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Editor speaks

Once again it becomes the Editor's unfortunate job to bring to the notice of his readers the sad financial aspect of the newspaper. Each issue between 25/- and 30/- disappears, either in the form of "lost" copies of Felix, or, as is more often the case, blatant theft of the money itself from the various collecting receptacles (It might not seem much in money but converting it back to copies its 75 to 150 each time). We realise that the headline might well offend some people and for this we apologise, the people towards which this article is aimed are the

persons who (heaven knows why) out of instinct keep a "free" copy, or a "lucky" dip. Some of you will undoubtedly say that it must be outsiders; this is indeed a possible solution, one which we are prepared to admit. BUT it could be someone within the College. The next line is that it is just one particular person. If it is, according to the balance sheet for past ten years, he or she has been at the College for the last seven years! (This rules out an undergraduate, seven years is a little long for one degree. A dishonest P.G. maybe) There are many solutions, each with its own defence, but whatever the solution, we are still left with the unsavoury knowledge that petty thefts of one sort or another have cost this newspaper £200 in the last seven years.

U . L . U .

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

It cannot be said that Imperial College takes no notice at all of U.L.U. I.C. Provided two out of the four productions which were entered for the competition and managed to win with John Webb's production of the first act of "Sleep of Prisoners" by Christopher Fry.

The scenery and lighting combined well to suggest the atmosphere of the ruined church which was a billet for four prisoners of war. The play called for spirited acting from the two privates played by Tony Morey and Brian Connelly who played the murder scene together with intensity nearing hate. Chis Masterman as Cpl. Adams provided with the injured Meadows (Edmundfield) the required balance of sympathy. One particularly good piece of collaboration between back and front-stage was the taped voice of God spoken by Meadows holding a conversation with the private, King (Tony Morey). The Adjudicator was looking for a production with pace besides the various other merits required. Occasionally, however, the speed and rhythm dropped (e.g. the dice game), but overall the play clicked — hence 1st prize and congratulations to John Webb.

The play written by David Cain as much confused the programme printers with its title as it did the audience and the Adjudicator. "Asseveration" a solemn swearing. It did not fit the play, but . . . ostensibly this was the trial of Noah son of Lamech but was actually a vehicle for the various religious opinions of the author. The scene was a court-room: Perry Mason fans would have been disturbed — there was no defence lawyer, but there were two prosecuting counsels, one anti and the other in sympathy with the believers. Witnesses were Noah, portrayed nobly by Simon Adlam, and a man and a woman (A. Ablewhite and Carol Melville) who wanted to get back to bar and baby-bathing respectively. These two parts were played to show that "I'm all right, Jack" is still predominant. Jenny Desmond was extremely good as the probing cynical lawyer and Andrew McTier equally convincing as sympathising counsel. Chris Tattersall was an authoritative, unobstructive President of the Court. The actual meaning of the play was pointed by R. Rushton who sat cross-legged on the stage, smoking and tearing up the "Observer" into minute pieces. Finally and superbly casually he tore up the notes taken by the lawyers. The play was produced by the author who sensibly kept action to minimum and concentrated on the words allowing these to be stressed by the surrealist chorus.

The last performance of the evening was by the Adjudicator who summed up, wittily, expansively — and with pace.

BRIAN HOOPER



HARD FOUGHT SEMI-FINAL

The I.C. Hockey Team played two cup matches in three days last week. The first, a second round replay was won convincingly, but the semi-final match with LSE was undecided after extra time.

In the second round replay, against QMC, the team played magnificently to win 3-0. The goals were all scored in the second half by Anketell, Panesar and Sinclair, but credit must go to the whole team for a fine performance.

The semi-final, two days later, was against LSE who had the services of the University players Wagee and de Villier. LSE scored first when their right wing chased a ball, which the I.C. defence thought had gone out of play, and centred it across the empty goal. I.C. played well, especially in defence, but

did not quite show their spark of the previous match. I.C. equalised just before half time when Phillips converted a fine pass by Anketell. The goal was greeted by enthusiastic applause from five supporters who packed the duckboards on the touchline.

Immediately after the interval Panesar put I.C. in the lead with a fine shot from a short corner. The tempo of the match now reached fever pitch, but it was LSE who scrambled in a goal after a short corner shot had been blocked by the I.C. goalkeeper. This was the last goal of the match, twenty minutes of extra time which were packed with desperate attacks and heroic clearances, could not decide the issue. A draw was a very fair result and we must wait for the replay to see whether I.C. will go forward to meet West Ham College in the final on March 7th.

RCS UNION MEETING

FINLEY GETS THE BIRD

Thursday, February 1st 1962, saw what must surely have been one of the most stormy meetings in the history of the R.C.S. Union. Premeeeting preparations by Council members and the masses alike were manifest in the quantities of Missiles (assorted), fumigation apparatus and protective clothing gathered into an already overcrowded Chemistry Lecture Theatre B. The meeting started only 5 minutes late — the Chairman omitting to declare a time — not surprisingly so after Physics I had literally given him the bird, large economy size in the form of a stuffed albatross. Certain startling changes in the vestments of Council members proved wise considering their ordeal to come.

To make matters worse an uncontrollable excitement on the part of Secretary Harris whilst reading the minutes nearly brought a premature finish to the proceedings when he all but succumbed to the hail of apples as he disported his naked and none too sightly legs on the bench. As the indecipherable monotone of his reading dragged on a stamping of feet on the floor of the House rose in pitch to louder than the Lone Ranger soundtrack, Chairman McPherson took matters in hand by declaring Round 3 ended and sending the Secretary in boxing attire back to his corner.

Nevertheless, it transpired from Matters Arising that brilliant judicial negotiations by Secretary Harris had all but settled the long and costly feud between Chem. Eng. I and Bot. II. Expenses in the case having risen now to an incalculable sum — viz: 1 inflatable Yogi Bear, 2 Rino packets (large size) and assorted trousers at 7/6 per pair. Chief Justice Harris had finally arranged, in conjunction with Guilds, that the most oppressed of the hard-done by Botanists should be entertained free by Chem. Eng. at their forthcoming Dinner, with the option of his entertaining them afterwards.

At this stage the strain became too much for the Secretary who in nervous fidgeting dropped his glasses and on diving below the Bench for them, came up eating one of the apples which had been so viciously hurled at him only a few minutes previously.

The President now rose, and in fine Scottish tones called upon Vice-President Pete

Young to make announcement of the forthcoming sports contest with the — Guildsmen. His familiar and clear voice echoed round the Theatre and must have touched each heart in the sincerity of appeal for support. There was some doubt in the minds of Union members, though, when he had the misfortune to emphasize the "Mixed Women's Hockey Team" and his subsequent inability to explain the full potentialities of a "mixed woman" resulted in his narrowly escaping a guided egg.

Grunter Harris, now wisely using his gloves as a Sporrán, then rose to beg support from members inclined towards Boxing in the contest for the Rector's Cup. He then repeated his speech, loud enough for people to hear, and a hushed Union received the news that Guildsmen are reported to be actually training.

The new Oriental President, Finling McPherson, in his China-type hat followed this by announcing that much merry-making should now ensue to celebrate that this was the Birthday of Miss Doreen Rouse, Queen of Jezebel. He formally presented her with a cake and the whole Union rose to sing "Happy Birthday". A brief and expert speech of thanks was delivered by Miss Rouse with Regal elegance. The subsequent rejoicing, during which Robin Salmon caught an egg aimed at his tin helmet, though unfortunately breaking it in the process, ended with the ammoniacal fumigation of the Theatre by the Secretariat due to the quantities of eggs, apples and bird seed which had been hurled about.

This was followed by the most important event of the day, the Presentation of a revolutionary new Constitution by Mr. Dan Elwyn Jones, dressed in the garb of a Zulu warrior, the Council to have a monopolising control of the Union despite the wishes of its Members. With his audience eagerly anticipating a great Revolution he read out the Document:

1. All Union Meetings are to be hereinafter held in the Queen's Arms Public House, starting at opening time and ending at closing time or when no member of the Union is able to rise from the floor whichever be the sooner.



2. All females shall henceforth and hereinafter be debarred from Union activities unless they fall under the classification of Bona fide women (according to the standards set by Youngs's Modulus).

At this point the Vice-President, Pete Young, gave a concise synopsis of his Modulus, graphically illustrated upon the Epidiascope.

The Vice-President shall live up to his title by examining all R.C.S. women to see that they are up to these standards; and also any other women he can lay hands on.

3. The Secretary of R.C.S. shall live up to the well established tradition of being completely illiterate, punch drunk and booze sodden.

4. All R.C.S. Committees are to meet once only during the year, this occasion being located at the Red Lion in Glasgow on New Year's Eve.

The following new committees shall be formed immediately: Botanical Trousers Preservation Committee; Yogi Bear Deflation Committee; and the Committee for the Constant Revision of the R.C.S. Constitution.

5. The President of R.C.S. shall have a complete mental and physical overhaul to ascertain his suitability for the job, and his capabilities for the arduous tasks he must face during his term of office. Unless he be over 6 ft. tall bearded and with a criminal record he shall be ineligible for the post.

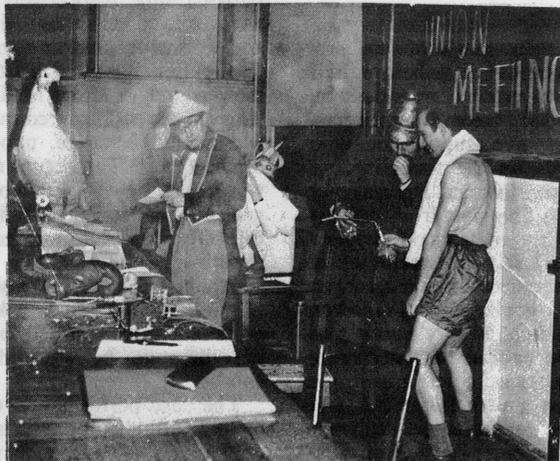
6. The Royal School of Mines shall hereinafter cease to exist, being henceforth a subsidiary of the Royal Geology Department. (This was hailed by trumpet blasts from the Geology section of the audience.)

7. In order to avoid further confusion the Maths. Department shall be immediately handed over to the Royal College of Art.

Here, in answer to question, Dan Jones affirmed that this would raise the number of women in the Maths. Department from 12 to 372.

8. The long awaited take over of the Physics Block by the Royal Borough of Kensington Department of Public Health for use as a sewage farm be concluded without delay.

9. The demolition squad now engaged in knocking down the old Physics Building shall continue the good work with the new Physics Building.



RCS UNION MEETING
(Continued)

10. The Natural History Society and the De la Beche Club shall be in sole charge of the nomination of the Rector, Deans, Professors, Lecturers, Demonstrators, Laboratory Technicians and Lavatory Attendants throughout the University.

11. On the occasion of the Gilbert and Sullivan Societies' Annual Operetta in U.L.U. there shall take place a mass R.C.S. open air concert with male voice choirs and orchestral accompaniment of dustbin lids in the environs of Goodge Street, for the delight and edification of the Constabulary of C. Division.

At this point John McManus, who had kept a constant battery of questions, asked for two minutes silence for those in peril on the "C".

12. All R.C.S. Union Funds shall be expended on one vast non-stop gigantic drinking party to which shall be invited all students of Botany, Geology, Zoology and Chemistry Departments.

13. At Morphy Day the four College Presidents shall be hurled into the River Thames at Putney, each with his respective College Mascot chained around his respective, if unwashed, neck; first to the other side wins. All the other Members of R.C.S. Union shall watch and cheer sportingly, encouraging the contestants by throwing rocks, boulders, logs and any odd pieces of Guildsman they may find scattered on the tow-path.

14. All idiots making a speech on the question of the revision of R.C.S. Constitution lasting more than two minutes shall be entitled to kiss the Queen of Jezebel, and the President.

15. On the occasion of the Birthday of the Queen of Jezebel the entire second year of the Zoology Department shall be entitled to kiss the Queen of Jezebel, and the President.

A vigorous protest at the whole proposition by John McManus resulted in his eventual expulsion from the meeting — although he was soon to re-infiltrate to a rear bench.

Having finished reading, Mr. Elwyn Jones then proposed that his Motion be passed — only to arouse a reprimand from the Vice-President who requested that he did not pass his Motions in public. The Proposition was generally well accepted — though many sceptics who did not know Mr. Jones too well appeared doubtful of his sanity. After obtaining a seconder from the floor the Motion was put to the vote, assent being registered by raising one foot in the air, ladies present being requested to raise both feet. Counting the feet proved indecisive, but after a recount the Revolutionary new Constitution was passed.

Any other business was now raised and Mike Harris was well to the fore with a proposition that all genuine idiots be debarred from Union meetings. He was immediately removed forcibly by the other members of Council and therefore could not carry the matter through.

There was a question addressed to the Chairman, who, with reference to his lampshade type hat, was asked to make public announcement of his wattage.

No other questions forthcoming, save only the unanswered problem of what had caused a suspicious brown stain on the bench, the gathering transferred outside to where the Queen of Jezebel had been carried shoulder high to her chariot, and the President led a somewhat hoarse set of voices in a Kangel which closed the meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Why does Felix weekly have to be contaminated by the puerile literary efforts of sexually perverted ICWArrians, whose sole object in life is to decry the entire male population and students in particular.

Ladies it is so easy to condemn, but until you can replace man by something more to your liking, I suggest that you like him or lump him. After all, despite his disgusting characteristics, he is usually both efficient and cheap to run, coming in many different sized containers. An absolute boon to the modern housewife.

Otherwise, short of committing suicide, I suggest that you retire to a God-forsaken corner of the globe, and there set up a Salvation Army Camp for women.

Your favourite hymn might be;
Sisters leave all those men alone,
Sister, the cads that you have known,
Leave them, Oh, don't believe them,
For they're just no good, no good at all.

Tune "Colonel Bogie".

Yours sincerely,

D.G. PHILLIPS, Mech. Eng.

Dear Sir,

Along with many other males in the College, I was extremely interested in the "Bird's Eye View" that we were given in the last issue of Felix.

As I read through the article I became more and more confused and perturbed at the number of categories I appear to fall into. I was wondering, therefore, whether our sophisticated ICWArrian would be prepared to clarify the matter, on some Saturday night in the near future.

NORMAN REED (Civil)

Dear Sir,

Two gentlemen (B.A. Taylor and K.J. Hearn) stated in a letter last week that the whole concept of nuclear holocaust was so ridiculous as to be almost beyond the bounds of credulity.

One can only conclude that either they have no imagination or that they simply cannot read. In the sincere hope that they can in fact read I suggest that they do not delay in reading the following books; "Has Man a Future" by Bertrand Russell, "Defence in the Nuclear Age" by Stephen King-Hall, "Strategy for Survival" by Wayland Young, and "Is Peace Possible?" by Kathleen Lonsdale. I would be only too glad to lend these books to the two gentlemen concerned.

Yours sincerely,

PETER A. RIDING

Dear Mr. Barron,

We should like to congratulate Mr. M. Barron on his Michael F. Barron production of the Basketball News and Dram. Soc. Weekly (Incorporating 'Felix'). We note with admiration, his noble restraint in only mentioning himself directly four times and by inference once.

Yours sincerely

M. BARRON, D.J. WILBRAHAM, M.F. BARRON,
S.P. GARDINER, MICHAEL F. BARRON J. CARTER,
BARRON, R. LEWIS, M. FITZGERALD BARRON

"The Six Bells",
Chelsea.

11th Feb., 1962

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, were deeply shocked to read in the last issue of your excellent publication the views of an "ICWArrian" with regard to the "unfair" sex.

Finding ourselves in categories 1 to 4 inclusive we feel duty bound to sink to our critic's level and reply in like manner. In our humble opinion all "ICWArrians" fall into the following three classes; namely:

"Them as do, them as don't and them as want to but can't".

May we submit that "Them as don't!" should, and Them as can't" learn.

Sincerely Yours,



Dear Sir,

I would like to express my disgust with the rugby club through your columns.

At the beginning of the year the club had more than enough players to run nine teams. Last week, only the third of this term, one game had to be cancelled so that eight full teams could be fielded. Thus, in twelve or so playing weeks about twenty players have been lost. I think this has been a result of having in the club an inefficient secretary and a captain whose interest is confined to the first XV. A direct result has been the complete absence of availability lists and reserve lists. The latter were started but seem to have disappeared.

This letter is not a personal attack on the two people mentioned, both of whom I know and respect.

However, I feel that they could have done much more to maintain club spirit, although it is somewhat late in the season to start now.

Yours sincerely,

S.P. GARDINER

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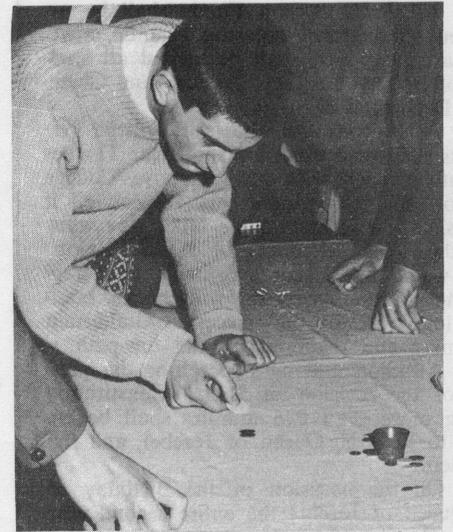
1. R.C.S. v. Guilds — 3-0 R.C.S.
2. R.C.S. v. Guilds — 4-1 R.C.S.

RUGBY

1. ZoBoGe v. Guilds — 0-9 C. & G.
2. Phys. v. Mech. & Elec. — 12-0 R.C.S.
3. Maths. v. Civil — 9-5 R.C.S.
4. Phys. II v. Guilds — 0-26 C. & G.

SOCCER

1. ZoBoGe v. Guilds — C. & G.
2. Phys. v. Chem. Eng. — 0-3 C. & G.
3. Maths. v. Elec. — 4-0 R.C.S.
4. Chem. v. Civil — 2-7 C. & G.



CARNIVAL
1962



FELIX IS SEX-STARVED !

Yes, our cartoon cat is panting for more of our delightful Carnival Queens (He won't say which of these two he prefers). Surely you know *someone* worth taking a second glance at — or are you too absorbed with the normalisation of Legendre Polynomials?

Each nomination needs two proposers, a short article, and a photograph if possible. It should be sent to the Editor of Felix. If you have no photograph, please tell the Editor where the girl may be found, so that our photographer can get to work.

BILK TOTTLES MOPS

The flow of Milk Bottle Tops into the bags in the refectories seems to have slackened off recently. We now have a large box almost full. Please help us to collect enough to send away for money.

FLOATS

Departments and clubs are now being asked to provide floats for the procession on May 5th, or stalls for the fete a week later. Several have already been promised; some are starting to be built.

Unfortunately the Police are limiting our procession to twelve floats. This means that many who would like to build a float will be disappointed. It is hoped that they will build stalls with equal enthusiasm; it is, after all, the stalls which make money. Floats are being allocated to the first twelve groups who can guarantee that one will be built — so if you like trundling round Kensington in a bikini and a beard (as one mathematician did last year) see if you can persuade others in your department to do likewise.

Carnival Queen Nominations

FRIGID FREDA

Proposed by Mr. Morney and Mr. Seafood.

At last! A Carnival Queen with a difference. It is indeed an honour to propose one whose favours are sought by hundreds of I.C. students. Known affectionately as the snack bar cow, Freda is looking forward to becoming the hostel's longest-lived resident. No-one is expected to object to the two year rule being waived for her benefit.

Freda has a bright exterior but a cool nature. Many a visit is paid to her, but no-one has ever been seen taking her out. Her views on I.C. students, founded on two years' experience, are sad and cynical. People approach her, she complains, with but one object in mind. She has accepted her role, however, and can show her contempt for those whom she dislikes by withholding her favours. This has sometimes resulted in her being roughly handled, which entails the humiliation of a public medical examination. But if she likes someone she will double or even treble her output.

If you are still in doubt over her suitability for the post of Carnival Queen, we invite you to present her with a shining sixpence and experience the thrill of hearing her shudder delightfully and murmur:

"This section sold out."



THE PROBING PETRI

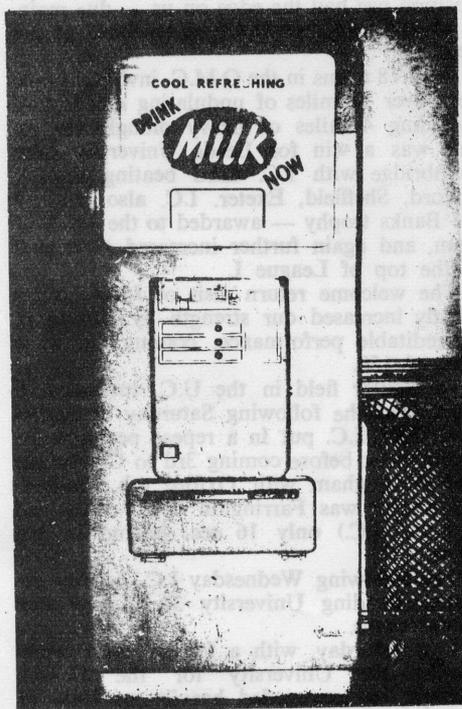
The face that launched a thousand Trojan Sailors should go well in a jeep around Kensington. Beauty, modesty and charm are so uniquely combined in the devastatingly divine young woman as to make her obvious choice for whatever it is this election is for. She had, we were told, nearly everything, when the decision was made to cast her in the Debating Society's mammoth production of Cecil B. de Barron's masterpiece "Osprey at the Orifice", last term. Even under the camouflage of a flowering blonde wig and a flowing white dress, the more obvious physical attractions of this young lady could not remain for long. And she does wonders with a tin of "Nescafe".

Any further enquires concerning this nomination should be addressed to the sole agents;

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A MEAL FOR A BOB

Impossible? Not at a Carnival Lunch! If you haven't already enjoyed the hospitality for the International Relations Club, come along next Monday — and every subsequent Monday — to the Concert Hall and see what they're like. You'll meet all your friends there, and every penny profit goes to our Carnival charity, War on Want.





SOCCER

Last Saturday the Soccer team reached the final of the U.L. Cup for the 4th successive season, by beating the School of Pharmacy, 2-1, at Berrylands.

Our opponents who are in a division below us in the University League weren't any match for I.C. and didn't look at all like scoring, being content to defend, seemingly to keep the score down. This they achieved by packing their penalty area, a move which I.C. hadn't the faintest idea how to counteract. Insistence on trying to play the ball through the middle, rather than to the wings, met with the same result as if there had been a brick wall around the penalty area. This was made worse by the fact that the two wings-halves kept moving upfield to congest even further the already-crowded middle of the field. The small size of the pitch helped us very little, but a few ideas must show themselves in the final against Q.M.C., who have a defence comprising 4 or 5 University players.

The pitch was in excellent condition, our 6 supporters vociferous and, despite a referee who seemed to be against bodily contact and who disallowed what seemed to be a reasonable goal. We scored once in each half, both times through Collin Casemore, the outside-left, to win an uninspired game.

CUP FINAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD AT MOTSPUR PARK

In the past fortnight the 1st XI has won two further league games, beating Battersea and U.C., both by 3-0, and now seem to be in a commanding position in the League with Kings as our closest challengers. However, all things haven't been easy; last Saturday Christ's College, Cambridge, gave us our greatest beating for at least 3 seasons: 7-2. A nightmare display by Hugh Payne in goal, who let 5 goals he should have saved, saw us 5-0 down at half-time, and a great display by the defence in the second-half kept double figures at bay. This was followed by another superb half of defending on the following Wednesday against U.C. which resulted in our 4th clean sheet of the season. With only 8 men the 2nd XI went to U.C., and after being 2 goals down, fought back to beat U.C. III by 3-2 — an extremely sound display, but the following week they were beaten 1-4 at home by U.C. II, which may well mean that they lose their Division of the League.

The 3rd XI lost again, this time to U.C. 4th, and seem certain to finish bottom of their league for the second season running,

but as the 5th XI have won 9 out of their last 10 games, and three league games in the last fortnight, the 4th may again not be relegated and 5th not promoted.

The unpredictability of the 6th XI remains a mystery and is born out by the fact that they beat City Bank 7-0 last Saturday and lost to Goldsmiths III 2-10 the following Wednesday.

The 7th XI seem unfortunate in that they have lost their last two games by the odd goals, while the Ex. 7th have now scored 90 goals in 16 matches, their latest victories being over Nat. Prov. Bank and Westminster Bank nth teams by 10-3 and 11-0 respectively.

CROSS COUNTRY

This term got off to a good start with successive wins for the first team against U.C. London Hosp., and Cranwell. The second team, meanwhile, were showing similar form and again further increased their lead at the head of U.L. League II.

However, the next two Wednesdays, in strongly contested matches against Borough Road and St. Mary's training colleges, the opposition just had the edge on us — due mainly to our being weakened at the head of the field.

With 18 teams in the Q.M.C. invitation race held over $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of undulating country — including 4 miles of heavy plough, the result was a win for Leeds University over Cambridge with I.C. third beating Bristol, Oxford, Sheffield, Exeter. I.C. also retained the Banks trophy — awarded to the 1st U.L. team, and again further increased their lead at the top of League I.

The welcome return visit of John Collins greatly increased our strength by putting in a creditable performance, coming 5th in a field of 150.

In similar field in the U.C. invitation 5 miles held the following Saturday at Parliament Hill, I.C. put in a repeat performance of the week before coming 3rd to Cambridge and Nottingham with Oxford 4th. Individual winner was Farrington (U.C.) with Ted Wilkins (I.C.) only 16 sec. behind in 3rd place.

The following Wednesday I.C. heavily defeated Reading University 30-50 over our home course.

Last Saturday, with a few of them representing the University for the U.A.U. champs, we conceded heavily to Vale of Aylesbury who had the first four men home.

HYDE PARK ROAD RELAY 1962

This Saturday the College once again welcomes students from all over Great Britain to the 14th annual invitation Hyde Park Road Relay, organised by the Cross Country Club. A record entry of over 80 teams — 480 runners — have entered, so keeping the record of its being the largest relay in Europe and possibly the world.

The course this year has been slightly altered from last year's, but is still just under three miles long. The start, as in previous years, is at the West End of Rotten Row at 3.00 p.m. prompt. Pat Sage, A.A.A. Honorary Team Manager, has kindly consented to start the race.

The result of the race is as open as ever. Manchester University, last year's winners, are favourites for the Sir Roderic Hill Cup, and Queens College Cambridge, the holders — for the Imperial College Union Cup for minor colleges (under 500 male students). However, Birmingham University and Leeds University will be challenging strongly, while our own team, running well this season, has an outside chance. Some fast laps are expected, especially if there are good conditions. Turner and Briault of Cambridge Colleges, Hill of Manchester and Farrington of U.C. should lap in about 14 minutes.

The Imperial College team will include four of last year's team, which finished third after the closest finish ever — the first five teams finished within 20 seconds after 90 minutes of racing. The team will be from: John Collins running for the 7th and last (?) time, John Cleator (3rd fastest lap last year), Ted Wilkins (2nd U.L. Champs.), Pete Roy (who ran for Birmingham last year, Dave Hammonds, John Young and Jim Bernard, now fully recovered from illness which kept him out of last year's team. Whoever runs will do so with the best wishes of the College, and with your support might well bring off a surprise victory.

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9th March 1962

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FANCY DRESS

Debut of the IC Friction Group

The Guilds Union Meeting held on Thursday February 9th was not quite up to the high standard set by the previous two (only three eggs reached the executive), but it was notable for the debut of a small close-discord group, composed of I.C.'s from Dr. Cameron's lab., in the rat-infested cellars of the old Guilds Building. Calling themselves the I.C. Friction Group, these gentlemen rendered a few irreverent ditties on the subject of higher degrees, accompanying themselves on the tape recorder, and their efforts were appreciated by the Union who burst into applause long before the performance was ended. The spiritual leader of the group, Mr. Hingley, also diverted the Union with a sample of the letters reaching the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, for example, "Please send me some money as I have been in bed with the doctor for a week and it's not doing me any good." These were appreciated even more and Mr. Hingley and Co. are to be congratulated on their efforts to edify the Union.

The more routine business of the meeting included reports on the Swimming Gala, the Engineer's Dinner-Dance. Regarding the first, the President said that it was hoped to reimburse up to half of the fines incurred by members of the Union and the Ent's, Chairman, Chris Liddle was congratulated

on an extremely fine Dinner-Dance. The final details for the Sports Sunday were announced and members were exhorted to attend the Guilds-Mines Carnival which is on the Ides of March. The President revealed that the President of Mines, John Fairfield, was to be married on the following Saturday, and asked the Union to supply a suitable message for the occasion. A short, pithy message was suggested and approved, though the female members of the Union had some difficulty in pretending not to know what it meant.

The President tried to get the Union interested in changing the emphasis of the Guilds Engineer but he had little success. Mr. Pete Airey asked for the resignation of the President on the grounds that the I.C. Executive had refused to allow second year Electricals to hold a Carnival in the Concert Hall. Although assured that the other members of the Executive would be forced to resign also, Laurie Austin declined to give up his post and no one seemed to be interested in whether he did or not. Finally, a gentleman who has been identified and put on the Felix extermination list, asked why Felix was so dead. The Editor informed him that Felix was in this state because the questioner was not doing anything to change this. The meeting was closed with a Boomalacka and a crash of glass.

WHEN WILL IT STOP ?

"BO — BEAUTIFUL"

Recently Bo was forced to undergo the rigours of Mr. Marples Ministry of Transport test. He was driven to a small garage in Putney where he was jacked up and his wheel bearings examined. For the rest of the test — "Well you stopped when you came in so your brakes must be all right", "Lamps seem to have oil in so they must work", and the annual "Just have a look at the play in the steering" satisfied the other requirements.

Thus armed with his certificate of road worthiness (but no road tax) Bo took the President to Harlington on Sports Day in record time (and brought the Editor of Felix back).

His next outing will be to bring to the Union John V. Bolster who will be the guest speaker at the Guilds Motor Club Annual Dinner. Among the guests will be Keith Duckworth and Chris Lawrence from the motor racing world. The Dinner will be held on Thursday 22nd Feb. in the Dining Hall. Will all those who wish to come (guests especially welcome) please put their names on the club notice board before the 19th Feb.

TEACHING WEEK

Sunday 25th Feb. to Sunday 4th March, 1962

During this week two monks, a friar and a Franciscan nun will be helping in a week of teaching the Christian Faith at Imperial College.

Every morning of the week, except Thursday, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Snack Bar at 8.30 a.m.

Every afternoon during the lunch hour there will be a meeting addressed by the missionaries. On Monday and Friday the meeting will be at 1.10 p.m. in Room 127, R.S.M. On Tuesday and Thursday the General Studies will be devoted to the Teaching Week.

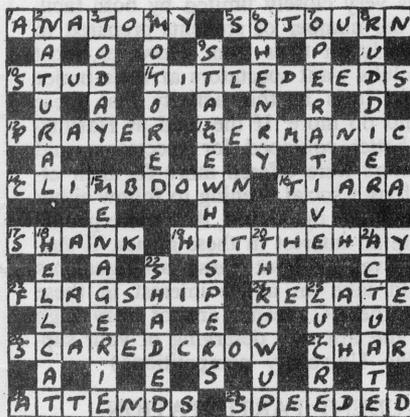
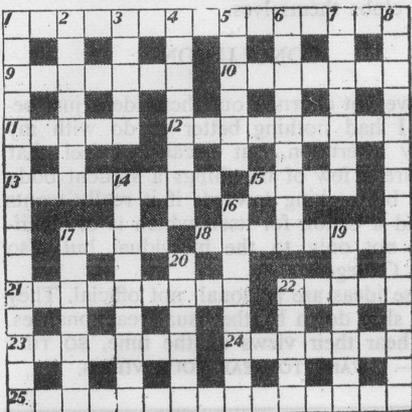
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights there will be an exposition of the FAITH in the I.C. Snack Bar. The evening session will begin at 8.00 p.m. and finish at 9.00 p.m.

Every member of the College will be welcome at any of the events of the Week.

Father IVOR SMITH-CAMERON
Chaplain to Anglican Students

Crossword

by REGUS



CLUES:

ACROSS.

1. Estragon and Vladimir hanging around the three expecting someone? (7, 3, 5)
9. Ambroedgian sport? (7)
10. This occurs in "Coffe Perculation for You" (see page 234). (7)
11. Let U-Thant go without tea when Dag's ghost is at hand. (5)
13. Former rays discovered by him. (8)
15. The Broker's Gout one too foot too many in this. (4)
17. Assinine clergyman lived here. (4)
18. You find these exhibitions on the "Front" at seaside resorts (8)
21. This is a text about a rover and he wrote it himself, the show-off! (9)
22. Gripping the sky-bond (and doomed) lamb. (5)
23. Eyes up for a near disaster! (7)
24. Write out an IOU with zest for someone somewhat larger than average. (7)
25. Come! Go! Start! Don't kill! Love! Eat! Listen! Look! (3, 10)

DOWN.

1. This usually tries to predict what many British people thank to be unpredictable
2. Get clued in; don't leave anything out. (7)
3. You'll get no reaction whatsoever from something that's this. (5)
4. Male strings keeping the canvas up (3, 5)
5. Noised around the soccer rules. (6)
6. Summer in the jam. (9)
7. No energy and usually no water either if it's this (7)
8. Wordly amazingly enough! (3, 5, 7)
14. 240 became a cha-cha.
16. An old man found here was found to be a fake.
17. A teetotaller takes brine and gets the bird! (7)
19. This comes into a film and all I can say is that it's made up of a devilish positive on negative particle. (7)
20. Infrequent; mild steel on the dole! (6)
22. North American natives and north Europeans may be a long way apart but they have some conection. (5)

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SI SCANS THE SCENE

About this time of the year it is usual for a student officer to sit down and write an article yelling like mad how apathetic the students are. Well, I am not going to do that as I have been around universities or colleges long enough to know that such an article accomplishes absolutely nothing. Besides I do not feel that suggesting apathy this year is in order as I am sure that Thursday, November 30th '61 must be a record as 1000 students attended the 3 union functions on that day.

So it is not student apathy that has made me sit down at the typewriter, but the feeling that there should be a link between the Union Office and the readers of Felix. With a little luck I should be able to write something for each issue. Last year we did a similar thing for the Carnival, a "Hi from SI" column. However, it probably bored half the readers. I am sure that this column will even be worse off as we can hardly use last year's opening comment, "Well, the carnival progress looks as though it jumped up on its horse and galloped off in all directions.", and then proceed with some humour. Not that humour does not have its place in the Union, but from the Felix point of view we will leave that up to the carnival. Although at times we might use the quotation above with "carnival progress" replaced by "Union".

This week I will not try to establish the link by discussing what is going on, but rather what I would like to see existing at the College. Firstly, what I would like to see changed is the negative, or let's do nothing attitude that is all too obvious here. A student is at the College for only 3 years, during which time he has to transform from a school boy to a man capable to take responsibility in his first permanent employment. Thus he should be in an atmosphere of activity, of experimentation, of questioning, to see if what he is doing can be done in a different and possibly better way. This is the time for the student to run his organisations with boldness, almost daringness to explore the untried. If it fails he will still have learned and he will have done so in an organisation where the effect both on it and on himself are not permanent due to the transient membership of a students union. If he does not try this he will never have the chance once he is in the more rigorous society of industry.

So what are the experiments? Well, here are a few.

PUBLICATIONS

FELIX

1. Printed once a week to improve news coverage.
2. Printed internally to reduce cost and to make it possible to introduce colour.
3. Subscriptions paid by all union members of 1 penny per issue, resulting in distribution to all students and staff once a week.
4. Operate an active advertising board to encourage companies to use Felix as an advertising medium, thus reducing our costs of publication.

SCRUTINY — PHOENIX

1. Combined and published at least once a term.

2. Two separate boards, two editors operating independently of each other except for the actual printing. This would improve the standard of presentation of the present Scrutiny and at the same time make the combined publication financially independent.

HUMOUR MAGAZINE

1. To add some light hearted reading to the list of publications available.
2. Could be used by the Carnival as their publication in the summer term, thus the publication could be the union's link with the Carnival throughout the year.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

At the present time the clubs and societies represented by the Social, Recreational and Athletics club committees are well supported and each is functioning extremely well. However, this does not mean that improvement is not possible as these could do more to spread their influence outside of their own membership. The S.C.C. could do this by staging model House of Commons debates monthly and by organising a model United Nations once a year. The R.C.C. clubs could gear their competitions to involve more students, and the non-competitive clubs could have exhibitions, etc. The A.C.C. teams are obviously in a slightly different position. The possibility of extending their number of participants is very closely limited by both facilities and the number of students prepared to play regularly for their team. However, most of these clubs want spectators at their major games, and it is in this activity that these clubs could do more. If the field at Harlington was better equipped for spectators, and the spectators were offered more for their efforts; such as a social evening to follow either at Harlington, or the Union, then more people would take an interest in these games. (I suggest that even without these arrangements you should take an active interest in these games as the I.C. teams are of very high standard and are very deserving of your support in the University competitions.)

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

All of the things I have mentioned above require more work than is presently done, and most of the work is of the "behind the scenes type" which always seems like a thankless task. Thus we need a scheme to encourage people to do more for their Union. This can be done in two ways. Both by the extension of the Union General Award and the establishment of an I.C. Honours Society.

AWARDS

1. Three grades of awards, for the lack of better names, Gold (Union General Award), Silver, and Bronze.
2. Award recipients nominated by the student body and the election by an Award Committee.

HONOUR SOCIETY

1. Membership open to award winners only.

2. Act as the College's official representatives at all social gatherings.
3. Act as an advisory board to assist students.

STUDENT STAFF RELATIONSHIP

This undoubtedly is the most important matter for the students to consider. Student staff relationship can be in two spheres of activities, outside of their academic association, social and teaching methods. The relationships socially are usually limited by the amount of time either party has available, or by the personalities involved. However, this is an important aspect and requires continual developing. Teaching Methods on the other hand provide a common ground for the students and staff as naturally both are concerned in the techniques available and their applications. Many Unions, particularly on the continent, have clubs within their Union working in co-operation with various departments in the college investigating teaching aids. The Union in each case takes an active part to help financially to acquire the necessary equipment and the clubs and departments analyze its effects on the lecture. In this way they are taking a serious interest in how they are being taught and at the same time working closely with the staff. The same could be done here as the field of teaching aids is only starting, and many clubs could within their present set-up find many aspects of this problem worth considering. For example, the Radio Club could investigate the feasibility of closed circuit television as a teaching aid. There are numerous such examples, and if you stop and think about it you will see that the knowledge gained by the individuals in the club and the worth of their efforts are only limited by the imagination of the clubs themselves.

CONCLUSION

I have not churned out these ideas just because I had nothing better to do with my Sunday afternoon, but because I feel that these are a few of the things a student body should be working towards if it really wants to build a Union for itself which is of significance not only to the individual but also to the College.

These ideas are personal, not official. They will be shot down by the usual reactionaries, but I hear their views all the time, SO THIS TIME — I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS.

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