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## BRAINS, LIKE BEATLES, FIND U.S.A. PAYS

"British Industry Stinks. All it has to offer me is frustration and stagnation—pumping effluent into the British channel, in fact."  
 —So expostulated one disgruntled student on being asked for his views on the brain drain and whether he would join it.

### NO BRAIN DRAIN AT I.C.

There seems to have been no mass exodus of I.C.'s top men across the ocean, or so it would seem from the National Press, and there was certainly no evidence of such when opinion was recently sought from members of the staff. So, even though there appears to be no immediate fear (or hope) of losing many of our teachers, feelings were freely expressed on the subject of the brain drain, and many admiring glances were cast across to the New World. What is it then, that the United States has to offer to the scientist which, even if not attracting many members of the staff, is, at least, claiming so many of our graduates?

### Start at £3,000 Plus a Year

One American member of staff (who incidentally is returning whence he came) admirably summed up the situation—"far, far better pay." When questioned about the standard of living in America, he explained that it is a popular fallacy to argue that since the standard of living in America is higher, spending power turns out to be very much the same as in Britain. For a start, the standard of living is not higher—or more strictly individual items are certainly *not* more expensive than here—Americans just want more in life than the British.

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# PRIZE FOR PRESTIGE

## NOW WE GET A COMPUTER

IMPERIAL COLLEGE IS TO HAVE ITS OWN IBM 7090 COMPUTER, TO BE INSTALLED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, AND TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR. This was announced by the Rector, Sir Patrick Linstead, at a joint Press Conference with Mr. T. C. Hudson (Managing Director of IBM (UK) Ltd.), on Wednesday, last week.

The unit, which would cost on the open market about one million pounds, is to be made available to the College free of charge with a further grant of £18,000 a year for five years. This grant will be used to create fellowships and generally to support the work being done at the centre.

### INDUSTRY'S RESPONSIBILITY

At the Press Conference were a number of IBM personnel who were able to answer a large number of questions concerning the operation of the Unit. Basically, one-third of the time available will be used by Imperial College, one-third for other universities, and one-third for IBM. In his opening remarks the Rector spoke of the vast number of potential users at I.C. and also emphasised its use for training in data processing. Mr. Hudson for IBM explained that Industry had considerable responsibility toward the great concentration of brains in the Universities, and he felt it important that they should have access to the best equipment available.

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The use of the ATLAS computer now being installed in Bloomsbury by London University will not in any way be affected, and I.C. will continue to have time available there.

The Rector, in replying to a question about the relative capacities of the ATLAS and IBM 7090 said "That's a very difficult question, but as I don't know very much about it, I can probably give you the better answer." To your correspondent, a layman in the complicated field of computing technology, this sentiment gave great hope.



## THE SPIRIT OF CARNIVAL

While some drank at the bar and others ate hot dogs, the Domestic Bursar found two ices better than one.

(FOTO BY COMBES at  
 Carnival Fete)

### Quote:

"The publicists are certainly publicising themselves to the full and the teenage moronic fringe are seizing the opportunity to behave as they do for the rest of the year, only more so. They tell me it has got something to do with mental health. Quite appropriate really." — From the President I.C.U., Dave Watson.



## BRAIN DRAIN

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It is rather unfortunate that the price of an American haircut (about 10/-) is all too often quoted as an indication of their cost of living. This, he contended to be the worst possible example which could be cited—chosen, presumably, to be deliberately distant. However, to put things in perspective, he explained that houses are very much cheaper, and after all, a roof over one's head is the thing in life which people want more than anything else. Cars are not unduly expensive. Petrol is certainly much cheaper—and so it goes on.

To continue the argument, starting salaries were quoted. A man with a Ph.D. in this country can expect to begin life with about £1,100 a year. In the States, a typical starting pay is about £3,500 a year; and without a Ph.D. 200 guineas a month.

### Better Facilities

Equally important are the facilities which provide for research. The impression was given that they are very much better in the States than in this country—for example, at Princeton where there are 4,000 students, only a proportion of which are studying technology, there are six computers available for student's use. At I.C. where there are a comparable number of Science students, we have to fight for any time at all on the University of London Computing Unit.

### Britain Breeding Technologists for Export

The brain drain was welcomed in some quarters. It was argued that since Britain has very little to offer to the world in the way of raw materials, then why not encourage the mass production of Scientists for use abroad. After all, British industry doesn't seem to know what to do with its engineers, and we really do seem to have more than enough (despite Robbins and others). The Gaelic outburst with which we began is reasonable evidence of this. However, the brain drain allows for a two way traffic, so there is no reason why we should come out losers—or is there?

### 4-Hour Day

One member of staff who was questioned had some views on the state of British industry. He claimed that it is undercapitalised, and that the output, per man, is very low. He agreed that there are not enough jobs available for those being trained. The threat of nationalisation frightened others who were questioned. Has British industry anything to offer at all? —“Sure—a nice relaxed way of life. You know, in this country you really have it cushy—you only do an effective 4 hour day, and you get more tea-breaks than you would anywhere else in the world.”

The fact that the engineer in this country is badly paid may be

a reflection on his status in Society.

Mention the word engineer and one immediately conjures up the image of a grotty little man in grotty overalls, digging a hole in the road. The term engineer in the States is reserved for a man with a degree. However, since the Americans are not status conscious to anywhere near the same extent as the British, this doesn't really seem to matter. So, where do we go from here? Do we stick it out in the Motherland, or get the hell out! One bearded gentleman summed up the situation with his typical urbanity. “It's only a parochial problem, so who cares anyway?”

S.G.

### Quote:

“I only like going out with her because she's such a fine pianist.” —G. Hall, this year's President of Debates.

Comment: Has she hypersensitive fingers?

## INSIDE ? JOB ?

### STILL MORE THEFTS

A Locked room in Beit Old Hostel was broken into at the end of last term, and clothes taken from a wardrobe. The thief was evidently in haste as he missed a more valuable suit which was lying on a chair.

Whether it was an inside job or not, is not immediately apparent. As every key in the hostel fits at least half of the doors, the theft could have been carried out by any occupant. However the locks are of such an antiquated and unsatisfactory nature that a small amount of skill with a piece of wire would be as equally effective means of entrance as a key. Also an outsider might easily go unnoticed in the Hostel at the end of term when parents are walking in and out carrying handfuls of luggage.

## A New Computer at Imperial College

IBM United Kingdom Limited are to make available, free of charge, a very powerful IBM 7090 data processing system, a smaller IBM 1401 data processing system for data preparation and output, and appropriate peripheral equipment. A 7090 Computing Centre is to be set up by Imperial College which will provide facilities and staff. It will be directed by Professor Stanley Gill, recently appointed to the new Chair of Computing Science and to the Directorship of the College Computer Unit.

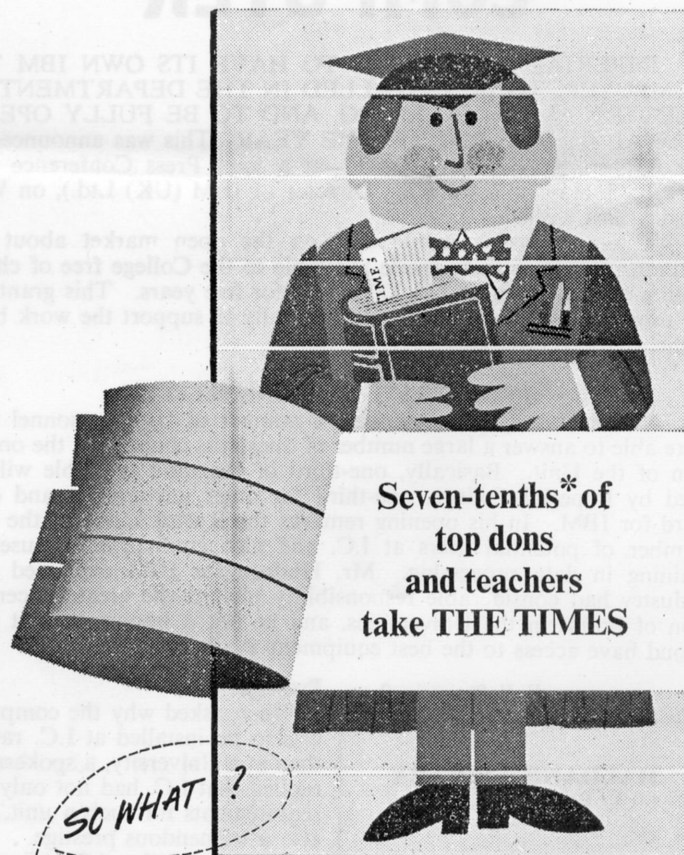
The College has long been aware of the essential contribution that large automatic computers make to its research programme. Over 1,800 academic staff, research assistants and post-graduate students with a wide range of interests covering many highly specialised fields in science and technology are making increasing demands for computing facilities. The problems which they are continuously generating as a result of their research activities are of a type rarely met elsewhere in magnitude or difficulty. The IBM 7090 installation will greatly extend not only the amount of computing work which

can be undertaken, but also the diversity of the problems which can be tackled, the training which can be given, and the experience which can be acquired in conjunction with the University of London Computer Unit with which the College already has a direct link.

### Some Facts on the IBM 7090 and IBM 1401

The IBM 7090 Data Processing System is a very powerful second generation computer, many of which are installed throughout the World. The 7090 to be installed at Imperial College has a “Memory” of 32,768 words and is equipped with 8 magnetic tape files. Instructions are read and interpreted in 2.18 millionths of a second; a complete addition or subtraction, for instance, takes as little as 4.36 millionths of a second.

The 1401 is the most widely used computer in the World. It can operate both as a computer in its own right and as a means of preparing input for the 7090 in the form of magnetic tape (reading cards at up to 800 per minute), and similarly converting the 7090 magnetic tape output into printed matter (printing up to 600 lines a minute) or punched cards.



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# dear sir...



Brewer's Dray at head of Carnival Procession last Saturday

Dear Sir,

From the Evening Standard,\*  
Saturday May the 2nd.:

## LAST WORD

"As part of the training of students taking City and Guilds agricultural courses it is necessary for them to pass proficiency tests in certain tasks related to livestock. For this purpose they obviously have to undergo castration, injections and ear marking."—From a report by the Principal of an Institute of Agriculture.

Please don't let us be too proud to accept writs from other Guildsmen!

Yours very sincerely(!)  
CRISPIN PINEY, Maths 1

\* (are Guildsmen therefore Sub-standard?)

Sir,

With regard to the letter appearing in Felix dated 18th March 1964, we were not 'responsible' for the letter appearing above our signature, and do not repeat NOT withdraw our original remarks which were factual statements of our own personal opinion.

Yours faithfully,  
The Long and the Short  
and the Tall

Sir,

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the persons responsible for the organisation behind the May Ball. I enjoyed myself very much, and looking around I think most other people did too. The decor was magnificent—especially the Blue Room, and organisation also was very good. If any criticism is to be levelled, it is perhaps that the bars were not as fully equipped as they might have been, and that they ran out too early, but on the whole the evening was one of the most enjoyable and successful formal occasions held this year in London University. Once again, my congratulations.

A Woman from Bedford.

Dear Sir,

Whilst applauding your efforts in bringing out a Carnival Supplement, I think that the original intentions of a Carnival seem to have been lost. I can well understand that Messrs Bishop and Wharton wish to publicise themselves as fully as possible but surely this was not the most appropriate moment. A bit less Yog and a bit more Mental Health would have been more in keeping with the occasion. The whole thing reeks of Bishop from beginning to end; why not stick to English and abandon the all pervading puerile style which makes such bad reading.

Yours,  
ANTIYOG.

## THEFT

Dear Sir,

Through your columns I should like to ask the co-operation of everyone who was in Weeks Hall on the evening of Saturday March 21st at the end of last term. The Boat Club will remember it as the day of the Putney Head of the River race, and many joined a party in Weeks Hall that evening.

Between 10.30 p.m. that evening and 9.0 a.m. the next Sunday morning a suitcase containing clothes, shoes, passport, Insurance policies, Post Office book, over 150 colour slides and photographs, and many personal and business letters was stolen from the entrance to Weeks Hall, where it was awaiting collection by British Road Services. As yet the police have been unable to trace it. The theft was made possible by the door being left unlocked by party-goers, together with the case not being locked away for the weekend by the person then responsible for it. (Not me. The college have taken responsibility for it.)

If anyone who was in Weeks Hall on that date can remember either having seen this buff-coloured metal airline suitcase, or not having seen it, will he please contact Peter Jenkins, Weeks Hall, Room 44, Int. 094.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER A. JENKINS



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## EDITORIAL

### DEAD OR DYING?

This Union is dying. Like a worm cut in two it continues to thrash sporadically, but if the present rate of slow strangulation is allowed to continue it cannot last long. The societies which help make it, still thrive (although some, like the Debating Society, threaten to pass to greener fields) but the real idea of a Student's Union, is floundering in a huge bog of bureaucracy.

Last term's Union meetings showed a flicker of life and one hoped that people were really interested in the proposed constitutional changes. A cynical few maintained that the crowds had gathered to see heads roll in the Felix motion from the President; their view was perhaps justified when the last meeting of the term remained inquisitorial and had to be abandoned.

Behind every venture or society there is always a leader, someone of stature, personality and initiative. In a body in the nature of a Student's Union, a leader is a first essential; from this source must come the image and inspiration of the Union. Our Union has no image—in the constituent Colleges mascots, elite drinking clubs and sheer sport provide an inescapable image. You may not like it but it remains a focal point for the activities of that Union. Think of Guilds and one thinks of Bo and a Spanner, possibly beer; think of Imperial and one is lost. A select few would hope that "The Phoenix" is the rallying point of the Union, but fortunately they remain select and few. Others perhaps look to the bars, and others to the societies. Few would claim that the Union has one focal point especially since Southside has shown the Union building up for what it is: ugly, dated, and usually uncomfortable.

### ROOM AT THE TOP

This image should without question come from the top. Colcutt last term talked of the ideal President, a mixture of administrator and sportsman, a thinker and drinker. Our last three Presidents have been a businessman, a volatile idealist and an expert administrator; none however have really provided the Union with any kind of inspiration.

What the College must find for itself very rapidly is a President who can throw the sort of image that "Kitch" did six years ago, and is still remembered. The post of Deputy President may ease the situation somewhat, but until we find someone who will instill respect and be capable either of silencing his critics or ignoring them, the Union will continue to flounder.

### DECENTRALISATION

How can this trend away from personality and toward bureaucratic administration be stemmed? While Council continues to elect its President then the same pattern will follow in a regenerative process which regurgitates the members of its clique one after the other.

Many of the most eligible and capable of students will not even consider the job. Supervisors will often not accept a President on post graduate courses because of the enormous amount of time that the job consumes. The President himself sits on a very large number of purely administrative committees which may last up to six hours or more. The wastage of time is phenomenal, and it may be true that this sort of work favours a certain type.

It appears that the task of President could be considerably reduced if some of this committee responsibility could be delegated. After all, the art of leadership is the art of load shedding and the manipulation thereof. Not only would the duties of the President be lessened, but many other able persons at College would have an opportunity to gain invaluable experience.

Until some sort of decentralisation is engineered, it seems unlikely that many will relish the job of President, and until a President capable of producing an image appears, the Union must continue to suffer.

## CHEMISTRY EXPLOSION

Imperial Institute Road was shaken last week by an explosion which rocked the Chemistry Building and shattered several square feet of the glass roof. Dr. David King was making measurements of the sticking probability of nitrogen on metallic films at low temperatures when his apparatus exploded, and he was badly lacerated about the head and shoulders by flying glass.

### Condition Satisfactory

Dr. King's present condition is reported to be satisfactory, and

it is now known that his eyes have not suffered any permanent damage as was at first feared.

Also injured by the blast was Dr. King's wife, who received extensive cuts and burns on one leg, and less severely, Miss S. B. Kulkarni, Ph.D., who was working some distance away on a different project.

The accident was attributed to an accidental breach of the normal safety precautions on the part of Dr. King.

## CHALLENGE REFUSED?

A gauntlet thrown down before this college at the beginning of the year has been tardily taken up.

The influx of residential students into the immediate confines of Imperial College appears to have presented problems rather than opportunities. The Union has made but few overtures to the Southside residents and waits impatiently for the first cries of its new born. Of the new halls some have not enough energy even to mourn their birth and only one has raised its corporate head to herald its own presence.

In previous years Beit hall supported those students who saw it fit to run the Union. They eked out their elaborate lives by a series of intrigues which still sprout like weeds along those hallowed Halls. The introduction of Week's hall like an invisible finger in a grey dawn foretold of a rosy dawn if not a golden future for residents of this college.



Caught in passing

### Leadership

In an analysis of activities in Southside this year we find that leadership was the element most obviously lacking. The Union as a whole seemed unable and in some cases unwilling to instil leadership into the spirals that are Southside. A little inertia can be expected from such a large and diverse body of people as council. Impetus should have come from the top.

With leadership Tizard has outstripped the other halls in combining a sense of unity and independence with a sense of purpose. In this year they have succeeded in getting their hall recognized outside the normal range of this college. The other Southside constituents appear to be pallid and distorted reflections of a Beit-Weeks Hall.

### Toward a Functional Hall

From the attitudes of the war-

dens, be they right or wrong, the pattern set can be clearly defined. Three wardens feel that movements towards a functional type of hall should come directly from the students. The fourth warden has recognized in students not only the afore mentioned inertia but also the inability of the majority to visualise a new concept of communal living.

In this year Dr. Cameron has not only attempted to open the eyes of the men in Tizard to an ideal but has succeeded in showing its practical possibilities. The students of Imperial college of the first and second generation need to be introduced and allowed to mix with people in varied experiences beyond the realm of their own. Tizard have had this privilege in functions varying from mulled wine parties in the company of local dignitaries, to the individual entertaining of public school science masters. This latter function is more fully reported in the Engineer, 30 March.

Informal talks and discussions during a regular Thursday evening buttery hour or in students rooms during other times, have revolved around such people as Air Vice

Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Editor of Vogue and House and Garden, the Bishops of Maidstone and Stepney, Sir Patrick Riley (an Ambassador to Moscow and now working for UNESCO), to name but a few. The formation of a diners club as well as Folk Music, Hi-Fi and Brass rubbing groups shows that an atmosphere conducive to living is enjoyed.

### Tizard and the Goldsmiths

Perhaps the biggest success is the alliance between Tizard Hall and the Goldsmiths of London, resulting in an invitation to dinner, with the possibility of further, stronger, and more advantageous bonds in this great Livery Company.

The future is seen warily through skeins of mist. The Union may well revolve around the Southside residency, with its own structure of sport and social activity on an independent basis. A residents' league of the major sports, the teams made up of students attached to halls as well as living in them, with a supreme I.C. team at the head of each sport. It is hoped that whoever is in power next year will realise the inevitability of this sort of system and support it for the welfare of students instead of fighting it and hiding from the future like an ostrich with its head in the sand.

The Editor wishes to extend his thanks to N. J. Walker and all those who helped in producing the FELIX Carnival Supplement, at a time when he was incapacitated by examinations.



## maletrain

Even if you cannot spare the time to go to hops, this term, there is no reason why you should not revise, or at least brush up your technique; I doubt that there is anyone who has not once received a chilling "Thank you," or, worse still "If you must sing the words, why not sing in tune?" or the sign of pure desperation "you must excuse me, but I must sit down and take your weight off my feet."

The first elementary rules to follow are: do not be rude, be rough, be mean, or B.O.

What you must remember is that very few women wander round like a doctor's tonic with a label on them saying: "Pick-me-up, to be taken three times a day," and they should not be well shaken on meeting you.

The openings of the hop-hunter—and I do not mean the beer-drinker's mouth—are many and varied: there is of course the conventional "would you like like to dance?" technique, and innumerable styles up to the "would you mind removing your boots? I've got thin shoes on,"



jocular approach; by now, you must have some idea of what suits you, or be going steady with a well-worn brown bag.

The preceding paragraphs were quite elementary, but the big question is: what do you do after the ice—and you—are well and truly shattered? Shake on until you die of syringomyelia (anyone who wishes to know more about this disease should send a stamped addressed coffin, by

hand to B.O. Pox 45, Twistin, Herts.), or do you, failing all else, take your courage in both hands and say "Shall we go out and see if the Americans have shot the moon down yet?" But even if this works, remember the paradox that the faster you are, the quicker she will run away from you; alternatively, if she does raise her lips appealingly to yours, do not give her a peck... when she's expecting a bushel.

KIK  
(Spelt Kik)

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## LILLIPUTI—UN

U.N. I.C. CAMBRIDGE

On first sight these three names seem to have very little in common. However, on the last Thursday of the Spring Term when many were already getting into the holiday spirit, 17 IC students (including 4 ICWarians) travelled down to Cambridge in order to attend the 1st Model Assembly of the United Nations. The conference was sponsored by the Sunday Times and it was the first of its kind held in England.

As the name implies the assembly was to work on similar lines to that in New York except that each country was represented by students. IC provided the delegations for Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Laos and Siam. The aim of the assembly was to interest students in the working of the United Nations and the countries which they represented. Furthermore, the conference gave us an excellent opportunity to meet students from other universities in the U.K.

The Assembly was formally opened by the Mayor of Cambridge on Friday and it was subsequently presided over by Frederick Boland, a former president of the U.N. General Assembly.

The first debate which was on the "World Situation" revealed that many of the Afro-Asian countries were strongly in favour of the admission to the U.N. of Red China instead of Nationalist China. The Cambodian delegation was no exception as could be heard when Andrew Wilson delivered his exciting speech calling for the recognition of Communist China and the withdrawal of American influence in South East Asia. When the Nationalist Chinese delegate wanted to address the assembly, almost half of the 100 present delegations left the hall in protest. However, the hall in protest. However, the Chinese speaker was extremely eloquent and most delegates could be found listening to the loud speaker transmission.

The second day was spent debating the situation in South Africa and a permanent UN Force. The African delegates felt very strongly about this subject and wanted to impose severe economic sanctions against the Republic. However, due to the skillful coloured Fiji law student who led the South African dele-

gation (although he opposed her attitude personally) and the influence of the Western countries only moderate sanctions such as an embargo on military goods and petroleum were called for.

The conference ended on Sunday with a debate on "Development" which concerned the emerging countries. Most countries called for increased trade and improved prices for primary products but very little was said about education. The Afghan delegation could pass a resolution asking for more educational facilities in the richer countries, but no agreement could be reached about educational and technical aid.

We all left Cambridge with a feeling of achievement and of course it was comforting to know that IC provided most delegations of all the universities in the U.K. except for Oxford and Cambridge which organized the assembly.

The assembly was very successful and the standard of debating very high. The "Sunday Times" is now considering having another assembly next year, probably in London and possibly at I.C. . . .

A. MEISEN



# BULGARIA - A new Horizon

Recently I have talked to quite a number of British and my impression is that they know little of Bulgaria. Some have said to me that they have already visited other European countries and in a way they felt these were more or less old hat to them, and they would like to spend a vacation in Bulgaria, but needed more information. In this short article I will try to do this.

Bulgaria is a small country in the Balkan Peninsular, whose fertile plains and fields look like colourful carpets and whose snow-capped mountain peaks and sun-drenched beaches are washed by the blue, warm waves of the Black Sea. A beautiful country impregnated with the aroma of rose gardens, blessed with an abundance of grapes and other fruits and vegetables, of tobacco, herbs and flowers. If I may sum up the impressions of many a western tourist: a mild Mediterranean climate, low humidity, beautiful blue skies and rainless summers make Bulgaria a natural holiday paradise.

Hospitality is traditional with Bulgarian people and is considered an outstanding Bulgarian feature which manifests itself in everyday life. The people like, when returning home from work, to welcome guests. Bulgarian folk songs and stories describe countless gatherings round the table over a flask of brandy or wine.

Many villages still preserve the custom of special days of the year when all doors are open to visitors and it is considered a special honour to welcome those of other villages or more distant parts. Young girls receive the guests with joyful songs, and their hosts invite them to the most prominent places at the table. Jokes, laughter and songs accompany the entertainment.

I have been many times asked about special Bulgarian drinks and dishes. Of course it is impossible to describe all of the rich variety but here are some hints to bear in mind. Try rose liqueur made from the petals of the famous Bulgarian roses, Slivovitz (plum brandy) which is the national drink, Mastika (an aniseed drink) and different kinds of white and red wines. Never leave Bulgaria without tasting such dishes as: Yoghurt—best in the world and really so, Tarator—yoghurt soup: beaten up yoghurt with chunks of ice, pieces of cucumber, sprinkled with chopped walnut and other spice, Kebapcheta—meat prepared after an old Bulgarian recipe, grilled on charcoal, Giuvetch—a vegetable Bulgarian hot-pot Bulgarian style



Now to the point where some practical hints could be useful. First I should like to say that visas are no problem whatsoever and may be obtained in 24 hours at the Bulgarian Embassy in London (12, Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W.7). One pound is equivalent in Bulgarian currency to 5.60 leva. In other words for one pound you will receive the equivalent of 34 shillings. At the International Youth Camp you have to pay daily about 17 shillings for full board.

If you go on your own to Bulgaria it is useful to know the address of the Bureau for International Youth tourism — 10, Kaloyan Street, Sofia. There it is possible to arrange for a stay at the Youth Camp or elsewhere. In London you can do this through Balkantourist, 45, South Molton Street, Mayfair, W.1, or English and Overseas Tours Ltd., 169, Regent Street, W.1. The prices for the International Youth Camp at Primorsko are:

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## Linda Curtis

### CARNIVAL QUEEN in casual mood

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##### Luxembourg Frolic

In the North of the Duchy, the deep forested valleys of the Ardennes gave good walking, while in the east, the caverns, gorges and cliffs of the "Petite Suisse" region seem to belong to a lost world.

The hostels varied from primitive to modern, but one of the most interesting was the feudal castle at Hollenfels. The people we met were industrious and friendly; one evening the girls in our party found themselves serenaded by a lad of forty with a harmonica. The appearance of his irate wife, near closing time, caused the locals great amusement. We returned via Koblenz where a visit to the Deinhard wine cellars, nearly three centuries old, made a pleasant climax.

##### Scottish Porridge

On Easter Sunday, another party were heading over rough Scottish roads, via Loch Laggan to Ratagan. After climbing the Sisters of Klentail, the sea was crossed to Skye and Glenbrittle hostel. The warden here migrates south in Winter to play Santa Claus at a large London store.

Several days were spent enjoying magnificent weather walking and scrambling in the buillins. While there, an interesting job involved carting four hundred tins of stewed steak for the warden—not all Scotsmen appear to live on porridge! The party returned by Fort William and Ben Cruachan finishing with a 480 mile dash to London.

On the first weekend of term, some people once more attempted the Lyke Wake Walk—40 miles over the highest and broadest parts of the North York Moors.

## MAY BALL

Balls come and Balls go. Some are good and some not too good. This year's May Ball was one of the better ones. Evidence of lavish preparations abounded everywhere. More people, more flowers, more decorations, more bands and more cabarets than any other Ball on the I.C. Calendar.

The May Ball also sees the choosing of the Carnival Queen

and four pretty girls assembled in the early hours of the morning to be judged. Congratulations to Lyn Curtis, the winner, who only hours before the start of the Ball, had been long-jumping for the victorious I.C.W.A. athletics team. Its good to see an I.C.W.A.rian winning anyway!

Points to Criticise. The bars were very short of the right drinks, the cabaret was unusually dull and the lower dancing floor was largely unusable because of unsuitable bands.

Points to commend. The excellent value for money one received and the superbly conceived decor.

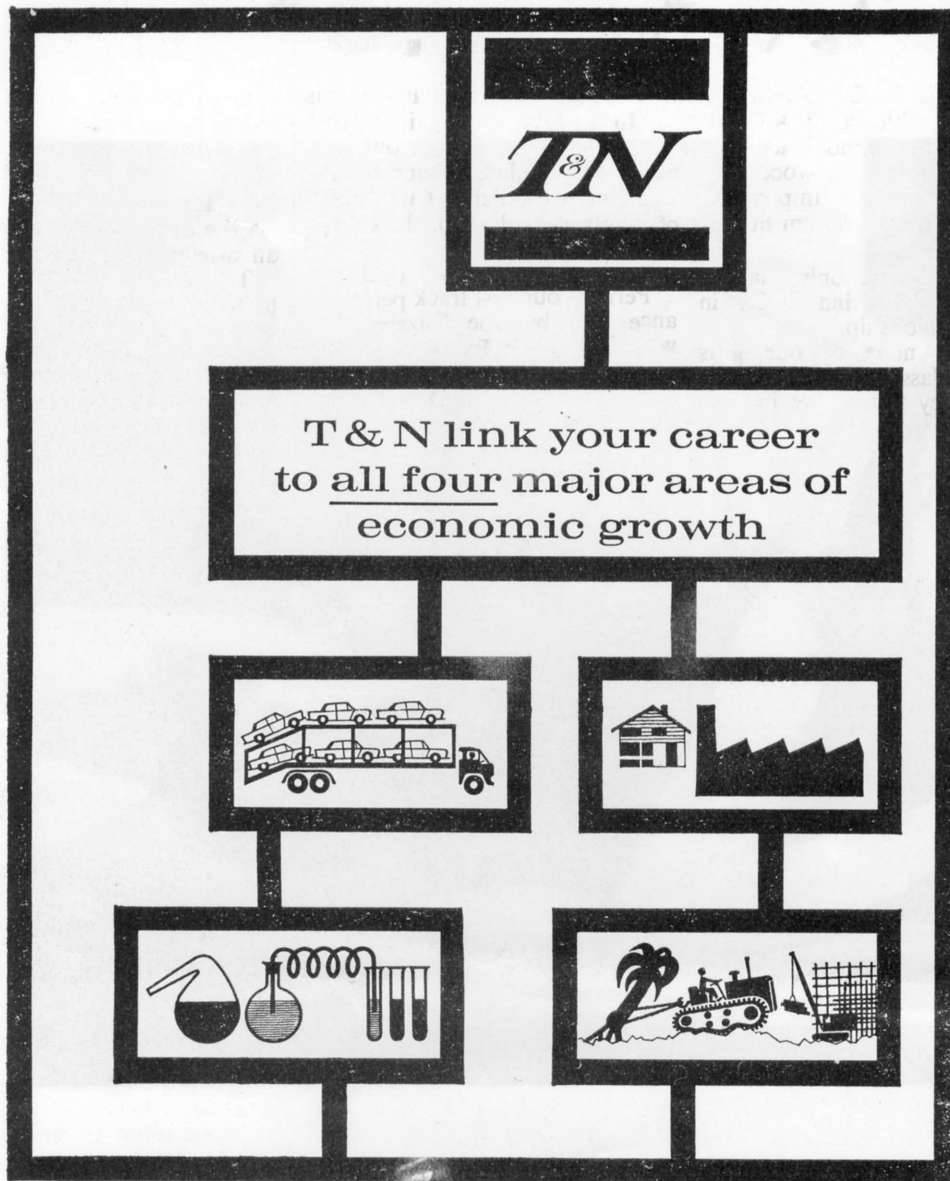
*Thought for the future—why not try having a May Ball over at South Side?*

*Quote: from a lady at the above, bitterly,*

*"I only saw a few flowers, and Hodgson's feet were in those."*

Some were confirmed addicts; others new to the cult. Starting just after 3.00 a.m. (and in poor weather) six of the ten starters finished in under eighteen hours. Now recovered, they claim to have enjoyed it. Later on this term, we are hoping to attempt the South Wales Marathon. Wish us luck!





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## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day came and Sports Day went and scarcely a drop of rain fell on the proceedings. In this respect it was an improvement on last year's effort, when the first race was run with an inch of water on the track. In actual athletic content, however, it didn't really compare.

True, there were some exciting finishes, notably in the mile relay and the hurdles, but the stars of last year were seriously missed.

R.C.S. won the Governors' Trophy by 162 points to 142 from C & G again. This year the finish wasn't quite as close, although the result was in the balance until three events before the end. Mines obtained a shock double victory in the triple jump but failed to win any other event except the Staff Race (a second double victory, by Mr. Grierson and Dr. Bulter) which didn't count. They trailed respectfully 58 points behind Guilds at the end.

120 yds. hurdles: J. Churchill (R.C.S.) 16.9 secs.  
100 yds.: J. O. Smith (C. and G.) 10.8 secs.  
220 yds.: J. O. Smith (C. and G.) 24.0 secs.  
440 yds.: R. Basson (C. and G.) 52.2 secs.  
880 yds.: J. Fitzsimmons (R.C.S.) 2 mins. 5.8 secs.  
1 mile: J. Fitzsimmons (R.C.S.) 4 mins 37.5 secs.  
4 x 110 yds. relay: R.C.S. 46.5 secs.  
4 x 440 yds. relay: R.C.S. 3 mins 41 secs.  
Long Jump: D. R. Wade (R.C.S.) 21ft. 2½ ins.  
High Jump: D. R. Wade (R.C.S.) 5ft. 7 ins.  
Triple Jump: A. Bigg (R.S.M.) 40ft. 5 ins.  
Discus: P. Williams (C. and G.) 110ft. 3 ins.  
Javelin: B. Sharpe (C and G) 140ft.  
Shot: B. Dexter (R.C.S.) 36ft. 6 ins.  
Pole Vault: W. Stabler (R.C.S.) 10ft. 6 in.  
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Tug-of-War: R.C.S.

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# SALUTE OUR GIRLS

## SWIMMING TOUR

The swimming team sailed to Holland for a week despite one member having his cracked head sewn up. The first day in Amsterdam began in the Bols Genever Tavern followed by a 3 hour training session during which two matches, for that evening, were arranged. The European 400 metres champion was too fast and won the Polo match for Amsterdam Free University 7-1. The second polo match, only two hours later, was lost 8-3 to Dolphijn, a local swimming club, after a predominantly level game. Visits to Amstel and Heineken breweries preceded a cultural day at the art galleries and a soiree of bedtime stories from "Fanny Hill."

### Win at Delft

The last three days were spent at Delft with trips to The Hague and the unpronounceable Scheveningen. Our old friends at Delft Student Corp gave us a dinner and presented us with dutch clay pipes which we smoked at the time; we presented them with an I.C. tankard which was much appreciated. After this we had the match and clinched a victory in the swimming with a win in the 100 metres free-style by Paul Morris who raised his personal best time by 4 secs to 64. We lost the polo 4-1 in a "tight match" but won the next round in their union by out-drinking them. Anglo-Dutch relations were furthered even more the next day at a party. We slipped through the customs after getting well oiled on the boat back. We have since been invited to the wedding of Floor Anthoni who's last claim to fame at I.C. is that whilst here with Delft last year he "made the acquaintance of" this year's Carnival Queen.

## FFESTIVE FFAGINS

As a fitting climax to the season, ffagins XV lunched their way to the tourist paradise of Southend-on-Sea, ostensibly to take part in the Annual Easter Rugby Festival (the largest in the world, folks).

The party included three ladies, and an enjoyable time was had by all, except John Richardson, who thrice involved ye wrath of ye local Constabulary.

The matches were arranged to coincide with closing hours, and

Ten girls of I.C.W.A. put their male counterparts to shame at this year's U.L. Athletics Championships. In the face of opposition from such female strongholds as Bedford, Westfield and Q.E.C. our girls won not only the Sherwood Cup (based on a College factor scoring system), but also the Imperial College Union Challenge Cup (which is based on the maximum number of points, regardless of the college factor).

Our men could only manage second place, behind U.C., in their Championship.

Although none of our girls could be classed as outstanding athletes, they turned out in such numbers as to completely swamp the score sheets.

By ensuring that they had at least two competitors in each event, they scored heavily in those events where the entry was poor.

And if there had been a prize for good looks, I imagine ICWA would have won that too. Not only did we have the newly-fledged Carnival Queen showing her paces in the 220 yards, but also many of the prettier college faces showing surprising form in events as diverse as the 440 yards and the high jump.

The men were let down a bit, by their track team. In the field events they were well represented by Dave Smith, who won the triple jump, Derek Wade and Smith, who were first and second in the long jump and Leon Hall, who was just second in the high

jump in a "jump-off" decision.

Perhaps our best track performance was by Joe Fitzsimmons who beat Nick Barton into 4th place in the half mile. We also gained 7 points in the 2 mile walk for 3rd and 4th place. Both our men were lapped twice by the winner, however.



## CROSS COUNTRY 3 PEAKS RELAY

Once again I.C. shows the way — this time in road running. The Cross Country Club were successful in their Easter attempt to run from Fort William to Caenarvon via the three highest mountains — an original venture.

The team, weakened by injury to three of our first team, was a very young one; only three runners over twenty. Our strength lay in our mountain runners and, in spite of snow on the top, Ben Nevis was negotiated in only 2hr. 7mts. by Tim Millward and Chris James.

### 3 peaks team at Caenarvon

### 1st XV TOUR

## RUGBY GOES WEST

Over Easter seventeen under-strength, I.C. rugby players and two un-official officials went west and shattered the peace and quiet of glorious Devon.

Basing themselves on Torquay (the beer's better there) they turned out, for the first time since October in clean shirts, against Paignton. However typical Devon rain and 6 ins. of mud soon restored things to normal and we finished the first half 3-0 up, thanks to a push over by Joe Collins. After several failures

a penalty was eventually converted and with a concerted effort by the backs failing to produce more points the game was closed at 6-0.

### The Rot Sets In

Such success could not last and the following evening we lost to Kingsbridge. R. Harris, a hero of the Paignton match was carried off after 10 minutes and from then on the weight of numbers proved too great; the final score being 11-3 to the natives.

Newton Abbot provided the toughest opposition and in spite of some inspired jumping by the forwards we were 3-0 down at mid-way. Refreshed by the traditional orange A. Butler scored a spectacular second-half try, dashing 65 yds to level the score. But it wasn't converted and a last-minute penalty to the enemy lost us the game at 6-3.

### Sorrowful Sevens

More due to a "misunderstanding" over travelling arrangements than to the opposition the sevens were soon eliminated from an Easter Monday Tournament at Bridlington. Then drunk but happy I.C. 1st XV dispersed to the far corners of the country and Devonians heaved a sigh of relief.

### The Open Road

Then, using an old eighteenth century military road over the mountains, we set off for Scafell. Everything, like the weather, was going fine 'til just beyond Glasgow (how we found our way through there is a mystery) when Gerry Horsley, unaccompanied for once by his dormobile, almost collapsed and was reduced nearly to a walk.

Thus a man short we reached Scafell on the Friday afternoon and with a strong wind and unexpectedly tough going Terry Servant and Tim Millward took 2 hrs. 32 mts.

### Over the Mersey

By Ellesmere Port on the Saturday morning we were effectively three men short and it was decided to run the last 60 miles paralauff-fashion in 2½, 2 and finally 1 mile stages. This took us to Pen-y-Pass by 4.0 p.m. on the Saturday and Snowdon, in just about ideal conditions, was negotiated in 1 hr. 32 mts.

From there it was just 8 miles to Caenarvon (to finish, as we had started, in the sea), the last ½ mile being a mass sprint with Alan Walker (who had run the farthest and the fastest) being the one to get his feet wet, just 56 hrs. 10 mts. since we had started.

After a brief par for photographs there was another mass sprint—it was opening time.





While the money is counted (above), Humphrey Lyttleton plays on at the Carnival Hop.

**CARNIVAL DISAPPOINTS**

"I blame the printer!" said Chairman Hodgson on being asked why Carnival receipts were coming in much slower than in previous years. He was referring to the poor sales of the new style Carnival Magazine, "Old Rope," which together with the raffle, produce the vast majority of the Carnival income. "He was meant to have the copies ready over one week earlier than he did, as a consequence sales have been affected and valuable publicity within the magazine has been lost." The magazine itself had plenty of sales appeal, an effect created by an excellent cover, high quality paper and good layout. Despite the weakness of much of the material, the magazine is undoubtedly a much better reflection on the College than previous efforts."

Ed.—We understand from the printer that 4,000 copies were collected between Monday and Friday preceding the Carnival week and the remaining 3,000 copies were awaiting collection until Tuesday of Carnival week.



### CARNIVAL TIMING

It appears that the total effect of Carnival has now reached saturation. How much of this is due to its timing—so close to Undergraduate examinations?

Support for College functions is normally difficult to muster, but one can more readily understand the difficulty of attracting Carnival personnel when exams are so near at hand. Coupled with this, the Carnival Committee has to endure two terms of what is comparative inactivity, often at the expense of holding other positions, then it becomes evident that Carnival date leaves very much to be desired.

Universities such as Manchester and Liverpool favour the end of the Winter term, Leeds (after exams) at the end of the Summer term and Sheffield have theirs soon after the commencement of the Autumn term. All of these dates involve some compromise, but it seems that I.C. has chosen a particularly bad one.

Could not the timing of I.C. Carnival be carefully reconsidered?

# CARNIVAL

### INTERNATIONAL EVENING

A superb evening enlivened with colour, exotic food, a casino, dancing to a Caribbean steel band and a cabaret with performers from many countries. All the performers appeared completely free of charge and the smoothness of the performance was commendable considering there had been no rehearsal.



### THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Whole families come out to watch . . .

### POOR PUBLICITY

Carnival has still not succeeded in fully impressing itself on the people of South Kensington. Bad publicity must take most of the blame. Internal notification of events was very mediocre (certainly incapable of competing against Yogiads!). Gone were the stickers which covered all of South Kensington last year.

People cannot attend what they do not know about. One year the Carnival Organisers will realise that heavy expenditure on publicity is justified.

M. HOSKER.

### MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS

First away in Carnival Week was an Orchestral Concert produced by the I.C. Music Society, at which most of the audience were mental patients invited to the College by the organisers. Full marks for this charitable act which also created much goodwill with Mental Health officials. The musical vein was continued by a Sunday evening Concert performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni, ostensibly provided free of charge by performers from the Covent Garden Opera Company. Much to the disappointment of the organisers, expenses claimed by the performers were sufficient to absorb nearly all the receipts from an almost packed house.

### THAT JUKE BOX!

Many said "What are I.C. students coming to!" Others were seen to cover their ears as they entered the Snack Bar. But the fact remains that Snack Bar business went up by over 10% for the period that the Carnival Juke Box remained there. Add to this the facts that it was played almost continually, that the evening the machine spent in the Union Lounge resulted in the place losing its familiar deserted look and

that many students were heard to say hopefully, "Is it to be here for good?" And the arguments for permanent canned music in I.C. mount up.

I.C. Union is sparsely used. A major cause of this is the lack of a comfortable focal centre. An intimate coffee bar, of the Soho variety, with music, somewhere in the Union, could well fulfill this need. With such a centre, perhaps members of this Union would start trickling back.

Try giving it a thought Council!



Others were less impressed . . .



# FELIX LATE NEWS

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On this occasion we feel that it is necessary to make some apologies for past mistakes. We offer our sincere regrets to those readers who failed to receive a Late News with Felix no. 202 last term; those who did were fortunate as our normal source of paper suddenly failed, and we are indebted to the Botany Department for their prompt aid in this respect. The poor production quality in recent issues was due to faults in our duplicator, which have now been put right.

DIW

## SHORTS

**RAFFLE BREAKTHROUGH:** Organiser John Skinner reports that this year's Carnival Raffle has made a profit of £500.

**BIG DAY BIG PROFITS:** It was reported that takings for the Carnival on Saturday had reached £1,400 by 6pm.

**COMPETITION AT SOUTHSIDE:**  
0610 Express Dairyman serves Iron Cow and Mooney.  
0710 United Dairyman serves Hall Residents.  
Worth waiting for the cheaper milk.

**BOX OFFICE PROFITS:** One of the few highlights of this year's Carnival was Wednesday -- Thursday's Film Festival, which earned profits of £70 for Mental Health. An informative but boring film on how the Carnival's money will be spent, together with some noisy attempts at gatecrashing, created a suitable atmosphere to appreciate the two main films in a light-hearted fashion.

**PEAK CONQUERED:** Inspired, no doubt, by "The Wild and the Willing", a banner appeared on top of the Colcutt tower in the early hours of Thursday morning.

**NEXT HOOTENANNY:** - in I.C.W.A. Lounge on Thursday 14th. May, admission 3/-.  
(all profits to I.C. Carnival).

**ANOTHER RECORD:** Following in the tracks of the Jazz Club, the best that I.C. Folk Club has to offer is being put onto a 12-inch LP. Its cost is expected to be about 30/- (if orders attain 100 this may be reduced to as low as 21/-). If interested, please write:- I.C. Folk Club Record, c/o Union Rack.

**BIG POLICE ESCORT**  
Apart from being a successful money-raiser for the Carnival, the Procession on Saturday appears to have been rather uneventful. There were no arrests. An unplanned diversion took place near the Earl's Court Road when the brewer's draymen failed to take the correct turning.

**BIG DAY IN CLOVER**  
The procession returned to college at about 2.15 and at 2.35 pm Mike Hodgson introduced Ian Carmichael to the summer-dressed hordes in Prince's Gardens. After some preliminaries on the Mental Health Appeal, that (1) half of the hospital beds in this country are occupied by people with mental disorders, (2) it costs over £m200 a year to care for them, (3) only 5% of the Government grant to medical research is given to mental health, and (4) the bulk of the funds for mental research are raised by public subscription. Declaring the fete open, with a road - safety reminder he concluded that, "in the streets of Kensington one man is knocked down every eight minutes -- and he's getting a bit fed up with it". And as the two red balloons weaved their way through the spring foliage the sun peeped out again from behind a cloud.

Among the most popular of the side-shows was the ducking stand, particularly for Union Celebrities; Felix award for courage to Kate Tait. Also very popular were the Judo Demonstration (to see Dr. Cameron perform?) and the Veteran Vehicle Display with fire-engines well represented. Bingo, and the gallows, upon which Dave Watson was finally strung up, also drew large crowds.

The raffle draw began early at 3.40 pm with the Lady Mayoress of Westminster drawing the first six prizewinners. The first prize of a Grundig TK 23 tape-recorder was won by Malcolm Pullin (3ME); it was presented by the Carnival Queen, Linda Curtis, who also drew the next six prizewinners. A number of volunteers gamely completed the draw of 51 prizes.

DIW

**WITH HUMPH**  
During the Carnival this year many people have been fortunate to hear two of the best Mainstream Bands in the country, led by Bruce Turner and Humphrey Lyttleton. On Saturday, while the twelve-year-olds did the St. Vitus Dance on the top floor, the Concert Hall was filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience, listening and dancing to Humph.

In the interval I found Humph. at the stage door patiently autographing tickets for a dozen or so girls, and we walked round to a nearby hostelry with the rest of the band. Asked about his new Big 15 Band, he told me that they recently played at Newcastle University, and will be appearing soon in Cleethorpes and on BBC-2's "Jazz 625".

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## ELECTIONS

### GUILDS

Elections for Guilds Exec. will take place on Thursday at a Union Meeting. Yogi Bishop is a cert. for President, being the only nominee. At the moment there are two candidates for Vice-President: Robin Claridge and Chris Molam. There are several candidates for each of the other posts and it is noticeable that many of them are in Elec. Eng. 2.

### R.C.S.

Elections took place on Monday using polling stations in the R.C.S. Buildings.

Results - Monday Night ( Silwood votes not ( Unofficial) yet counted).

#### PRESIDENT

Kish Sadhvani .....303  
P.S. Walton.....187

#### VICE-PRESIDENT

Chris Evans.....280  
A. Smith.....127  
Dave Lenherr.....82

Chris Tye : " I'm glad there were so many candidates."

Kish : I'll buy Havard his beer." He did.

New chairman of RCS clubs committee, John Gregory, was chosen on Monday.

R.R.

OUT with Humph. ( cont. from Page 1)

A roaring " St. Louis Blues" was a great climax to a really swinging session and to Carnival Week. A big Thank You to the organisers for providing some music suitable for ( supposedly ) intelligent university students.

Al. Higson.

===== Rimshot reviews the  
===== SPECIAL SOUTHSIDE STOMP

Congratulations to the IC Jazz Club for organising another very successful Stomp last Wednesday - Successful because about 600 people were there, and £80 profit was made for the Carnival Charity. The cultural level for the evening was set by the Raiders, and soon everyone was heaving and shuffling to the monotonous thudding. Traditional Jazz during most of the second hour was provided by the Kensington City Stompers, who would like their Jelly-Roll returned as soon as possible please, as they haven't got any.

Guest star of the evening was Mr. Eugene Grotte with his Ensemble, who played a rousing version of " Bill Bailey", followed by their latest waxing, "Tipperary". Their manager, Harry Lime, told me that they were unfortunately unable to mime to this, as Eugene had lost his silent spoons.

The Raiders returned from their banana break to provide another ½ hr. of

## CRICKET

### KEOGH OUTRIGHT CHAMPS AGAIN !

Now added to Keogh Hall's list of successes is the inter-Halls seven-a-side knockout cricket competition, which they won at Harlington on Sunday. Their prize is a full size cricket bat signed by the Australian Touring Team.

In the first round Weeks beat Tizard I, Garden beat Tizard II, and Keogh beat Selkirk. Falmouth failed to raise a team, giving Beit a bye in the second round. In the second round Weeks beat Beit and Keogh beat Garden. In the final Weeks scored 63 all out, and Keogh replied with 64 - 4.

### ULU CUP - THROUGH TO SECOND ROUND

The first XI won their first round cup tie against C.E.M. away last Wednesday. I.C. 152 - 7 d (Peters 51, Sham Zoha 32, Eastell 32)  
C.E.M. 135 (Caffarate 70, Gettings 7 - 67, A. White 3 - 50)

### OTHER 1st XI RESULTS

R.S.M. 112 : I.C. 83 - 5 match drawn  
Eastcote 137 - 6 d : I.C. 62 - 7 drawn  
I.C. 144 - 4 d : U.C.L. 83 - 6 drawn

SECOND ROUND of the Cup will be played at Harlington on Wed., 20 May, against Battersea. Supporters very welcome.

### MOTOR RALLY

30 cars and 6 motorcycles started on Sunday's RCS Motor Club Rally. Though quite a few were lost en route, the majority turned up at the end. The overall winner was Mr. Priddle in a Volkswagen. A profit of £8 was made for the Carnival.

FILM SOC. REMINDER : Please return the questionnaire by 2 pm. today if you want the committee to consider your suggestions for films in our programme next year. Return forms to the Union Rack addressed to the Secretary of Film Soc. - Thank you.

FASCINATING FACT : Since last October, Late News sheets have been passed through the Gestetner about 50,000 times.

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jungle sounds, and then it was back to music, and the Clive Heat Quartet, who played for the more romantically minded stompers.