month that are worth buying. Two are by William Faulkner; "INTRUDER IN THE DUST." and "LIGHT IN AUGUST"

The first is about the colour problem in the southern states of America, and the story is treated as a thriller with murder and a lynch mob included. Intelligent and exciting.

The second, a truly great novel, deals with the pride, lust, hatred and brutality of a Calvinist society.

As a contrast, "FURTHER FABLES FOR OUR TIME." by James Thurber, for Thurberites only.

I. Gibson.



THE DESTROYERS

A purely scientific college tends to the production of graduates with some scientific knowledge, an over-developed faculty for destructive criticism, and often a narrow, ignorant state of mind as regards non-scientific matters.

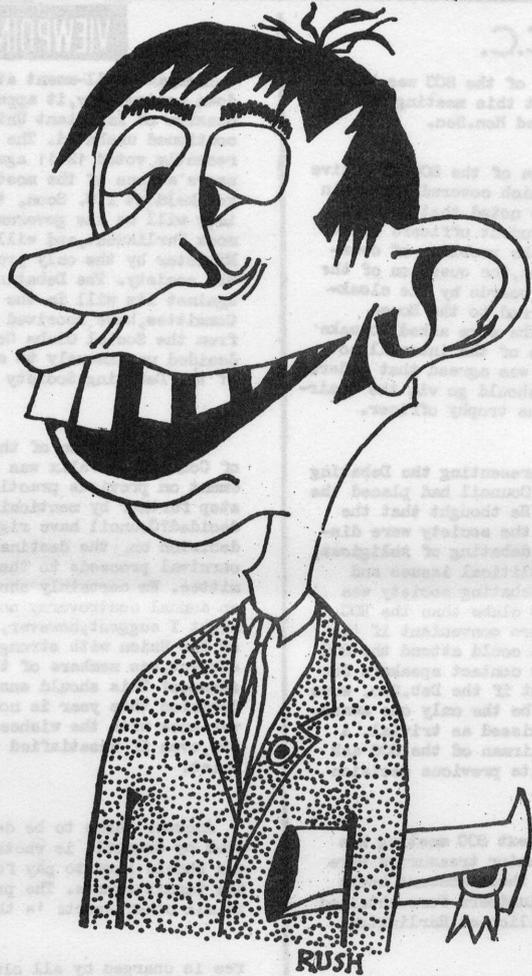
One of the purposes of the Union is to try to turn destructive criticism into constructive and to endeavor to educate the student in matters other than scientific. Unfortunately the tendency to destructive criticism in this college is, if anything, gaining. One may hear, in the style of Bernard Levin destructive criticism of, say, "Felix", "Phoenix", a club official or a Union official; this without thought of the good features apparent, without appreciation of the amount of work involved.

You can relive the situation more fully if you check your reactions to this article. They will probably be something of the nature of 'The Stupid idiot'; instead of forgetting the person involved and considering seriously the points the article raises.

The Debating Society is very much affected by this attitude. At Oxford and Cambridge, these two provincial universities, the Debating Society is the Union, whereas here the scientists relegate it to the level of a society for those who like talking. When a motion is announced for debate, they say, 'What a ridiculous motion!'; instead of considering the arguments, they dismiss it without serious thought. When I.C. students come to a debate they listen to the main speakers and when the debate is open to the house they refuse to speak, due to their fear of being devoured by howls of derision from the "Destroyers".

The Debating Society at I.C. is open to all members of the Union; anybody may suggest, in writing, a motion. If I.C. is to become a better balanced community, it is going to produce scientists who are not just boffins, then such societies as the Debating Society must be supported. Students must come along, listen carefully to arguments and then speak forth on their opinions from the floor. If this starts to happen, a more constructive society will begin to emerge and the College will flourish as a result.

Finlay D. McPherson,
President of Debates.



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COMMEMORATION DAY 1960

MOTORING

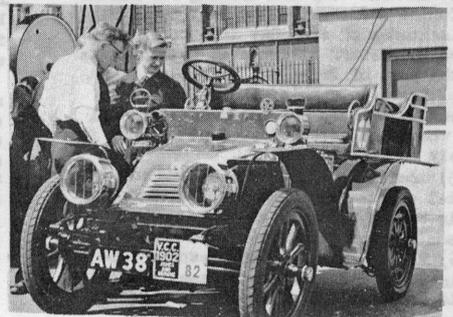
November 6th, and the Brighton Run are fast approaching and Bo' will, as usual, be amongst the Veteran cars leaving Hyde Park in the early hours of the morning.

Boanerges, the official carriage of the President of City and Guilds, is a 1902 James and Brown 5-seater Phaeton. Last year Bo suffered a crack in one of his cylinders and reached Brighton only with the aid of the several strong Guildsmen who made up his crew and jumped out at every slight upgrade to add their power to his. During the past six months, however, Bo has undergone an extensive overhaul and it is expected that he will reach Brighton with no mishaps.

I hope that as many Guildsmen as possible will be in Hyde Park to give him a good send off and those who dislike rising early on Sunday mornings will be on Brighton promenade to cheer him on his arrival there. After the run a luncheon will be held at Clarges Hotel.

Brighton, organised by the C & G Motor Club.

Amongst Bo's other outings this term he will visit Putney on Morphy Day and will lead Guildsmen to cheer the new Lord Mayor at his show.



RUGBY

For the first time in the Club we had eight teams out for the first matches of the season. Unfortunately all these had to be cancelled because of Polio. The matches will start again on October 29th when the club has a very strong fixture with Rosslyn Park. We hope that the spirit and interest in the club will not die down because of the break. By the time this is published two films will have been shown to members. One is the Official Rugby Union Instructional film which has now to be brought up to date. The second is one of the All Blacks' tours. With beer and sausage rolls to follow this cannot fail as a successful evening.

BOXING

Due to the polio, the first training session will be held on Friday, October 28th. The trainer, Mr. A. Daniels will be in the I.C. Union Gym at 5:30 p.m. to instruct novices and others. All are welcome to take P.E. training with the club.

TABLE TENNIS

This season Imperial College Table Tennis Club is entering six teams in the University of London League. Preliminary trials have already been held, and several talented new players have been discovered. Final trials unfortunately had to be postponed, but it is hoped that they will take place early next week.

From a playing point of view last season was rather disappointing, the first team being relegated to the same division as the second team. I feel sure however, that there will be a general improvement in the standard of play this year as many freshers have already shown interest in the club.

Finally I should like to ask all players selected to turn up for matches this year, as last years teams were some times incomplete due to the unreliability of some members.

BOAT CLUB



MORPHY DAY.

After the polio outbreak, Morphy Day has had to be postponed. So on the 26th. October there will be a race for Coxless pairs, and a ladies race

SOCCER

The playing season opened on a disappointing note, as only the seventh team won against outside opposition. The 1st. XI, fielding four freshers, had an away match against St. Mary's Teachers training College St. Mary's who had already played four matches, were an extremely fit and clever side. Although we managed to hold them to a 3-3 score during the first half, they gradually got on top in the second and added three more to their tally. On the same day the second and third elevens played each other in a league match at Harington, and the second team captained by Trevor Wilmore, won an exciting match. The third team, however, hope to gain their revenge when they play the return later in the season. Both the fifth and sixth teams unfortunately lost, the former to University college IV and the latter to the London School of Economics III. Both these matches were in the London University League. The seventh team, however, won 4-2 in a friendly match against London School of Economics IV at Berrylands.

After the matches on the opening day of the playing season the clubs pie and mash supper was held in the upper refectory. It was pleasing to see so many freshers at this function. Speeches were made by the club captain Iawrie Austin and Paul Davies, the seventh team's captain, who is also chairman of A.C.U. The captain demonstrated the art of drinking from the boot (ornamental boots are brought back to I.C. by Soccer Club touring sides).

The playing season continues next Saturday, with a trip to Southampton University for the first, second and third elevens, and friendly or league matches in London for the other sides.

Dear Sir,

In view of the discussions now under way as to what sports facilities there should be in Prince's Gardens, I thought that your readers might be interested in the following report I received from Mike Barber (ex RGS) now doing research at Yale.

"Perhaps the club would be interested in knowing a little about the facilities at Yale. In Newhaven itself there is a huge gymnasium that houses just about everything, three swimming pools, one an Olympic pool, the other two separated by a moveable barrier so that the sizes can be altered at will!

Around these pools is a board running track. The temperature of this room is maintained at 70 Degrees F. and the humidity at 50%. There are 15 squash courts, gyms, and boxing facilities and a tank for the oarsmen with a pump to simulate fast and slow-moving rivers in either direction, wave-makers, wind-makers and sun lamps.

Out at the sport field two miles from the campus is an American football stadium seating 77,000 and a baseball stadium (seats 15,000). There is a first class running track with two 220 yds. straights. This is connected by a tunnel under the main road to the locker house and an indoor 220 yds. cinder track. Air-conditioned facilities exist for all field events. There are also soccer, rugby, hockey cricket(?) pitches, basketball courts and an ice-rink.

The college has its own golf course, where the cross-country races are also held; the latter over three laps of a hilly one and a half miles, the record being 23:17. Free transport and medical facilities are also provided."

Unfortunately, as a post-doctoral student, Mike cannot represent his college and make full use of all the facilities provided.

Yours Faithfully,
J.L. Collins.



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SPORT



CROSS COUNTRY



Having survived the vigours of three circuits of Parliament Hill Fields the previous Saturday about twenty "old lags" and freshmen presented themselves for a match on Wed. Oct. 12th. v Borough Road College. This match was used as a trial for selecting a team to represent I.C. in the U.J. Relay to be held on the following Saturday. It was anticipated that the match would be keenly fought as Borough Road were the second best team in London last season - I.C. were the best of course.

The race started at a quick pace and several Borough Road runners were well placed at the front of the field. After the water splash three

Borough Road men broke away, but were soon followed by fresher Ted Wilkins, Jim Bernard and Dave Hammonds. The leading two Borough Road runners, however, went on to win but were chased home hard by Ted Wilkins, two more Borough Road runners, and Dave Hammonds. A few yards back came Warren, Bernard and fresher John Young. The final result was a win by Borough Road by 330ts. to 21.

Although I.C. did not take part in the U.J. Road Relay, owing to the cancelling of college sport it is interesting to note that Borough Road were victorious.

D.A.T.H.



FIVES

The club has now become established in its own right, that is it is no longer affiliated to the squash club. A strong fixture list has been arranged which includes most of the London clubs as well as St. John's College, Cambridge.

The club will be providing balls and several pairs of gloves are available. These can be obtained either from the

Captain: A.J. Kial, Chem. Eng. III in Roderick Hall Building or from the Secretary, J.D. Carter, Mech. Eng. II, Room 21, Weeks Hall. The courts themselves are open and are situated opposite Weeks Hall. It is hoped to hold club meetings on Wednesday evenings at the courts, so that anyone interested can get a game. Beginners are welcome.

A.J.K.

SAILING

The Sailing Club had enquiries from about 100 freshers at the reception, and hopes to have about 50 fully paid up members this year.

The term has started well, with helmsmans tests, instruction for beginners, and some keen racing in the first University A and B points races, in which we gained 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

In answer to the unhappy article relating the bedevilled sailing experiences of the Editor of Felix, a committee has persuaded him to give the art one more try in the near future. We are convinced that the experience will make a deep impression on him, and we hope to publish a full report with photographs in a later Felix.

We have also challenged the B.J. rugger team to a rugger match, to demonstrate our superior fitness or otherwise.

It has been suggested that the Sailing Club should form a swimming subsection, as so many members seem keen to make closer contact with the Harp. While sailing in a promising position in the Welsh Harp open meeting on Sunday, the vice-Commodore suddenly performed a neat backward roll into the water. He was later seen swimming after his notorious orange boat and popsy crew. (The popsy crew is not yet notorious or orange.)

ATHLETICS



The first match of the Athletics season will be a triangular match between I.C., London School of Economics, and Mannheim University, Germany. The match will take place at Harringham on November 5th, and is a return match with Mannheim. The last time we met them was two years ago, when we were defeated by a narrow margin.

Trials for the U.L. Winter Relays Competition will be held in conjunction with this match, the actual relays being held at Mootspur Park on 15th November. In this competition we are expecting strong opposition for the Hospital sides especially St. Mary's, but if we are able to field our strongest team we stand a very good chance of winning.

As in previous years we are very fortunate in having at College several freshers with very fine performances to their credit. We are hoping to see as many of them as possible in action at the matches mentioned above, and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck in their first appearances for I.C.