

# FELIX

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## SPORTY UNION MEETINGS

The first Guilds Union Meeting of the session was held in Room 04 in Guilds. Mr. Vice-President lost his trousers very quickly, and the meeting was off to a good start.

The words "Chem. Eng." were seen inscribed on the blackboard and the House rose in protest, cries of "Off! Off!" filling the room. Unofficially water was used in an attempt to achieve this aim. The President, Laurie Austin, showing great diplomacy, removed the lower half of the offending inscription.

When a state of order (?) had been achieved, the year reps. were elected, amid scenes of friendly rivalry.

After this the House got down to the serious business of electing a Union Secretary. This turned out to be Max Finney. Morphy Day was the next subject for discussion (?). The President made adverse comments on last year's fight, complaining that only a draw had been achieved. He called for something more this year and was just missed by a ripe tomato!

Support was requested for Bo. on the 5th November, the day of the Brighton Run. As regards the Lord Mayor's Show, fifteen hefty blokes are required to take part in a rugger match against Kings.

The fate of Regent Street Poly. was discussed and the Vice-President "Loverboy" Liberman, promised to look into the matter. The meeting was closed in the usual manner, "Able-bodied" Austin holding the Spanner above his head amid cheers of adulation.

The first R.C.S. Union Meeting of this session was held in the Huxley building on Thursday at 1.15 p.m. After a few preliminary arguments on the method of electing year reps., which the President, Finlay D. MacPherson, dealt with effectively, the meeting moved on to the serious business of electing the Queen of Jez. While the ladies were prepared, the Entertainments Committee Chairman, Eddie Thornber, attempted to justify his existence and appealed for helpers. To desultory tootlings on a trumpet by the Secretary, the Queen of Jez. candidates paraded to thunderous applause. The most favoured candidate at this stage was Bluebell Smith, who also arouse the House to a frenzy by his/her cavortings, but in the election he/she turned out to be a he and was disqualified. This left Doreen Rouse of the Zoology Department with a healthy majority, and she was crowned by the President who however, omitted to kiss her in the traditional manner, until reminded.

Pete Young, Vice-President, then outlined the charms of Morphy Day and showed a short film of last year's event with suitable cheer-leading by the Executive. Having explained the transport arrangements he went on to urge a good turnout by R.C.S., and tried to discourage the wearing of lounge suits on the day.

The crowning of the Queen of Jez, Doreen Rouse, by Finlay MacPherson

The Swimming Gala at U.L.U. was announced, but did not seem to interest the Union very much; a pity, because this could be quite a sporting occasion. The Captain of the R.C.S. Rugby Club expressed his doubts about the security arrangements for the Queen of Jez., but the President assured him that these were adequate and the meeting closed with Kangella which had been written up on the blackboard for the benefit of the Freshers.

### A Message to Guildsmen

My dear Guildsmen,

Are you sitting comfortably? — then I'll begin. We of R.C.S. would welcome seeing you on the towpath at Putney, and will only be too glad to throw you in the river, which, I might add, will be beautifully cool at this time of the year. We are all agreed that Guilds smells a little too strongly for our delicate tastes and needs a wash.

So do come down to Putney next Wednesday and reap the inevitable results of your dilatory attitude to personal hygiene. (Thinks: all this thanks to "Thames".)

With lots of love,

Your Favorite Uncle,

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P.S. R.C.S listen carefully to your President's briefing on Wednesday, a co-ordinated policy will make the whole outing infinitely more jolly.



**NOVEMBER 1st.**  
**FOR ONE DAY ONLY!**

AVAILABLE TO ALL  
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The location — Putney towpath  
The offer — R . C . S . !

Watch for further details on notice boards

CODE WORD — MORPHY DAY

This is a Liberman Promotion.





## ICWA leads the way

A Fresher ICWarian, Miss Thelma West, was one of a party of five members of Imperial College who, with a post-graduate from King's College, completed the 40 mile Lyke Wake Walk in just under 16 hours.

This was the first weekend of the term organised by the Imperial College Y.H.A. Group, in this case specially for a handful of enthusiasts (whom many regarded as slightly eccentric) who wished to try the Lyke Wake Walk. This is a cross-country hill walk over the North York Moors from west to east, crossing the fells at their highest and wildest within a 24 hour time limit.

The party of twelve set off from College on the evening of Friday the 13th. Fog delayed the journey north by hired dormobile but at 4.40 a.m. we arrived at the triangulation point near Osmotherley which marks the start of the walk, and the hiking party set out in earnest. Two hours' fumbling a round in the dark produced relatively little progress but, with the coming of daylight, conditions improved and in four hours we met the dormobile party for a hurried hot soup breakfast. On again, with mist now spoiling the views but progress easier along a disused railway which here forms a convenient path. A quick snack at Rosedale Head and the party, now reduced from seven to six, pushed on along the dead straight path marked by a line of white boundary stones. Soon we were crossing Wheeldale Moor and then dropping down into the valley for more welcome refreshment near Wheeldale Youth Hostel, again kindly provided by our efficient team of cooks in the dormobile.

Tired now, and beginning to feel the strain

of eleven hours' walking over very rough moorland deep in heather, the party made its way past Eller Beck and so on over Fylingdales Moor, the whole country now bathed in an autumnal glow from the sun setting in the west at the close of what had been a glorious day.

However, we had not finished yet and although we succeeded in getting off the moors before dark, there were still four miles to go. We all chose a slightly longer and easier route, but two Yorkshire-men, as if drawn by a magnet to the bar at the end of the walk at Ravenscar, suddenly shot ahead and were there to welcome the party when the other four limped in some sixteen hours after setting out.

We had done it! Well inside the allowed time of twenty-four hours, but a good deal of the credit must go to the support party in the dormobile who drove 150 miles over narrow lanes to give the walkers hot food and drink whenever the route crossed a road. A restful night in Boggle Hole Youth Hostel, a brief visit to Robin Hood's Bay and a leisurely drive back to London completed what was for all of us a memorable and enjoyable weekend.

The walking party consisted of:— Ian Gibson (leader), Thelma West, Ted Herbert, Mike Slater, Alan Banes (King's College), and Roger Henson.

The support party was:— Ken Urwin (driver), John Spiller (ex-I.C. and co-driver), Mollie Howard, Sue Livingstone, Angela Cowgill (Bedford College) not forgetting Chas (native guide!).

I.L.G.

## COMING EVENTS

It is with the greatest pleasure that 'Felix' introduces its 'Coming Events' column. We hope that this will help students to fill their diaries long in advance of events and so be able to draw up a timetable for themselves. Such events as take place on the same day and at the same place every week will not be included in this column due to limitations of space; but we shall include all other major activities.

### FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER:

1. R.C.S Freshers' Dinner — U.D.H. 6.00 — 10.00 p.m.
2. U.L.U. Conservative Association Dance -- Ayrton Hall, 8.00 — 11.30 p.m.

### SATURDAY 28TH & SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER:

1. Dram. Soc. Rehearsal — Concert Hall 10.00 a.m. — 7.00 p.m.

### MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER:

1. C. & G. Freshers' Dinner — U.D.H. 6.00 — 10.00 p.m.
2. Pakistan Freshers' Tea — Snack Bar, 5.30 — 8.00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER:

1. Morphy Day (Half-holiday).

### THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER:

1. Council Meeting — Snack Bar, 5.15 p.m.

### FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER:

1. Chaps' Club Dinner — U.D.H., 7.30 — 10.00 p.m.
2. Punjabi Society Dinner — Ayrton Hall, 7.00 — 10.30 p.m.

### SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER:

1. Dram. Soc. Rehearsal — Concert Hall, 10.00 a.m. — 7.00 p.m.

### SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER:

1. Brighton Run for Bo.
2. Harlington Ball.
3. Felix Make-Up — Press Room, 2.00 — 8.00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER:

1. U.L. Hockey Match. I.C. v. Kings (Cup Match).

### FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER:

1. R.F.C. Supper.

### SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER:

1. Lord Mayor's Show.

## REG FISHER AT IMPERIAL

The President of ULU completed his tour of the forty-two colleges that make up the University when he dined with the Executive on Thursday October 19th. With umbrella at the ready the formidable figure of Reg Fisher strode into the Union Office at lunch time, and after being introduced to the President and Secretary of I.C. the Presidents of the constituent colleges, Dave Wilbraham and the Editor of Felix, Reg. consented to pose for our photographer in a variety of attitudes.

During lunch in the Dining Hall Reg. displayed his wit and humour to good advantage and generally kept the party going. To our surprise he complimented the Union on the standard of cooking, so some of the other forty-one other College refectories must be

pretty terrible.

When the party retired to the bar, Reg. bought a round of pints, balanced himself on a stool and proceeded to hold forth on a variety of topics, including, naturally enough, dentistry, for he is a student at the Royal Dental Hospital. Reg. completed the visit with a short discussion at a more serious level in the Union Office.

Obviously, Reg. Fisher could not hope to achieve much more than to remind us of our very tenuous connection with U.L.U., and to put over a good impression generally, but it is good to see that someone is interested in breaking the barrier of mutual indifference between this College and the rest of the University.





# On the Sight

by COLCUTT

It seems that my comments about the freshers showing their true worth at freshers' dinners has been justified, providing that we assume that some freshers have been concerned in the recent happenings. The President of the R.C.S.U. was invited to a Guild's freshers dinner, quite the usual practice. This sort of invitation usually secures your personal safety, after all, you are then a guest of the host Union, but the President of the R.C.S.U. lost his trousers. Precisely what he did to arouse the wrath of the militant Guildsmen cannot be determined, but this embarrassment was rapidly followed at succeeding dinners by the removal of the trousers of the Secretary of the I.C. Union and the President of the R.S.M. Union. One can appreciate the humour of debagging the President of R.C.S. and the Secretary of I.C., especially if the President of R.C.S. was his visual vivacious self, these sights being funny any time and particularly when one is slightly inebriated, but the debagging of the President of R.S.M. is a considerable feat, even if he has to be first rendered insensible. The imagination, however, boggles at the act of a party of Mines freshers. Perhaps, we can be generous and say that the breaking of the small yard was the main cause, after all, drinking  $2\frac{1}{2}$  (??) pints at a swallow is an awful lot, but to go into the cloakroom, remove all the coats from the hangers, tear off all the hanger-number tags, and then to pile the hangers in a heap on the floor indicates a mentality unworthy of five-year-old children.

The signature of G. Thomas (Phys. 1.) appended to the letter advocating temperance at I.C. provoked considerable speculation. It has been suggested that he is the brother of Dennis Thomas (D.T.'s) that renowned ex-captain of I.C. and the Saracens.

Rumours have been heard that the President of R.C.S. and some of his hierarchy wish to remove the Silwood Ball from the College social calendar and substitute for it yet another "Grand Ball" to join the ranks of the Commem. Ball and the May Ball. The main reasons for this seem to be the difficulty of organisation involved in the Silwood Ball and the fact that

there are nearly 1,000 students in R.C.S. and only 100 can be accommodated at Silwood. One shudders at the thought of Hammersmith Palais or the Carlton Rooms, Maida Vale (both proposed venues) being substituted for the relaxed formality and "difference" of the Silwood Ball — judged by many to be the most enjoyable function of the year.

I read that L.S.E. are very keen to form a Press Council for the control of all student publications, to correspond to the National Press Council. This seems to be yet another national Student body for which there is little purpose and no demand; and if it does correspond to the National Press Council, to judge by the Spectator's comments ("an entirely comic body") it will be one more source of mirth.

Flagging freshers who feel that after three weeks of term their ambitions in the academic field are fading, should take a stroll along Bond Street. There, displayed in all their glory, in the window of a photographer, are the likenesses of some distinguished Fellows of the Royal Society. The largest and most prominently displayed is of our own Prof. P.M.S.B. looking his usual handsome self; in fact a lady acquaintance of mine finds it difficult to decide which attracts her most, the Prof. or the P.R.S. himself — "they are both so suave". Perhaps, the James-Bond-type looks of the Prof. give him a slight advantage but the overwhelming scholarship of the P.R.S. (Read 'War and Peace' in Russian 'n' times) cannot be ignored — second opinion welcome in this beau de Royal Society competition.

Ben Hindley's sport XI (the Soccer Club's ex-seventh team) were somewhat amazed last week to find that when they crawled onto the field to play a B.B.C. sport XI (supposedly the B.B.C. fifth XI) there was a very officious looking London Association referee waiting for them. This resulted in the last year's chairman of the A.C.C. having the singular experience of being sent off the field before the game started.

## PROFILE



### CAROLINE RUSSELL

Miss Carolyn Russell, the recently elected President of ICWA, first came to Imperial College two years ago to study Metallurgy. Carolyn comes from Poyton in Cheshire and was educated at Macclesfield County High School for Girls. Having become inured to the peculiar position of women at this College (she was the only girl in her department in her first year), she appeared in two Dramatic Society plays and went on tour with the Society. She has also swum for I.C.W.S.C. and performed creditably in the Shrove Tuesday ICWA v.Exec. pancake race.

Of ICWA itself, Carolyn thinks that it is essential to the College, mainly because it can make the women feel at home here and prevent them from being completely isolated. As for the perennial question of women in the bar, she shrewdly points out that no woman should ever have to buy herself a drink, and having had it bought for her she prefers to drink it in the lounge.

Carolyn agrees that from the social point of view the number of girls in the College is far from ideal, but adds that often members of ICWA are not invited out by the men because they automatically assume that someone else will have invited them first.

Hobbies? The theatre mainly and not much time for anything else, what with work and ICWA and the high life generally — and of course there is a well-known Guildsman in her life. To sum up, Carolyn is charming and vivacious, very feminine, and with views of her own. She should make a great success of being President of ICWA this year.

### APOLOGIES

We must apologise for an error in the news item headed "Bookstall Changes" in the last issue of Felix. The Chairman of the Bookstall Committee is Mr. R.H. Harris of the Metallurgy Department and Dr. J.L. Knill of the Geology Department has been recently appointed to the Committee.

### REMEMBER

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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

Dancing: 7.00 p.m. — 10.00 p.m.

Bonfire: 8.15 p.m.

Fireworks: 8.45 p.m.

TICKETS 2s.6d. including transport.

Hotdogs and Bar all evening.

Coaches leave the Union: 6.00-6.30 p.m.

Return from: 9.30 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE IN UNION OFFICE TUESDAY 12.45 LIMITED TO TWO SINGLE TICKETS PER APPLICANT.



# Letters to the Editor

Sir,

We note with surprise and dismay that the Guy Fawkes' Dance will be held on Sunday, November 5th. This is one of the best social events in the calendar of the Union and we would have liked very much to have attended once again, but, as Christians, we will be in Church at the time.

We cannot but express our deepest disappointment that it was not found expedient to hold this celebration a day earlier, just as in other parts of the country, fireworks displays will be held on the Saturday evening.

This event, therefore, cannot be said to be open to all members of the Union because it will be lacking in the support of many I.C. Christians who will be meeting with other like minded people to worship the Lord and Giver of all true Happiness, who set this day apart as a hallowed day.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Davies, John Vernon, John Hulbert, Michael Averill, R.H. Sargeant, Segun Sowunmi, A.J. Martin, F.C. Brown, C. Weller, D.L. Barlett, J.Ff. Evans, Samuel Tewungwa, S.W. Aaron.

Dear Sir,

In a recent issue of your excellent periodical you published a non-committal article on the Union refectories. Whilst respecting your neutralistic politics, I feel that a strong protest must be made through your columns with regard to the evening meal facilities. Everyone who, on economic grounds or otherwise, has had the misfortune to eat in the lower refectory after six o'clock knows that it is impossible to obtain a meal without a fifteen or twenty minute wait if he wishes to have the full range of dishes on the menu from which to select. There is only one answer, namely the upper refectory must be opened in the evening. The fact that Ayrton Hall, where the meals are cold anyway due to lack of a hot-plate, is open, is of little importance as no civilised person wants his evening meal at five o'clock, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays all conscientious students are working until five-thirty.

Yours faithfully,

DUNCAN DOUGLASS, MECH. ENG. .2

Dear Sir,

I had intended writing an idiot-type letter about the number of noms de plume in last week's letter page. Two obviously, who are cowards and a third signed incorrectly. This was until I saw on the Union notice board a request for the actual names of two more noms de plume, one obviously offensive since it is referred to as a nom de guerre.

Has no-one in this College the strength of mind to write an unpopular letter and actually to claim ownership? Surely, if one has a different point of view and takes the trouble to put it down on paper, then one should expect to be able to be argued with "face to face" as it were, instead of through a forest of noms de plume, noms de guerre, and noms de cowardice. I was going to sign this letter, "Disgusted, Weeks Hall", but now in rebellion I sign it,

Yours, ashamed of the spirit of this College,  
JOHN WHITE

Dear Sir,

There are several points arising from Felix No. 165 which I feel I must comment on. Although agreeing with your general comments on refectories I feel I must point out that Ayrton Hall has been used to more than capacity over the last fortnight and I cannot see it easing the load on the Union facilities to any great extent.

Secondly, spelling. I have noticed some appalling mistakes on notices about the place and I was ready to comment on this when Felix himself let me down on the front page!

Thirdly, the letters page. I agree with Mr. Thomas to the point of disliking "filthy" songs, but I feel that he should reserve his judgement; some folk overburdened with work require to let of steam and the bar is as good a place as any. And what is wrong with the top chop-house bar which is usually available on hop nights?

Now what is Irate Guildsman on about? Why doesn't he try to arouse enthusiasm in his own department instead of getting at Chem. Eng. Cave ura Yogi!

R.A. STOCK, Chem. Eng. 2

Dear Sir,

It has recently come to my notice that the Refectory Committee has raised the price of Freshers' Teas from 1s.6d. per head to 2s. This was done without notifying any of the clubs or societies of the Union, and consequently the majority of the societies ordered their Freshers' Teas on the understanding that they would cost 1s.6d. each. Now the bills have come in, and Mr. Mooney has presented all the societies with bills 33% more than what they had estimated for.

Why were the societies told that the Freshers' Teas had not changed in price, and why it is that only now, after all the teas have been eaten, are Mr. Mooney's staff told of the increase?

Yours querying,

P.C. YOUNG

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Mr. Mooney informs us that the matter was brought up at a Refectory Committee meeting last June at which the constituent College Presidents were present. He feels that the onus was upon them to inform their societies and the societies to inquire first about the prices.

Dear Sir,

Rarely am I moved to express feelings of indignation in the columns of the Press, but an item in the last issue of Felix has aroused my ire.

I refer to the words attributed to a well-known ICWarian in Comments of the Week, namely, "The Freshers' look like a weedy lot this year." I read this item one morning as I was dressing, and I can only say that I was so overcome as to be completely unable to do up the buttons of my liberty bodice.

Yours faithfully,

G.L.E. LOCKE, AERO 1.

Sir,

Some serious allegations have been made in the last week's edition of Sennet about the conduct of the I.C. Council. The suggestion is made that the disbanding of the I.C. Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament was achieved in a thoroughly suspicious and reprehensible manner — indeed perhaps from political motives.

Reports such as these, whether true or false, do no good at all to the name of our College. What is more, they are very likely to be believed if the present Council insists on being dilatory and evasive about the whole affair. The course of action necessary is quite clear; if an injustice, intentional or not, was done to the I.C.C.N.D. then they should be reinstated immediately and apologies made: if, on the other hand, there was good cause for this action, then the facts should be made public without delay.

The matter is one which is quite independent of any likes or dislikes which may be left for the C.N.D.; if the allegations in Sennet are correct, then a precedent has been created for the interference by Council in the affairs of any of those I.C. societies which it happens to dislike. Such conduct is clearly intolerable.

The seriousness of Sennet's claims warrants, I think, a personal statement from the Union President.

Yours faithfully,

DONALD PEARSON

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Far from being dilatory and evasive, Council can say nothing until the minutes of the last Council meeting have been passed as a true and correct record. The next Council meeting is next Thursday, after which the minutes of the meeting in question will be published on the notice board.

Dear Sir,

I note with concern Mr. A. Wellwisher's concern over the influx of a large number of young ladies into the College. His remark about yellow women is particularly offensive, and he displays generally a most unchivalrous attitude to our filles nouvelles. The tone of his letter leads me to believe that he is embittered towards the fair sex; why, I just cannot fathom.

Yours faithfully,

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P.S. What happened to Felix No. 164?

EDITOR: It suffered the misfortune of being numbered 163. And we apologise for the spelling mistakes we actually beat the Guardian.

Dear Sir,

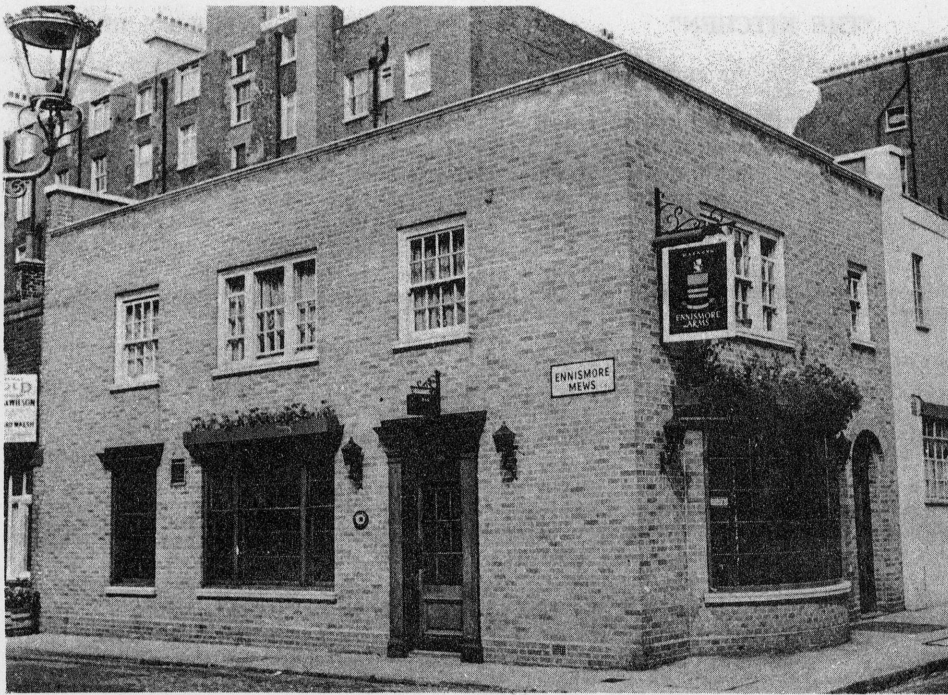
My congratulations to Mr. "A. Wellwisher" for his forthright letter concerning the selection of women students, which appeared in the last issue of Felix; his feelings are shared by many amongst us.

Shame, however, that no name and address supplied appeared at the bottom of the page for I would very much like to meet him personally.

Yours faithfully,

H.D. RICHARDSON, E.E.1.





## Felix Pub Guide

by KEG

NO. 2.

### THE ENNISMORE ARMS

The Ennismore is the newest pub near I.C. and on its reopening three years ago, rapidly became popular. Its single close-carpeted bar has a sophisticated atmosphere and is definitely a place to take the girlfriend. The new landlord is more tolerant

of students than the last one, with whom relations were somewhat strained last year. Watney's Red Barrel and Special bitter are served, but food is not usually available in the evenings. The most convenient route from the Union is along Prince's Gardens, past Weeks' Hall and into Ennismore Mews, on turning right past an illuminated bust of some long-dead Roman, the pub is 100 yds. down the mews.

Dear Sir,

Well, it didn't take the Guilds Executive long to show their true colours. A truly glorious episode — invite the R.C.S. President to a Freshers' Dinner and then remove his trousers afterwards with the help of fifty other Guildsmen.

True Guilds hospitality at its best.  
Yours chicken,

AN ONLOOKER

### I.C. ORCHESTRA

I.C. Orchestra are giving a concert on Nov. 27th in the Concert Hall. All music-lovers are encouraged to attend. There is also the customary bun-fight in the Council Room in 178, Queensgate afterwards. If you don't know what a bun-fight is come along to this one and bring some music if you want to contribute to the evening's entertainment.

### S.C.C. MEETING

The first S.C.C. meeting of this session was held on the auspicious evening of Friday the 13th of October. Mr. Elstein of the Jewish Society was elected to the vacancy on the Executive Committee. The Chairman, Mr. Bond, outlined the basis of the financial management of the committee and explained the estimates for this session. The affiliation of the I.C. Islamic Society to the University of London Islamic Group was approved.

The Committee were concerned at the manner in which an S.C.C. society had been disbanded without consultation with or discussion by the S.C.C. Suggestions from the Chair on the treatment of clubs which broke Union rules, including that clubs should only be disbanded after serious and repeated rule-breaking or when defunct were approved by the meeting. A proposal that Council be asked to reinstate the College C.N.D. Group was passed with only one vote against it.

### INCA HIGHWAYS EXPEDITION

REQUIRES

### A PHOTOGRAPHER

If you would like a trip to Northern Peru next Summer please contact J.E. Selman (P.G., Civil Engineering Department) via the Union Letter Rack.

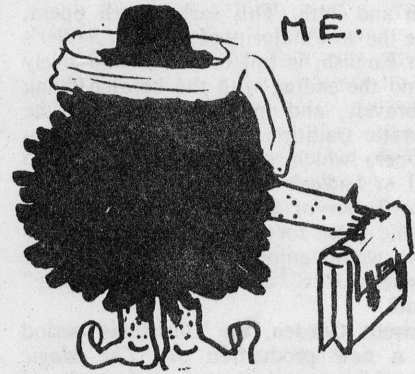
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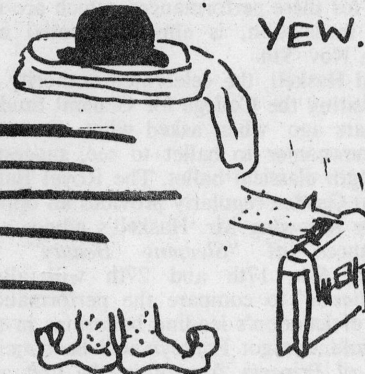


MORPHY DAY

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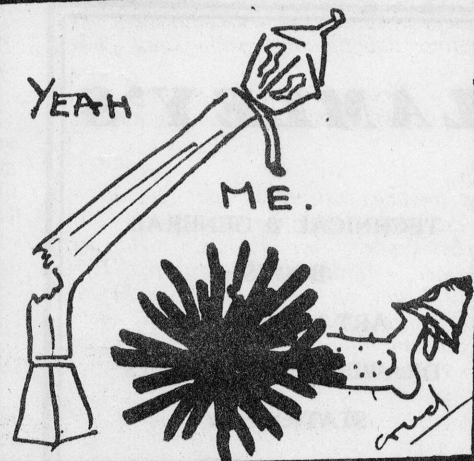


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WANTED  
BRIDESMAIDS AND JURYMEN  
I.C. Gilbert and Sullivan Society  
require cast for  
TRIAL BY JURY  
Contact J. Boston through Union Rack.



## OPERA AND BALLET

I.L. GIBSON

With the "hustle and bustle" of College activities to occupy the fresher and returning student, it is some time before he acclimatizes himself and begins to look outside for his entertainment. London is one of the major centres of the arts in Western Europe and it is a great pity if the University student doesn't avail himself of this fine opportunity to see something of the London theatre, music, opera and ballet. The latter two may be new to anyone from the provinces, but it is worth making the effort to accustom oneself to the new medium and accept its conventions.

Sadler's Wells provide an almost ideal introduction to the world of opera with a series of performances of *Rigoletto* on Nov. 4th, 8th, 16th and 24th. This early Verdi opera, sung, like the vast majority of opera at Sadler's Wells, in English, is full of action and lively music; and the ending with the heroine dying slowly, bravely, and in fine voice is in the true operatic tradition. In a lighter vein, another opera which nearly always seems to fare well at Sadler's Wells is Rossini's comedy *"The Barber of Seville"* (Nov. 3rd, 23rd, 28th), while those for whom Stravinsky holds no terrors would enjoy the very fine double bill *"Oedipus Rex"* and *"The Nightingale"* (Nov. 2nd).

At Covent Garden, the Christmas period includes a new production of *"The Magic Flute"* by Mozart, conducted and produced by Otto Klemperer, and a revival of one of Verdi's finest operas *"Don Carlos"*. Advance booking for these performances, which are not sung in translation, is almost essential and opens on Nov. 9th.

Arnold Haskell, the celebrated authority on ballet, visiting the College for General Studies some years ago, when asked what he would take a newcomer to ballet to see, suggested a full length classical ballet. The Royal Ballet at Covent Garden regularly provides an opportunity for following Mr. Haskell's advice and performances of *"Sleeping Beauty"* on Nov. 8th, 9th, 17th and 27th will allow "balletomanes" to compare the performances of three of London's leading ballerinas in the leading role. Margot Fonteyn will be dancing the part of Princess Aurora in the first and last of the four performances listed above.

## LAMLEY'S

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## "THE KITCHEN"

by ARNOLD WESKER

On Thursday, Oct. 12th, a disorderly crowd of some twenty-two members of the I.C. Dram. Soc. descended upon the stalls of the Royal Court theatre; the large number presumably due to the staggering price reduction offered, the details of which appear to be exclusive to the organiser of the trip, one David Cain, better known perhaps for his partiality for a large stringed musical instrument.

*"The Kitchen"*, which was Wesker's first play, would seem to be something of a producer's nightmare, involving a cast of thirty all of whom appear at times to be talking at once. The action takes place in the kitchen of a large West End restaurant during one working day and is concerned mainly with the reaction of a very assorted crew of cooks and waitresses to one another, and to the fact that they are all somewhat overworked. The main character in this strange situation is a German 'exchange' cook, a quick tempered, rather light-hearted individual — very well portrayed by Jeremy Brett, whom some may remember for his interesting *"Hamlet"* earlier this year. A notable feature of this cast was the constructive use of accents, easing the problem of indetification amongst so many, and particularly well done by the two Germans, James Bolan as a Geordie, a dab hand at sour onion soup, and Harry Landis, a down-to-earth number one pastry cook.

[The set, using no drapes, flats, backcloth or masking, gave the appearance of a large draughty basement; this was, in fact, the stage itself, bare and uncluttered, but for ovens and tables, and some most effective lighting. Sound was also imaginative — though the occasional rumbling of the Inner Circle just under the stage was little disturbing.

Over a pint next door, it was generally agreed that the evening had been a great success, and further similar outings would be welcomed. Visits are therefore planned to the Aldwych and *"Luther"* in the near future, and, of course, *"Tiger at the Gates"*.

## THE SEVENTH SEAL

Bergman's films have achieved great praise and popularity and there is no doubt that he is one of the world's outstanding directors. Recently critics have suggested Bergman has gone into decline — *"The Face"* was received with little enthusiasm and *"The Virgin Spring"* even sharply criticised, but in *"The Seventh Seal"* he demonstrated the originality and sureness of touch which has made him a force in the cinema. The best film in 1957 at the Cannes and Edinburgh Film Festivals and his best film to date (along with *"Wild Strawberries"*) it symbolises the current problems of doubt and faith. Set in the middle ages the main player is a knight returning from a Crusade. He meets Death and challenges him to a game of chess. Although he must lose he has time to consider his beliefs and meet people, amongst whom are a family of strolling players. Here, Bergman presents his opposites: the knight who cannot believe without proof is conquered by Death (although the extent of defeat is reduced) whilst the family, full of love and faith escape Death's clutches. Bergman considers love should conquer death and this 'infinite love' is his God. The film is complex but stimulating: mediaeval yet contemporary. The acting and photography are superb.

## THE FIVE LEVELS OF BEING

Many students of science, used to following logical processes of deduction, and wary of accepting any hypothesis until it has been experimentally tested, must be feeling rather disturbed by the series of lectures given every Tuesday by Mr. E.F. Schumacher. The tone of these lectures is largely philosophical, and the lecturer feels that in this subject the non-scientific questions are the basic ones. In contrast to Descartes, who felt himself obliged to reject everything and accept nothing but the fact that he himself existed, Mr. Schumacher asserts that as a starting-point to philosophy one should "accept everything and reject nothing", regardless of the fact that in so doing one accept many contradictory assumptions.

At the time of writing, two lectures have been given, and their main theme so far is the classification of objects into four main levels of existence: stone, plant, animal and man. A stone, or any other inanimate object, cannot think, feel, act, evolve, reproduce, or have much effect on its surroundings. It consists of matter alone. A plant, possesses not only matter but life. In addition to these an animal — a higher at any rate — possesses intelligence. Man manages to crown matter, life, and intelligence with the possession of consciousness, which means awareness of oneself; the ability to think abstractly, to reason.

Is there a fifth level, an even higher plane of being? Throughout the ages men have said "Yes"; the only significant exceptions have been the materialists of modern times. Mr. Schumacher feels that by denying the existence of God, the materialists are living in "a sort of meaningless waste-land." The nature of God can be guessed at by extrapolating the characteristics of the four lower levels of being. For example, a stone has very little influence on its surroundings. Plants, animals and men have successively more power in this respect. One may imagine that on the fifth level this attribute tends to infinity. God is therefore omnipotent.

Mr. Schumacher feels that it is impossible to make much sense of Evolution without coming to the conclusion that there is some sort of guiding force, aiming at ever-increasing biological complexity, intelligence, and consciousness. It is therefore quite natural that the universe should not be completely describable by the laws of physics as they stand today, but should be in part non-physical or supernatural.

My own feeling is that the study of this aspect of nature, and the investigation of the precise relationship between the physical and the non-physical, is a subject for scientific research rather than philosophy. I hope that in Mr. Schumacher's later lectures we shall hear something of the startling modern discoveries in this field.

## I.C. CHOIR

The I.C. Choir meets on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. in Room 342 E.1. Block. It is rehearsing works by Bach and John Blow, and will be performing Beethoven's Mass in C at Easter. There is still room for singers in all voices; there is no audition and everyone is welcome to come and sing for an hour and a half on Tuesday evenings.



## MOTOR CLUB

To Guildsmen this year November 5th has more significance than just being Guy Fawkes' night. For early on that Sunday morning, Boanerges, the President's official carriage will be leaving Hyde Park on the run organised by the Veteran Car Club.

Boanerges is our five-seater James and Browne phaeton, first seen on the road in 1902, and with more unusual characteristics than we can enumerate here. He has made the Run almost every year since the war and undoubtedly one of the most memorable was two years ago. Bo was running on one cylinder instead of the intended two, and it was only by sheer force of numbers and strength of Guildsmen that he arrived in Brighton in time to collect his pennant from the V.C.C. for successfully completing the 57 mile run. The radiator consumed 40 gallons of water and the Guildsmen an equal quantity of beer.

This year we anticipate a less energetic trip and hope to arrive at Clarges' Hotel in time for the traditional dinner organised by the C. & G. Motor Club. To this R.C.S. also bring Jez, for whom the journey is rather more hazardous as she does not enjoy the same privileges as the veteran cars. All members and guests are welcome to the dinner and details may be obtained from the Club notice board, or from any member of the committee.

We hope that more than the usual number of Guildsmen (and women) will get up early to cheer Bo and the President out of the Park, and that those with transport will welcome him at the parade at Brighton.

The Motor Club seems set for a record year. At their first meeting of this session Room 542 in the E.1 block was filled to capacity for the films "1955 Belgian Grand Prix" and "B.R.M. 1960", and over one hundred members have paid their subscriptions.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society opened its programme a week last Tuesday when the motion before the house was 'That this house considers drink a necessary evil'. The house numbered only 80 which was very disappointing especially considering the standard of speaking both from the platform and the floor.

The main speakers, Messrs. Sullivan, Carter, Hills and White, dealt with the motion in a humorous vein, the topic of sex being brought in more than the motion under debate, though this can be said of most debates. Nevertheless the speeches were good and very funny. I am sure that those who spent their lunch time in an over crowded lounge waiting for the next lecture would have found the walk to the Concert Hall well worth while.

The speeches from the floor were on the whole in a much more serious mood, and many speakers brought out the evils of misuse of alcohol very convincingly, but the common mistake was not to stick directly to the motion. Both the number and standard of the speeches were surprisingly good and one hopes that more people will come along to debates and turn their tongues to debating.

The Society will compete in the first round of the ULU Debating Competition next week. The debate will be at home and our visitors will be the 'School of Slavonic and East European Studies', while the motion before the house will be "Rule Britannia". The time and place will be announced later. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## BEN NEVIS RACE (1961)

IC Cross County Club have at last proved themselves mad enough by entering a team for the Ben Nevis Race. Of the five men in the IC team who faced the starter on September 2nd, Mike Heck, Jim Smith (both LSE) and Ian Linklater hailed from the Lake District after success in the 40 mile 'Big-3' run; Ted Wilkins was fresh from London; and John Cleator not so fresh from Skye.

The race is variously reported as 10 or 14 miles. But the horizontal distance is meaningless when there are 4406 agonising vertical feet to climb and descend. The race starts in Fort William and there is a 2 mile stretch of road before the mountain "bridle-path" is reached. The route to the summit is optional; and as a direct result, the local runners always do better than is expected of them. It is a highly specialised type of racing demanding exceptional stamina on the ascent, and great technique on the race-winning descent.

About 140 started the race, including many of the biggest names in long distance and mountain running. The winner's time was 1hr.48mins. Mike Heck was 32nd in 2 hours 7 minutes, while Ian Linklater and Jim Smith raced in together in typical fashion in 2hrs. 20 mins. Ted Wilkins, however, missed the short cut in the thick mist and violent thunderstorm of the descent. Although only 3 people passed him on the way down, he dropped from 50th to 80th and to a time of 2hrs 27 mins. John Cleator had a similar misfortune. Five hundred feet below the summit, his running shoes gave out and after throwing them down the hillside, he completed the descent in bare feet.

## Crossword

by REGUS

## CLUES:

## ACROSS.

1. Rather rare animal, who goes bang!, while giving an account of events at I.C. (5,8).
8. Loud and sometimes public, in conversation (7).
9. Communist from neck upwards (7).
11. Old fashioned father, when using two tees, tends to speak a lot (6).
13. Look to the heavens! (8).
15. Even more so than 4 down (5).
18. A woman and her claws (3,4).
16. Don't be rash when making one (7).
19. Can you imagine Utopia without you? (5).
21. They are as close as you can gather, from what they say (8).
23. A chopped up oak tree without a knee (4).
25. I've not heard these three before (3, 4). produces an alternative wood (2,4).
26. An ancestor who isn't against a grizzly now and then (7).
27. What a hedge-trimmer does (6,7).

## DOWN.

2. He has to be twenty-one or more before he's one! (7).
3. Comes between pen and paper (3).
4. Scarce on infrequent (4).
5. They're usually up in the air about something, but they come down eventually (10).

## BADMINTON

The fixtures began balatantly and rather inauspiciously on Thursday 18th October when the mixed team suffered a convincing 8-1 defeat at the hands of the 'auld enemy', U.C. The 2nd team also started badly, losing 9-0 to Battersea I, and they will obviously have a hard struggle if they are to remain in the first division along with the first team. The first team, as yet very rusty, chalked up their first win of the season with a very close (5-4) win over Cambridge II. This was a very closely fought affair, and plaudits must go to S. Ahmad and J. Richardson for pulling off the match with a fine win over the Cambridge pair.

D. FORSTER

## FELIX SMALL ADS

**WANTED** a convertible car in good condition. Must have passed the 10 year test. Prices in the two figure range considered. G.G.F. Ward, Mech. Eng.2., via C. & G. Rack.

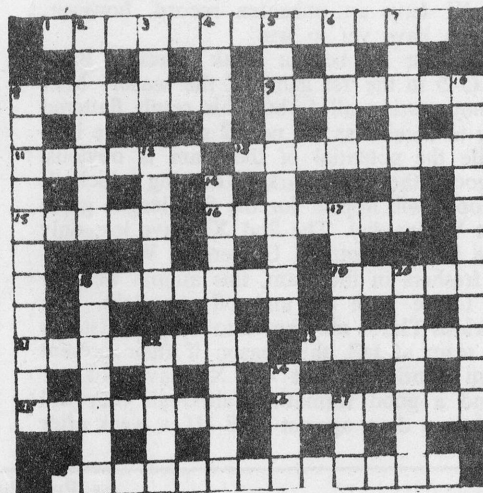
**WANTED** female for frustrated fresher. Experience essential. P. Beadle, Elec. Eng.1.

**FOR SALE** assorted drawing instruments and Hughes' Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering (good, basic and dead simple, ideal for non-electrical engineers). Give away prices. Write Box No. 997.

**LIVE IN A FLAT** 3rd year engineer and motor-cycle enthusiast seeks other to form flat-sharing syndicate. Conservatives need not apply. Those interested contact L.T.G. Lait via the C. & G. rack.

**ADVERTISE** here. Only 3d. per line to contact students by the thousand. Drop a note in the Union Rack for the Advertising Manager.

6. You'll not find this cup on the tee! (5).
7. If you get to the top you'll have this to yourself (7).
8. This cleared up interference on T.V. sets when applied to cars (11).
10. Sherlock Holmes had one for hunting (11).
12. Summon the courage up to touch a sensitive point (5).
14. Ops! (10).
17. Bury this Latin prefix in between (5).
18. Eiffel's thoughts when he looked up at it (2, 5).
20. You give this now? (7).
22. A complete nitwit (5).
24. Not a-near (4).
27. A type of abbreviated counter operating at speed (3).





# SPORT

## RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club has started the season in fine form the 1st XV winning 3 out of their 4 first games, scoring 58 points to 28 pts, but the Ex. 1st have lost one out of 2 games and the A.XV have lost their only game. But to far none of the B.XV's have lost a game. The B-1, Lydon's mob, have won 24 pts. to 3 and 32 pts. to 6, the second win being spoilt only by the fact the B-2's, "Ex-Jim's Team" won the first game against Camberley A. by 33 pts. to 3, the team including a "useful newcomer", T. Wright. But the best record to date belongs to Chris Head's B-3 who in 2 matches have scored 70 pts. without reply.

Last Friday, a team from Delft University was entertained by R.C.S. who fielded a strong side, including guests from both Guilds and Mines. This side proved much too experienced for their visitors and won by 54 pts. to 6. The Delft side played hard and never gave up trying, showing they would make a very useful side when they have had more practice, and it is hoped that this game helped them to that end. Delft were a very friendly side and many of those playing on Friday are looking forward to Easter when a team from R.C.S. and Guilds will visit Delft.

There are 2 dates worthy of notice by those interested in Rugby. On Nov. 4th the club has one of its hardest fixtures against Richmond Vikings at Harlington, when a strong I.C. team will be fielded. Turn out and support the team if you are not playing, as they will appreciate it very much. On the evening of Nov. 6th, the club will have a social evening when beer and sausage rolls will be served. There will also be a film show, so please take this opportunity of meeting the rest of the club.

It would be a great help to the officials if players ticked off as early as possible in the week at least before Thursday. Also please look at the board on Friday afternoon to check whether you have moved up and if you have, tick off again.

## SOCCER CLUB

The season has got off to the usual moderate start, and after four playing days the 3rd XI have an unbeaten record, however, the 4th have yet to win.

The last XI beat a weak Barclays Bank XI (5-2) in the 1st game of the season. Max Finney scoring all 5, but this result flattered only to deceive as the next 2 games were lost. While the potential of the team is obviously good, the vital spark is missing which, it is hoped will appear for the first league game next Wednesday. The 2nd XI have lost only once to Southampton University. With 5 lively freshers in the team, this augurs well for the future both on and off the field. The Glorious Thirds may prove to be the outstanding team at I.C. this season if their present form continues. The 4th XI have not yet found a good formation, although they did achieve a draw against LSE III, a week after

being beaten 7-1 by LSE IV. The 5th XI have lost only once in their four friendly games. Perhaps, 4th XI permitting, they will get promotion this season. The 6th, starting off with almost the same team as last season, are achieving similar results, i.e. they have won one game out of four so far. The 7th team have started off fairly well on the field (if that's important). Their forte seems to have become post-match activity on a scale competing with that Extra VII's. The Extra VIth's consumption has now reached 8 pints per match, as compared to 0.5 goals per men per match conceded. Carry on Ben's Men! The general club spirit seems to be more in evidence than in previous years. This may be due to the good set of 'sports' freshers who have joined our ranks. It is hoped that this spirit will continue throughout the season.

## HOCKEY CLUB

The first event on the hockey calendar, the trials, were blessed with exceptionally good weather, and uncovered a good proportion of fine talent among the new members. At the start of the term things looked black for the 1st XI, with only four of last year's team available. But with the return of three members, Ron King, Sean Galbally and Sham and some very promising freshers, we have the making of a good team. After a rather shaky start against Vickers-Armstrong, whom we beat by an own goal, the team played better to beat St. Barts Hospital, 4-0 and to maintain their unbeaten record with a 1-1 draw against Burnt Ash.

The second XI, under the vivacious captaincy of Cas Anolick, narrowly lost to Northampton College 1st XI, 2-3, but came back with a resounding 6-3 win over the Institute of Education, Anolick collecting a hat-trick.

London Bible College were the 3rd XI's first fixture, played in Regent's Park. The result was a 2-2 draw, with guest member Keith Murden giving an impressive display in goal. In the second match, however, the team was beaten 6-2 by Hounslow IV. The 4th XI suffered our greatest defeat against Imperial House 0-9, but gained a draw with Meadhurst, 1-1. Obviously Ged Brough at full-back is beginning to find his feet in the game.

Last Friday we had our traditional sausage-and-mash beer up, which, unfortunately, was not well attended by the freshers. However, those who did attend showed that the club has a solid core of 'sportsmen' who will be able to entertain our friends from Groningen at Lowestoft next Easter in the traditional manner.

The most depressing aspect of the season so far has been the poor ticking off habits of the new members. Of the 30 who turned up to the trials, only half make regular visits to the club board — which has now been moved to the Cricket board, next to the bar. If this state of affairs does not improve, we will have difficulty in fielding four teams in coming weeks.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

In preparation for their first big match of the season, the UC invitation relay, the club turned out on Wednesday 11th with Borough Road Teachers Training College, and St. Barts. teams for a 1 lap jog followed by 1 lap at speed (?). The IC first team (49) out-pointed Borough Road (79) and St. Barts (85), while IC second team got 101.

The 6 x 1.8 UC relay took place on Sat. 14th under perfect weather and ground conditions. IC had a fine turn out, entering four teams. With strong competition from Birmingham, Sheffield and Loughborough to contend with, IC 1st team handed over after the first leg in 8th position, and a fine run by Dave Hammonds in the second leg brought I.C. up to fourth. Jim Bernard ended in third place to Birmingham and Loughborough, with LSE and Borough Road fourth and fifth. The next leg, however, saw Miles of Borough Road take the fastest lap of the day and move up to third. Not even the combined efforts of Ted Wilkins and John Cleator (who turned in the fourth fastest time) could change the situation and the final result was:

1. Birmingham — 50.38
2. Loughborough — 51.20
3. Borough Road — 51.53
4. I.C. I — 51.56
15. I.C. II — 55.50
21. I.C. III — 58.14
31. I.C. IV — 60.58

On Wed. 18th the IC 1st at home to RAF, Hatton, had a resounding victory (23-35). John Collins took the honours with 25.02 in very windy conditions. However, the 2nd team, away to Kings 2nd (?) at Mitcham, were beaten into the dust by the full Kings 1st team, four members being lost somewhere between the railway lines and cabbage patches which surround the Mitcham course.

The Annual Mob Match, UL v. Poly, incorporating the UL trials, was held over 2 large laps at Hampstead Heath on Saturday 21st. There is little doubt that IC 1st team walked away with League I having 5 in the 1st 15 UL runners. The fate of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th in League II is as yet unknown, though some fine improvements from Peter Moss and Graham Locke indicated the growing strength of the lower teams. However, from results, our own road relay organiser must have forgotten that one runs as well as organizes races.

## BASKETBALL

The club started the season with a win over U.C. at the U.L.U. court. However, it was a hollow victory as U.C. arrived with a depleted team. We lent them one man and then proceeded to thrash them soundly to the score of 68-26 (the man lent them scoring 14 of their points). On Friday, 20th, the club played its first game of the London League against a supposedly strong team from Eastham. The match was fast and exciting with the I.C. team (known as the IMPS) holding their own throughout. Astute team changing brought the tallest line-up IC has ever fielded with an average height of about 6'4". The IMPS piled on the pressure and made sure of success, winning score being 55-36. John Rupf, one of the wings, played an outstanding game totalling 17 points and leading the attack brilliantly.