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I.C. HAS A UNION MEETING!!

DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHS—JUST ABOUT

by TONY MUSGRAVE

The date Tuesday, May 29th, 1962. The place the Union Concert Hall. The time 1.20 p.m. Seaforth Lyle, hereinafter to be denoted as Si rises, admits the meeting's iniquity, but with a fine transatlantic desire to get to business brushes aside our English worship of the rule book and declares the meeting open.

Martin Stacey begins a recital of the minutes of the last Union meeting held on Nov. 6th, 1961. Words and events which now have a faded period charm.

The minutes close. Any errors or omissions? The cry goes up "Where's Herbert?" Mr. John White, one of the Union mascot bearers explained that he was too short and that anyway it was Trevor Porridge's turn.

Mr. White then congratulated Mr. Stacey for making the minutes of the Nov. meeting last longer than that meeting itself, a poetic rather than a factual remark but one much appreciated.

Now business. The elections we had all come to vote on, so that we the people could decide on our representatives on the College Council next year. But no there were no Council elections, all 6 candidates were elected unopposed, an unheard of state of affairs.

It is 1.30 p.m. and Si has come up against the hard fact that there has to be an actual election for the Entertainment Committee 5 from 6 to be chosen and an iniquate Union meeting under the Union rules couldn't elect a rice pudding. So Si states that Council will elect the Entertainment Committee. Up-roar. Various jesuitical arguments float around but in the end Mr. Richard Lewis carries the day by stating that it was more valid for the 320 or so in the Concert Hall to vote than for the 20 on Council. This was met with shouts of "A load of bloody rubbish" from one of the Union Court Jesters, and

accordingly it was decided to proceed with the vote. The six candidates were lined up at the front of the Concert Hall as if before a firing squad and the vote taken by ballot.

While the count was being made the reports from the Clubs Committee were given. Ged Brough, Chairman of A.C.C., reported an extremely successful sporting year with trophies galore. He said that the Sports Centre to be sited at 1-7 Prince's Gardens was not likely to be in use for another two to three years, but the extensions at Harlington—new changing rooms—would be completed by next January.

The results of the Entertainments Committee elections were then announced, and it was noted that there were 396 votes cast. So we wuz legal after all and business and constitution could now walk hand in hand. Those elected were: Ray Jones, Dick Foster, Dave Loftus, Hilary Lear, P.R. Mooring.

The following reports were then given. Stu Gardiner, RCC—successes by the Dram. Soc., Bridge and Jazz clubs, and a report that the Cambridge Scout and Guide club had enjoyed Mooney's food.

Brian Bond, SCC—a good year for the Contacters club and the International Relation club. An inter-religious societies football league was to be started up.

The president's report. Felix. Since there was no guarantee of firms advertising regularly, the only way to stop present losses—£250 subsidy this year—was to cut printing costs and this has been initiated by the purchase of printing equipment for the Union which will halve the costs of printing Felix. The last issue this year will appear using the new process. The rector had approved the idea of a mechanical workshop where the mobile mascots could be housed and students could service their vehicles. It remained to find a suitable site. As for South Side, the Executive Committee had persuaded the College that the two floors of general student area in that building should be considered as another student's Union to be run by the students. This would provide 50% more Union facilities. At this there was

loud applause. Dr. Cameron's proposals to decentralize I.C. Union and build Hall spirit were then discussed. Si said that Dr. Cameron had made his proposals for the past three years and would make them again next year. Jon Bareford then reported on the Carnival which had been a great success except for the weather which at the Fete on the Saturday had caused the takings to drop from £500 to £200. The overall profit made was in the region of £1,100 as opposed to £945.17.9 last year.

We then moved on to Motions. Brian Bond proposed that the Quorum should be reduced to 300 which was passed with little argument, with the necessary 3/4 majority.

Martin Stacey then carefully explained to us how hard our President worked and that a Deputy President was needed. There were mutterings and Finlay McPherson clarified the situation by suggesting that the two issues involved in Stacey's proposal—the establishment of the post of Deputy President and the method of his election—should be considered separately. The first of these was then put to the vote and carried. But the method of election of the said officer caused much discussion. Stacey wanted him nominated and elected by Council as is the present Secretary, which in effect means chosen by the President. McPherson suggested election by the Union. Lawrie Austin then said it would be better if the Secretary was elected by the Union and the Deputy President by joint Council. This motion was accepted, discussed, voted on and defeated by 65—200 votes. Hence the Deputy President will be elected by joint Council.

Both these motions, Mr. Bond's and Mr. Stacey's need to be ratified by a regular Union meeting.

Under AOB it was announced that the Duke of Edinburgh was going to open the new City and Guilds building on July 12th and volunteers for stewards on that day please see Brian Bond.

Lastly Mr. Roger Thomas proposed that Council should disband two or more important societies per session so as to ensure a quorum at Union meetings to protest about this. Si said this had already been contemplated and with that the meeting closed at 2.35 p.m.

The various votes of thanks that were made have not been reported but they expressed the gratitude of the Union to the student Officers who have given up a great deal of their free time to run the Union extremely well this year.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir,

There are many rumours circulating in the Union concerning the position of the bar in the light of the new licencing laws. I feel that there are some of next years' officials and students who would like to be enlightened on some of the following points:—

1. What will be the future closing time and can the duty officer extend this?
2. Are extensions available in the year and if so are they more limited in number and laws than this year?
3. Are extensions dependent on the closing time of the bar?

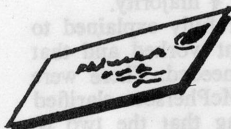
Perhaps someone could answer these?

Yours,

J.K. MARSHALL

ANSWERS.

1. 10.30 p.m. The duty officer and bar attendants can at their discretion extend this till the legal closing time of 11.00 p.m.
2. Extensions will not be effected by the new lease.
3. No. This information comes from reliable sources.



Garden Hall

Look 'ere Mister,

What's this we read in Felix about that Carnival Barb-q then, with 'dismal dancing under the Marquis' and some 'pepole' in Weeks Hall bar?

We and our merry men haven't seen no 'pepole' despite many a nights boozing in this 'ostelry. As for the large and unwanted earl, if we catch 'air or 'ide of 'im again on Our Estates, We will fill 'im in.

We know our rights.

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Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read of the discontent about the Union Refectory by Dave Wilbraham and your sympathetic comments. Having been at I.C. for just a few months as a P.G. from Birmingham, I would like to mention that I was appalled at the differences in the standard of the food and service between the two Unions. The food at Brum Union was much better, of more choice, slightly cheaper and more quickly served, and the atmosphere of the staff very good—there being none of the resentful bitterness which I notice here. All this is despite the same overcrowding and overworked canteen staff. The interesting point I wish to be raised is that food was served in exactly the same way that Mr. Wilbraham suggests.

From what I have found out about Mooney, it appears that it is much better than it used to be, but this doesn't seem to mean very much if there is still cause for discontent, which I think there is.

Apart from the way food is served, I should have thought these could be of more choice in the main dishes, vegetables, cheese rolls (e.g. brown). I've noticed that often the main rush is over by about 1.30, at least in the upper refectory, and this is when the food often reaches its worst. Perhaps the Halls could be closed earlier thus eliminating this standing around of staff which is costly, and also tiring for them. If it became established that they closed (top at 1.15 and bottom at 1.45) then students would get used to it and it may work well.

Nutritionally speaking (I'm a biochemist) I feel that it may be a real possibility that unless a student obtains extra food such as fruit and fresh veg., then over a long period of time, he risks landing himself in a very sub-heathful condition. Since the question of nutritional value was raised a few comments may be of some use here. It seems that from the point of view of bulk carbohydrate, protein, and fat, then we get all we need and perhaps more. But from the point of view of vitamins, salts and trace elements, the food may be harmfully lacking. (However, modern food theory says that it isn't what you eat but the form in which it is taken.)

Another point I would like to raise concerns the meat bought. It strikes me that there must be several grades of say, stewing, and I.C. must take the lowest. The quantity of the stewing meat seems to be particularly bad.

Finally, it's a fact that vast numbers of us grumble, but as usual do nothing. However, we have concrete proposals which could be implemented at fairly low cost (Mr. Mooney seems to be liberal enough financially on the important occasions—Hall dinners for example, though I don't really know whether this is subsidised). Anyway if there is a genuine money shortage some method should be found of making more available.

Yours faithfully,

P.J. ROY
(Plant Physiology)

Dear Sir,

A question many of us in First Year Mech. Eng. would like answering is, Why does Mr. T. Prout attempt to sit in close proximity to Miss Kate Tait during the only lecture which Mech. and Aero. have together?

G.P. White, J.H. Grent, J.K. McKerrrow, K.L. Macrea, G.C. Goddard, F.J. Mosser.

SPORTS SUMMARY

ATHLETICS

On May 5th the club entertained both Cardiff Training College and Bristol University to a home match. Cardiff easily beat I.C. into 2nd position the effects of the previous evening's May Ball taking its toll on the home team. Olympic bronze medalist, Peter Radford (C) won both sprints in 9.7 secs, and 21.4 secs, respectively. The highlight of the match was the 440 yards in which J. Wood (I.C.) set a new College record of 49.1 secs, and P. Clifton (I.C.) finished 3rd with a personal best time of 50.5 secs. I.C. provided 4 other winners—a credible performance in the face of strong opposition, these were:

880 yards — P. Clifton, 1 min. 58.0 secs.
1 mile — E.C. Wilkins, 4 mins. 27.4 secs.

Discus — D.J. Williams 116'4"
Shot — J. White 38'0"

The University championships were held at Mootspur Park on Saturday 12th May. Despite numerous very fine performances by the I.C. athletes, we were runner's up for the 3rd year in succession to St. Mary's Hospital in the team championship. The Hospital's team was a very fine one and it was certainly no disgrace to be 2nd to such a team which contained 3 international representatives. John Cleator set a new Championship record with his winning time for the 3,000 metres steeple-chase of 9 mins. 6.6 secs.—a time which has only been once this year in the country. Other notable performances were as follows:—

220 — J. Wood, 2nd; 22.9 secs.
440 — J. Wood, 3rd; 49.9 secs.
880 — P.A. Clifton, 3rd; 1 min. 57.2 secs.
1 mile — E.C. Wilkins, 2nd; 4 min. 18.9 secs.
3 miles — J.A. Cleator, 1st; 14 mins 18.0 secs.

Triple Jump — R. Gordon, 40'9"
Pole Vault — A. Sekun, 2nd; 10'9"
440 hurdles — D.J. Colvin, 2nd; 61.3 secs.
Javelin — A. Turner, 4th 150'0"

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Loughborough this year 4 I.C. athletes competing for the U.L. team reached the finals of their events. John Wood who seems to improve with every race won the 440 yards title in 49.8 secs. The other finalists were—

3 miles — J.A. Cleator, 4th; 14 mins. 17.0 secs.
880 — P.A. Clifton, 4th; 1 min. 58.7 secs.
1 mile — E.C. Wilkins, 7th; 4 mins. 22.0 secs.

GOOD SERVANT

FELIX, having noted the omission of a vote of thanks to Jon Bareford at the Union Meeting, wishes to thank Jon for organising the most profitable Carnival yet, and thanks to Angela for organising Jon.

State of the Union

The societies which form the Imperial College Union Social Clubs Committee are sometimes jocularly referred to as the "talking societies". This description does contain a great deal of truth, for the basic ingredient of the social clubs is talking. They discuss most subjects that intelligent students would want to discuss, namely—religion, politics, philosophy and international matters. These subjects, whether taken in the context of social clubs or not, are an essential part of one's university education and the social clubs provide a platform for such discussion.

It is essential, therefore for any College Union not only to have successful social clubs but to give them the opportunity to expand. This is where the poor relation aspect comes in. In the past there have been attempts to minimise the influence of the social clubs. Not so very long ago there were no such societies as the Conservative Society and the Socialist Society but all political activity was lumped together into a wierd concoction called the Political Society. As recently as two years ago an attempt was made to join all the national societies into an International Society. As regards the religious societies, it is only in the last few years that any denominational society has been formed. Finally, there was that piece of intolerance at the end of last session. The difficulties of the social clubs in the past therefore has been twofold. On one hand there has been some degree of intolerance and on the other there have been these attempts at amalgamation which could only serve to restrict the activities of the clubs concerned.

At the present time the Social Clubs Committee is being much less hampered in its activities and as a consequence has less reason for the so-called left-wing attitude for which it was once so notorious. So, I am led to think that my idea of the poor relation making good is a fair picture, though this is said in fear and trepidation for, as in politics, so it is in S.C.C. affairs, and the 'never-had-it-so-good' phase cannot last for ever. For the time being, however, all is well, after all Scrutiny is respectable with very satisfying sales (and content!) a successful year has been had by most societies, the Africa Society has gained a new lease of life and a new society, the Theosophical Society has been formed.

However, good as they are, things could be better. The relation may be making good but it is definitely still poor and also unrewarded for its efforts. By this of course, I mean that the budget is still very tight and that a person who does good work for his social club has no chance of official recognition other than the extremely remote possibility of a Union General Award.

On the financial aspect, of course, I realise that money is tight in the Union and that it is likely to remain so in the future and I also see only too well the fallacy in the argument of comparing the assistance given to the S.C.C. with that given to say, the Gliding Club, but what the S.C.C. needs at the present is expansion and this means some degree of elbow-room financially. Granted this it should be possible for the Union to have the benefit of more attractive and interesting meetings by the social clubs as the committees of the clubs could be somewhat

THE POOR RELATION MAKES GOOD

by B.D. BOND

more ambitious in their choice of speakers, etc.

As regards colours, the present ruling is that only those societies that take part in competing activities are eligible for colours and this means, for the S.C.C. that only the Debating Society qualifies. There is the Union General Award which in theory can be awarded to any number of people and therefore people active in the social clubs qualify for such an award. However, in the past,

and quite rightly, the number of such awards has been limited to seven or eight each year. Such a limitation serves to preserve the honour and the stature of the award.

But this leaves the S.C.C. out in the cold and it has been suggested, therefore that a Social Club's Award be instituted and awarded to those people whose work among the social clubs justified such an award. This award would naturally also be open to those clubs in the R.C.C. which are not covered by the present system for social Colours. This award would in no way conflict with the Union General Award but would be complementary to it just as chips are to steak.

If these two weaknesses, finance and awards were rectified then I can see a very bright future ahead for the social clubs in Imperial College.

WHAT AWARDS?

RELIEF FROM TEDIUM

S.P. GARDINER

The clubs in I.C. Union are split into three groups—Athletics, Recreational and Social Clubs Committees. Three years ago the R.C.C. did not exist and all the clubs under its control were part of the S.C.C. There were thus forty clubs in S.C.C. and the committee was consequently completely unmanageable. To ease administration the S.C.C. was divided roughly in half. The new S.C.C. contained religious, political and national societies together with a few others whose main activity was exercise of the jaw. The remainder—bridge, mountaineering dramatic, music, wine tasting, etc.—were put into a new group which described their activity, the Recreational Clubs Committee.

The formation of the Recreational Clubs Committee served to relieve its members of the tedium of the S.C.C. wranglers. Constitutions of clubs under its control were abolished, and the clubs were subject only to the R.C.C. constitution and I.C. Union rules. Such has been the system for two years, and it has run very smoothly, but it is foreseeable that under the influence of one constitution-monger as chairman, all this could change. R.C.C. would again be shackled by standing orders instead of guided by recommendations, and the chairman's task would be more difficult. The position of Chairman involves less work than the presidency of an active club, but is of course a far more responsible position, both in matters of finance and Union politics.

It is unfortunate that, because of an antiquated system of 'colour' awards, the rifle and sailing clubs remain in A.C.C. instead of taking their logical place in R.C.C. The club themselves are not to blame, it is the system which is at fault. The clubs resist any change which would deprive them of athletic colours and make them qualify for social

colours, an award held in lower esteem. Athletic colours are available only to clubs in A.C.C., while R.C.C. and S.C.C. award social colours for competitive representative activities. If this inconsistency is to be removed from an otherwise reasonably logical system, action can take three different courses.

The offending clubs could be removed to the R.C.C., presumably against their will, such that they would then only qualify for social colours. They thus come into line with the gliding club whose only recognition for national representation is the social colour. This scheme has the merits of being the simplest to put into operation but will of course offend the clubs in question.

To avoid resentment, some adjustment should be made in the system of colour awards. Thus the A.C.C. colour would have to be extended to selected clubs in R.C.C. An extension of the colours committee would be required so as to include the R.C.C. chairman. A workable scheme is produced with some symmetry; the R.C.C. clubs could qualify for either athletic or social colours, depending on the nature of their activity.

An alternative scheme for modifying the colour award system is to abolish the social and athletic colours as such, and have only one award for competitive representative activity called the I.C. colour. This is by far the most obvious and logical scheme, but it will meet with blind, unreasoned opposition from the A.C.C., who believe that they would be lowering their standards. This supercilious superiority of the A.C.C. is completely illogical as a perfunctory examination of club records will show.

The whole question of colours has been discussed before, but the reiteration of these ideas may bring some new ones to light.

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The poster series was initiated and executed by Mike Combes, Chris Bagnall, and Roger Henson. It will continue next year. I think they deserve special thanks for this. As a result Felix has doubled circulation and broken even financially this term. Quite frankly, all of us (even Cat Call) are very proud of this.

Scrutiny

Scrutinised

by DAVE GILBERT

"Surely the idea that Scrutiny is a magazine run by the stirrers and trouble-makers is a little out of date . . . I supposed that we had seen the last of statements of this kind but, alas I did not count on Mr. Gilbert." Thus Mr. Donald Pearson in the last Felix of last term. Alas, not only did the then Editor of Scrutiny omit to count on me, he did not count on his successor either. Mr. Wusteman, who in the last issue of Scrutiny brings the aforementioned idea right up to date. In a previous review of Scrutiny I suggested that perhaps a searingly critical article on Felix might be a good thing (Scrutiny being a searingly critical magazine) and I was quite looking forward to this term's issue. However, the staff were not quite up to this effort and contented themselves with what they call constructively critical comments.

Let me quote a few. "In what must surely be a self-parody the Rugby Club's item is entitled 'Booze-Ups in Belgium'." Well, thank you, but so what? The Rugby Club went to Belgium over Easter: half the time they spent in boozing and the other half they spent in soundly thrashing all their opponents in excellent fashion, but of course, your delicate sensibilities prevented you from mentioning this last.

"Rowdy Union meetings are described for once without mention of a debagging." Felix is a newspaper: debagging interest and amuse some of its readers: when they occur they are reported, when they don't they aren't. This seems entirely reasonable.

Mr. Wusteman, who was responsible for the above extracts, also makes some prudish noises about the picture of the Carnival Queen when appeared in a recent issue of Felix. He says, " . . . one must assume that he was badly short of copy when trying to fill the Carnival pages." Your perspicacity is amazing, Mr. Wusteman. Felix appears once a fortnight, not once a term, and the first issue of term is always hard to fill; a photograph of young lady partly naked seems an admirable way of taking up the odd page which would otherwise be empty. And surely even the Editor of Scrutiny finds the sight of Miss Petri's naked back just a little pleasurable? Of course the only valid criticism to be made is that it was a pity that the photographer had insufficient powers of composition and persuasion to obtain a more aesthetically satisfactory picture, but valid criticism does not seem to be Mr. Wusteman's strong point.

However, by an elegant series of mental gymnastics, he does manages to conclude that because I take in account the alignment of the writer when assessing the vitality of his argument, "Felix does indeed exhibit a conscious bias." Even without the non sequiturs, I relinquished the job of Editor in January, and any virtues or defects since are nothing to do with me. But thanks for the publicity.

In short, Mr. Wusteman has looked at Felix and far from making any useful or relevant comments, he has sneered at it, taking half page to do so. Is this what Scrutiny was founded for? Has Scrutiny really nothing better to do than sneer?

Si Scans part of the scene

The series on the Union that started two issues ago has been very interesting, and I am sure most of you now have a better insight into the operations that go on behind the scene.

The only article that did not deal directly with the Union was the one concerning the refectories. In that article the quality of the meals in the lower refectory was discussed and a solution for their inconsistent quality was suggested. To say that the meals in the lower refectory do not leave something to be desired would be hypocritical, but a few words on the present conditions are in order.

All of the refectories and snack bars in the College are administered by the refectory committee which consists of staff and students. Mr. Mooney, as refectory manager, is responsible for his staff and the day to day operation of the refectories. To say that Mr. Mooney and his staff can only produce poor quality food, or lack any imagination of how to improve the present facilities is indeed unfair. One needs only attend a club dinner, Hall Dinner, or a special function to realise that the kitchen staff can prepare excellent quality food, and at a very competitive price.

The chief difficulty with the meals served at lunch or supper in the lower refectory is that the kitchens in the Union are now coping with 50% more meals than the number for which they were designed. This increased demand has been met as much as possible by changes in the kitchen equipment, however, the servery in the lower refectory has always been the outstanding difficulty which has seemed to defy solving. Sometime ago

Mr. Mooney had hoped to completely modify the present counter arrangement, but it was learned that the middle pillar is a supporting column which cannot be removed.

It thus remains for us to hope that with the opening of the refectories in the South Side the demand on the Union kitchens will be reduced.

The remainder of the articles covered many other topics, and one that I should like to pass further comments on is that of colours and awards. This topic is of particular interest as it will undoubtedly come up at the next council meeting.

The chairman of the S.C.C. in his article has suggested that awards should be available for those who are not eligible for social colours. The chairman of the R.C.C. in his article has suggested that the social colours should be put on the same level as the athletic colours by establishing I.C. colours, which would be presented rather than the present athletic and social colours. Both of these gentlemen go on to explain why their schemes would be opposed, but I do think their proposals merit further consideration.

A rational solution would be to establish I.C. colours for all competitive activities and awards for individuals who have contributed to the Union but who are not eligible for colours. The I.C. colours would then be given in place of the present athletic colours and social colours. The administration of these colours could be handled by the present athletic and social colours committees. The athletic clubs who feel that this would reduce the standard of the colours need only compare their activities with, for example, the national reputation of the bridge and gliding clubs to see that the standard would not be jeopardised.

The awards would then have two categories; Club Awards, and Union General Awards, both to be administered the same as the present Union General Award. This system has the advantage that Union members who do contribute outstandingly in any Union activity can have his or her work recognised even if it is not within the scope of the present Union General Award.

If the above scheme was established then it would be possible for any Union member regardless of his main interest to be eligible for some of recognition.

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Do you consider it too expensive? The majority of the main functions are subsidised either by I.C. Union or by one of the constituent College Unions, the Union Building provides the amenities—gratis, the arrangement of the bands, decorations, buffet, etc., which naturally cost money is carried out by the various entertainment committees concerned, but the work involved, as in all the various clubs and societies, is voluntary. Where else will you find this, particularly once you have left College. I do not, of course, suggest that everyone should attend everything—but surely everyone could afford both the time and money to grace one function during each of their years at College, and discover how much they will enjoy a good, pleasant, and generally well organised Ball and/or Carnival at a very reasonable (cheap) price.

Thus with all your problems solved I hope that next year anyone (everyone) who has attended nothing this year will make an effort to attend at least one of the functions which are organised for you and I am certain that having been to one you will want to go to many more. Ask anyone who has been this year.

FELIX SMALL ADS

CARNIVAL REVUE. It hoped to make a record of the Revue from the tape recording made at the two performances. These would be 10" 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ R.P.M.. L.P.'s running for just under 35 minutes at a price of 25/- or so. The record material is commercial-type vinyl-plastic and not the quick-wearing acetate surface. All people interested please sign the notice on the Union notice board. David Cain, Maths. III.

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EVERYBODY GO HOME



by Dan the Bomb.
ELWYN-JONES.

Imperial College is particularly fortunate in the international diversity of its student population. Seventy countries are represented among our 600 or so overseas students, the vast majority of this kaleidoscope of races, colours and creeds being post-graduates. However, anyone who thinks that we have been taking advantage of this particular feature of College life is sadly mistaken. Year after year it is realised that of all the groups in College the overseas students are the least integrated into the corporate life of the Union. If this article serves its purpose it will show some of the ways we can improve our domestic international relationships. Encouraging progress has already been made, Mr. Mac's "*Wind of change*" has recently been heard whistling round the Union.

Father Ivor has explained many of the reasons why our overseas students do not feel particularly welcome at College. The causes of considerable insularity among both British and overseas students are the following:

(i) Most of our foreigners are mature and serious-minded post-graduates, largely uninterested in the wilder aspects of undergraduate life. Also most of them have no social contact at all with undergraduates—even in their own departments.

(ii) Many overseas students are over here only for a year or so on DIC courses—not long enough to become fully integrated. (How long does it take to make friends?).

(iii) British students tend to stick around with their immediate group of friends and hesitate (apathy, or that celebrated British "reserve"?) to make an approach to the obviously lonely bloke from overseas, out of the swing of British University life.

(iv) Bewildered by lack of social contact, the shattering insults of racial bigotry when hunting for digs, and difficulties usually with their studies, or with the language perhaps, some of the overseas students become desperately lonely, withdrawing completely from College life, or restricting their circle of friends to a small group of fellow "outsiders" from back home.

You may feel an understandable hesitation in making a friendly approach to a particular Englishman/Foreigner. He may be an unpleasant slob, inebriated, depraved, after your girl friend, thick to the verge of idiocy, a deadly patronising bore, a brown-bagger or even a Guildsman. But by and large the chances are that you will be able to find stronger arguments for mutual friendship and understanding than you will for setting on each another with knuckledusters and flick knives, or hiding behind silly little walls of insularity.

Very successful attempts to provide social contacts for students visiting this country are made by the British Council, ULU Goats Club, the National Students Union in London, the International Friendship League, the Kensington Committee for Friendship, and so on. Although all of these organisations provide invaluable services there are a few which are so patronising I was tempted to add Our Dumb Friends League to the above list.

Within College a fine social programme for overseas student visitors has been organised during the past two summers by Brian Manton and Brian Bond but this did not affect our own overseas students very much.

After a short lived attempt by the SSC last year to promote social contact by "contacters" inviting a few of the lonelier overseas students into their rooms for coffee, the International Relations Club, with the backing and active support of national and religious societies at IC, tried a new venture by organising a series of "*International Evenings*" during this academic year. These evenings, usually held over coffee and sandwiches in Weeks Hall Lounge, sought to provide interesting topics for discussion in an informal atmosphere, and a regular audience of between 30 and 70 is not bad by any standards. The programme included discussions led by Professor Blackett, and Sir Willis Jackson, on "*Technology and the Emerging Countries*", evenings of Indian classical music and

English folk songs, "*Islam and Christianity*" and "*Contemporary Poland*". There were also visits to "*Tiger at the Gates*", and the Houses of Parliament, and an International Party organised by the Church Society. If you add to this a very fine year of activities for the Chinese, Indian and Pakistan Societies, and the magnificence of the International Evening during Carnival Week you will see what I mean by the "*Wind of Change*". The overseas students are beginning to find their place in College and to make a really impressive contribution to the corporate life of the Union.

Whilst it is important to continue our present spate of international activity, there are a number of ways in which the effectiveness of our work next year may be greatly increased.

(i) Every effort should be made to welcome the fresher overseas students from the moment of their first arrival at College—possibly a special evening could be arranged for this purpose at the very beginning of the autumn term.

(ii) Early on in the term great attempts should be made.

(a) By the national societies to recruit members from outside their immediate national groups;

(b) By clubs in the SSC, ACC and RCC to recruit overseas students and help them to join in the corporate life of College.

(iii) An international activity in which as wide a selection of the College's international community as possible participates should be organised later on in the autumn term. Possibly a mock United Nations assembly on the lines Si Lyle has previously indicated on this journal could be held on United Nations Day.

(iv) As soon as possible an effective body should be established to co-ordinate the International Relations Club, the National Societies and the official College machinery for helping overseas students.

(v) Parties of IC students should be organised to help the British Council in their "*Operation Landlady*" for lodgings for our coloured students who have not a place in Hall, and so avoid the humiliating insults that so many have had to face up till now.

MOSCOW MURAL

FOR 3rd YEAR PHYSICS

The third year physics students have been given a well travelled mural for their common room in the Physics Block. The 20 feet long mural was originally designed by Abram Games R.A. for AEI's stand at the British Industries Fair in Moscow and depicts 30 electrical products of the company. Besides being used at Moscow the mural was also copied by the Central Office of Information for use at the Nigerian International Trade Fair at Lagos 27th October-18th November.

How did the third year physics students get the Mural? The third year noticed a colour illustration of it on the cover of AEI's 1960 Careers for Graduates and wrote to them asking whether a copy could be obtained for their common room. The letter arrived just about the time the Central Office of Information decided that it wanted a copy instead of the original for Lagos so AEI offered the original to the third year physics—with the proviso that it can have the Mural back if it should want it for an exhibition in the future.

There will be no formal presentation because of the exams.



PRESIDENT ELECT LIDDLE

GUILDS UNION AGM

by D. GILBERT

The last Guilds Union Meeting of this term was attended by 240 members, in spite of the fact that the first year exams started the next day. The main item of business was the election of next year's Executive, and the results were:—

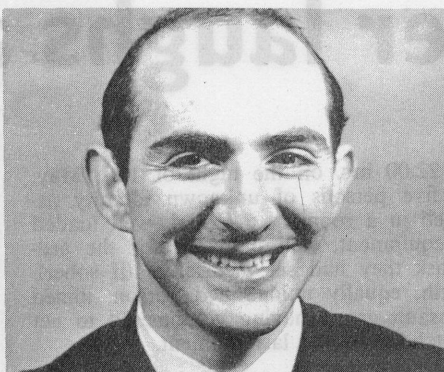
President — Chris Liddle
 Secretary — John Klaschka
 Vice-President — John White
 Hon. Jun. Treasurer — John Skinner
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 O.C. Rep. — Lawrie Austin

The last two posts were unopposed. The other election was of course for the Norris Muck-Stirring Trophy, and the two candidates nominated before the meeting, Ged Brough and Denis Harburn, were surprisingly defeated by a last-minute entry, the President, Lawrie Austin. The result was received with acclamation from the floor and blushes from the President.

In his report Lawrie mentioned the sporting triumphs, far too numerous to detail here, which Guilds had achieved in the past year, and thanked the Executive and the Union for all their work to make it a really vintage year for the College. He stressed the difficulties which the move into the new buildings would bring for the Union, and asked all members to pull their weight next year. First years were asked to try very hard to pass their exams so that there would not be a shortage of hosts at the next year's freshers' dinners.

At the conclusion of his report the President received an unprecedented ovation lasting several minutes, a fitting tribute for all his efforts for the Guilds Union, and the vote of thanks, proposed by the new President, was carried with acclamation and prolonged cheering. The Union certainly appreciated their President.

After the concluding Boomalacka, the Field Cup Race was announced. This was marred by an incredible coincidence; at least a dozen policemen were hanging round the Serpentine Bridge, and this held up the race for a long time. Two oil drums had to be brought back to the Guilds Building and one had to be carried through the Serpentine itself; the coppers did not appear to look favourably upon this, and called out a motorboat to ensure that a dastardly crime was not committed, i.e., that a student should swim across the Serpentine. Eventually the drums were taken to the far ends of the lake and across that way, and Chem. Eng. and Civils arrived at the finishing post simultaneously. A sort of wall-game developed, and after a great deal of argument about who cheated and how, the two departments shared the Cup and the beer.



PRESIDENT ELECT HARRIS

R.C.S.-A.G.M.

by ROBIN SALMON

Chemistry Lecture theatre B this year saw one of the noisiest A.G.M.'s for some time. On Tuesday, May 24th 250 people assembled to see the last rites performed over the an-aen regime.

The preliminary formalities were dealt with quickly by taking a large portion of the minutes as read, and then Mr. Bogod, the President of R.C.S.A. sought to encourage members to join the Association by pointing out the benefits which membership conferred. After he had finished his speech he left quickly as if he foresaw the barrage which was shortly to fall on the front bench.

After the reading of the Annual reports, the next item on the agenda was the announcing of the recipients of social colours, an award given in recognition for services performed for the Union not covered by the Athletic awards. The Union also approved a suggestion by the President that Dr. Hills the senior treasurer who is leaving to take up a post elsewhere, should be awarded social colours.

As the Elections began, a barrage of flour bombs and eggs was hurled, Mike Harris, the secretary receiving a large proportion of the missiles with less than gentlemanly grace. The most keenly contested election was for the post of trophy officers, in which Alan (Booboo) Smith and Dave (Gimme the Boats) Dean were successful. In the meantime, the customary beer was passed round Union members in the various cups which R.C.S. have won this year, and the health of the Union drunk.

For the positions of President and Vice-President, there had been only one nomination each, so the candidates were declared elected.

They were:—

President — Mike Harris.

Vice-President — Chris Tye.

After the President's Report, in which Finlay McPherson spoke of the tremendous spirit and co-operation which he had felt behind him all year, the handover to the nouveaux hommes was carried out, amidst further broadsides from the ranks of the anarchists. Relations by the executive heightened the chaotic atmosphere and wrought havoc among the militant mob.

Then followed the customary votes of thanks, the awarding of posts, and the shaking of hands, and the new President rose for the Kangella, but could not quell his mutinous minions who chanted, "To the Queens", "To Guilds". "To Hell".

MINES UNION MEETING

by J. CORNISH

The last RSM Union Meeting was held on Thursday, 17th May. Some belated elections were held, mainly due to the absence of the people concerned at the previous meeting. Amongst these, George Manson was elected Ents. Secretary, and Nigel Gracette the Cabaret Manager. Three Sports captains were approved: Cliff Davis (Swimming), Fred Nicholson (Athletics), and Craig Dunn (Boxing).

The Petroleum Engineering Society proposed that they would become an integral part of the London Institute of Petroleum Engineers, the main object being to obtain extra funds, and the motion was passed. Minor changes were made in the constitution of the Mining and Metallurgy Society. Graham Hachen apologised to the Union for the absence of Clementine in the Carnival Procession, but explained that the mascot was on the sick list with gasket disorders. An early recovery was expected.

The latest world record to be broken by a Minesman was announced: two minutes eleven seconds to swill two dozen eggs. Mr. Heape stated that he readily accepted the challenge of the Dagenham bird who has claimed 90 seconds in practice; he considered this impossible.

During his retiring President's report, John Fairfield ceremoniously mounted the Presidential Throne, a fine piece of vitreous china by Thomas Crapper and Sons of Chelsea. After a fine report on another successful Mines year the throne was handed over to Spud Oldfield, who presented the retiring President and Secretary with tankards filled with Final Selection. These were drunk to the traditional calls of "Up, up". The meeting closed with a fine rendering of "Cat" led by the new President seated comfortably on his throne.

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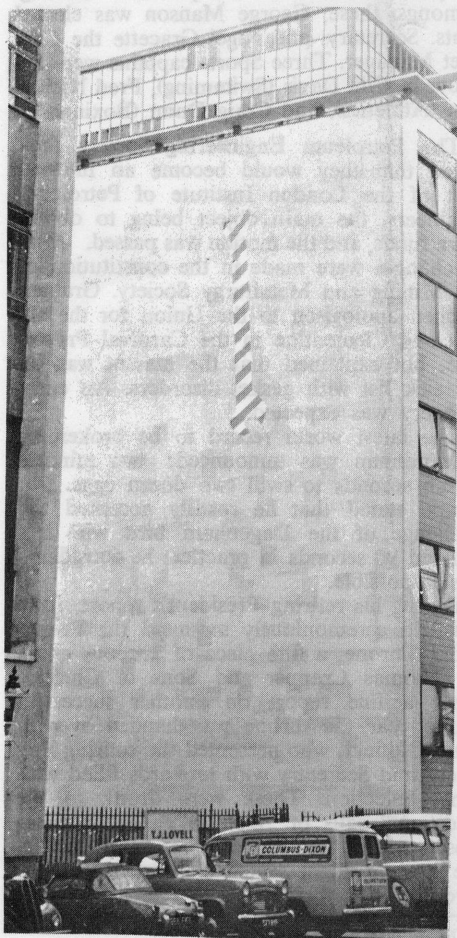
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30ft spanner laughs at security



LAWRIE, BERNIE AND SPANNER

At 22.00 hrs. on the night of 16th May, 1962 five persons of unknown identity assembled in a room in a Hostel, well loaded with equipment, well prepared for the arduous task they had set themselves (if sober). A sixth, equally unidentified person, joined the assault group having volunteered to act as watchdog at the last moment.

Preparations were completed and the six people stealthily left the Hostel at 23.15 hrs. heavily laden with the following:—

- 1 6" Brush
- 1 Bucket
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon of paste
- 600 ft of rope
- 1 Sling
- 100 ft. of String
- Rugby shirts—numerous
- 1 roll of paper 30 ft. long painted with red stripes, vaguely resembling a spanner in outline
- 1 enormous bag to get as much as possible of the above into.

By 1.45 hrs. the assault group of five, two mountaineers, two pullers, and one who thought of the idea, arrived at the top of the Physics building. The luggage was transported to the other side of the roof and a rope lowered about fifty feet onto the level of the Senior Common Room.

The first mountaineer descended, and the one who thought of it was half lowered, to the accompaniment of whispered swear-word and anglo-saxon descriptive nouns. Then followed the luggage. The other pullers descended in approximately the same way followed by the second mountaineer.

At this point we discovered the rope was stuck. The easiest way to release it was to climb through a conveniently open window into the S.C.R., unlock the door, go up the stairs, out of the window, throw the rope down and return the same way. This was done.

The time—1.00 hrs. Thursday morning.

Final preparations were completed. The Spanner-hanger (the first mountaineer) climbed into the sling and was lowered over the edge of the building with an extra rope in the Apsaal position. The three pullers were grimly hanging onto the rope and were stuck there for the next hour.

The spanner, brush, and bucket of paste were lowered and the operation of pasting began. After about twenty minutes of, "Down six inches" (Grunts), "Down a bit more" (Grunts), "Up a bit" (Those anglo-saxon nouns again), one of the security officers decided to look round the S.C.R., turned on the lights and checked the windows.

We was worried.

The paper hanging was eventually finished and the mountaineer descended to the ground. The rest of the party apsaaled down the 90 ft. wall, the luggage having been lowered first. The watch-dog announced that nothing had happened on his level so we cleared up and left at about 3.15 hrs., the job having taken about four hours, and the mountaineer had been hanging for about an hour.

Signed,

"The one who thought of the idea"

LOOKING BACK

It is not inappropriate to recall how Spanner was captured and repainted in R.C.S. colours towards the end of the Guilds Freshers Dinners last Xmas.

It has been observed that the Guilds Mascot Bearers always took the same route from the bar after each Fresher's Dinner. This gave the R.C.S. Vice-President an idea. After one of these Dinners, as the Spanner minders turned the corner half-way up the stairs besides the snack bar, they saw waiting for them a hand-picked bunch of Geologists, Chemists, and Mathematicians who swept down on them. Turning and retracing their steps the Guildsmen saw the other half of a neat pincer movement, composed of Physicists, Zoologists and Botanists, who swarmed up to meet them. Spanner was captured, and pushed through the Snack Bar window into a waiting car. An interesting point about the actual painting of the R.C.S. colours was that the paint was mixed in the bulb of an old experimental model of Theta which was in fact the float from the ballcock of a Guilds lavatory. The Spanner was buried in the tow-path at Putney, and Guilds regained the Spanner on Morphy Day.



IT TOOK PROFESSIONAL MEN TWO DAYS TO REMOVE THE SPANNER

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CAT-CALL has been fired. His parting word was "meow!"