

ARE YOU LIVING?

"**LIFE: Living or Existing**" was the subject for the ICCU's first meeting in their series "Why Believe," on November 15th.

Ed Reis, from the USA society "The Navigators," talked on this subject, basing his arguments on the premise that people who are active Christians are living to the full; that once a person becomes actively committed to Christ then his life completely changes, takes on a new meaning and purpose, and has more significance.

He chose St. Paul as an example, saying that before his conversion, Paul had only lived in the sense of existing; his life was unsatisfactory and purposeless; afterwards however, he achieved a new goal in life and realised the power of Christianity.

UNJUSTIFIED ASSUMPTION

Mr. Reis, apart from the very feeble jokes and the obvious metaphors, (which seem to be an occupational hazard of many ICCU meetings), had presented his argument clearly and logically.

But then he continued with the basic assumption that everybody who was not a Christian could not possibly be as "happy," or their life could not be so meaningful, as it would were they to become one. He did not justify this, but he proceeded to expand it to the point that the only way to achieve a state of grace is to become a Christian. The audience accepted this without demurring, and proceeded to soak in the usual clichés and assertions which followed on for the next twenty minutes with obvious relish, or else with complete boredom, (but with no stages of interest between these extremes).

Thus the objectives of the meeting, which was to inform and interest non-Christians, was not achieved.

MARTIN BELL

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Selected by Paul Smith

NORTHERN CENSORSHIP

The Newspaper of Rutherford College of Technology now refuses to name who produces it, or where it is produced in order to avoid "the indignity of censorship by College authorities."

The Editor claims that the authorities want to prevent unfavourable impressions of the College reaching outsiders.

HELPFUL MEN IN BLUE

The police, often accused of being bad-tempered during student jollifications, contributed greatly to the celebrations at Bristol concerning the Lord Mayor's annual Grant to Wills Hall, by coating the War Memorial—a favourite object for climbing, with black grease. This sort of action will have a far better effect than simply banning any such actions, and is less likely to lead to frayed tempers.

YET MORE LOSSES

King's Union have cancelled two dances this term as a result

of losing £280 on three held so far. The dance on November 5th alone lost £150.

THE MONASTIC LIFE

Two undergraduates of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, have been ordered to leave their rooms after they were seen by the dean to enter with a girl after hours.

SO THEY LOSE TOO!

1,038 beer mugs, worth £130, have been broken or stolen from the Manchester Union bar so far this term.

JUST WENT FOR A WALK...

A Bristol second year medic has now been missing for three weeks. On November 2nd he left his room at 10 p.m. to walk the hundred yards to a friend's room, and has not been seen since. The police have searched the Hall and its surroundings and Royal Marine Reserve rock climbers have scoured the Avon Gorge, but no trace has been found.

Another Phoenix

Jones Appeals

Mervyn Jones speaks to Peter Combes

THIS ACADEMIC year's first issue of Phoenix comes out on Monday, December 13th. As a preview to the new issue, Felix talked to the Editor of Phoenix, Mervyn Jones.

On being asked what he thought the aims of the magazine were, he replied: "Phoenix was started in 1885 by H. G. Wells. Since then it has varied from being virtually a newspaper, reporting such things as deaths of members during the Great War, to the other extreme—completely a literary magazine."

"I believe that Phoenix should be a mixture of these two extremes. It should contain good literary contributions and it should also be used by students as a platform for airing their views or ideas."

"At the moment the few people who actually think about the Union do not bother to write anything because they

do not reckon they are good enough. I believe that students should take an interest in Phoenix, as it is the only College publication apart from Felix, and is therefore important."

The forthcoming issue of Phoenix contains articles on the Haldane Library, Halls of Residence, short stories, and two poems by Patric Dickinson, the famous British poet, and visiting lecturer to I.C.

Finally, Mervyn Jones pleaded for more staff, and contributions for the issue coming out at the end of next term. People interested should contact him via the Union Rack or Room 525, Tizard Hall.

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BOOZE

BELLY DANCERS BEDLAM

PRESUMABLY in an attempt to discourage unwanted visitors, the R.C.S. Union Meeting on 23rd November was held with the minimum of publicity.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, from which it emerged

that a film of the recent Spanner snatch would not be available as was hoped. This was attributed to Guilds refusing to return Spanner for photographing.

A shout for the Queen of Jez to move to the platform proved unsuccessful. Demurely, she preferred to remain on the front bench.

CARNIVAL

It was disclosed that the R.C.S. Carnival on 3rd December would have professional belly-dancers as part of the entertainment. Tickets for the event (25/- double) are now on sale.

The proposed constitutional change that a committee of three be elected from the floor for the purposes of publicity, under the chairmanship of the Publicity Officer, provided a diversion from the gravity of the rest of the meeting. An amendment that each department should elect one member for the committee was defeated. After a deal of wrangling, the motion, put to the vote, was passed almost unanimously, and now passes to the next Union Meeting for a second hearing.

Back to the serious side of the meeting. The Swimming Gala was next on the agenda. Vice-President Ken West in black corset and stockings and Secretary Ian Kershaw gave an "exhibition" of the various strokes to be used. The audience knew as little of what was intended

as the participants seemed to, and the reward for their "efforts" was an embarrassed silence and a sense of bewilderment. Indeed, after a time, the executive looked as embarrassed as the audience at this fiasco.

MISS WORLD

Ted Needham was then elected Miss World, to be crowned at the Swimming Gala. This about sums up the tone of the meeting.

Two teams of four then ran two "boat races" in which the Union had the pleasure of watching sixteen pints of beer half drunk and half spilled over the floor. After this enjoyable climax—presumably the teams enjoyed it anyway—came any other business.

An R.C.S. diary was proposed by Ken West and he promised to look into the feasibility of it. A complaint about rubbish in the theatre was accepted and the treasurer's report delivered.

AFRICAN

After a brief argument about Council minutes, the meeting was closed with a Kangel. A sad comment on the meeting—even the Union chant was misspelled three times.

Footnote: It is reported that RCSU's Publicity Officer was too hard-pressed over advertising Bedouins to be able to afford adequate pre-publicity to the Union Meeting. Felix hopes that the new committee may remedy any such recurrence.



Rhodesia Debate—Report, see page 10.

COMPULSORY HALL DINNERS

KEOGH MEALS ON HALL BILL

KEOGH HALL has initiated a system of regular "Dining-in evenings," the cost of which will be added each term to the hall bill. This sweeping step was only taken after a thorough investigation (via a questionnaire) into the form these dinners should take and the popularity of the idea itself, followed by a referendum.

It seems that "Keoghlogians" are particularly keen to meet their companions in hall, so these dinners will provide a pleasant method of becoming acquainted with people not on one's own staircase, who might otherwise not cross one's path. When the Hall was asked to accept or reject the plan, it accepted it "en masse." In this College the result seems startling.

In other Colleges dining-in for hall residents is often a nightly occurrence. Nothing quite so devastating is planned in Keogh. The dinners are to be

held every other week on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room, Southside.

Religious Exceptions

It should be pointed out that exceptions can, and will, be made for people who, for say religious reasons, find they are unable to attend the dinners. Such people will merely be asked to explain, in person, their reasons to the Hall Committee. It is hoped the number of these exceptions will be minimal.

PETE WALLUM

WHO BELIEVES

AGNOSTIC P.G.s, THEISTIC WOMEN

ANALYSIS HAS been completed of the recent survey of religious beliefs in the college, showing that against 28 per cent. atheists, 55 per cent. of those interviewed profess to believe in God; however 46 per cent. of the whole sample never go to church and only 22 per cent. go weekly.

Minesmen seem markedly irreligious compared with the other colleges (which have figures nearer to the I.C. average), with only 9 per cent regularly attending church.

An interesting trend is the decrease in belief in God with progression from 1st year (60 per cent) to PG's (25 per cent), balanced by a corresponding increase in agnosticism rather than atheism. Church-going habits however remain constant. The girls of the college predominantly believe in God (77 per cent.) but rarely attend Church (11 per cent.).

To the question "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" answers varied from "He never existed" to "He was an influential exponent of a social structure." 28 per cent. believed He was the son of God but 37 per cent. that He was something out of the ordinary.

Religion Ignored

To nearly half the college the Christian is a product of environmental pressure and a large number of students have never given Christianity serious consideration one way or the other, or religious issues at all for that matter.

A similar survey in R.C.M. revealed a very much higher Christian bias. Copies of the analysis can be obtained from A. J. Mayo, Falmouth Hall or Union Rack.

Ed.: The survey, carried out by I.C. Christian Union, **NOT BY FELIX**, which does not accept responsibility for its accuracy, involved 15 per cent. of the College.

QUOTE

Chairman of the Huxley Society referring to Population Control Week — "You have no conception . . . !"

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Comment



That Democracy may be seen to be carried out...

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) IC Union will be asked to decide whether the responsibility for choosing its President should reside with every student at the College or with the students' representatives on Council.

One criticism that is all too often levelled at our system of electing a President is that it is not democratic. If this is so, then the election of the British Prime Minister, too, does not belong to a democracy.

Council may be likened to an outdated British Constitution, where certain constituencies are represented by more than one MP, and some electors have more than one vote. For instance, your vote may be used to elect a Deputy President, three representatives from IC Union, a representative from a constituent college, and one or more Committee Chairmen.

All but the first Deputy President and ICU representatives on Council are chosen by a closed vote; only RCS men have the franchise for RCS President and their representative on Council, only Chairmen of Social clubs elect their Committee Chairman (they are in turn elected by the members of their clubs).

Why should the closed vote for President, therefore, be discarded? A particularly able person is needed to take on the position. By the present system the candidate (there is rarely more than one) has, generally, spent a year as understudy, observing how Council operates and discovering all that the Presidency involves. The President-elect is thus able to take over the responsibility immediately, and does not need the summer term "training period" prevalent in so many other college democracies.

How well do other Free Votes in the College work? The easiest parallels are to be drawn from the constituent colleges, and from those elections from the ICU Annual General Meeting. It appears to be a general rule that the more the responsibility carried by any post, then the fewer are its contestants. This year's Deputy President, Chris Molam, was unopposed; so too were the Presidents of Mines and Guilds. Furthermore, they were put up for their posts by their predecessors, and thus well-briefed on what lay ahead.

One of the arguments against Council's election of the President may be summed up in that dreaded word "clique." The open votes appear to suffer from that other dreaded utterance "apathy." The question now becomes one of "what's the difference?"

Whichever system of voting for the President is adopted only those who are really interested in the running of the Union will take the trouble to impress their views on the matter. Now they have to find their way on to Council or lobby present members of Council. Soon, perhaps, they may merely have to record their crosses on a piece of paper.

On balance I hope that the open vote does tip the scales, if only so that democracy may be "seen" to be carried out in IC Union. If tomorrow the general members of the Union do gain the chance to vote directly for their President, we all must beware of any cheapening of the elections by untidy wall-daubings, emotional bombast or other adverse reflections.

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A PLACE TO GO

LAST WEEK I WAS unlucky enough to find myself in Malet Street one night about ten. Being a conscientious student, I ventured into the mausoleum on the corner, laughingly called a university union. In desperate need of relief, I first tested their facilities on level one and found them entirely satisfactory. Returning to the throngs in the passage ways, I followed a sign to the bar, which I must admit was pretty lively; people drinking heartily, and being ever so careful not to drop ash on the floor. Attempts to buy a drink, however, proved absolutely fruitless, because it was 10.02 by the clock and I was told "Bar closes at ten, Sir." TEN. I could hardly believe it, but all efforts to get a drink met with the same reply. Dejectedly, I went down again to the ground floor, and picking my way through the crowds of people all wearing patriotic red white and blues scarves. I reached the front door. "Union closes 10.30" said the enamel plaque. This was the last straw; I went and was last seen in the "Intrepid Fox" in Wardour Street, which closes at eleven, thank you very much. It is hardly surprising the place is so empty, the welcome is overwhelming to the point of embarrassment. Perhaps if they rearranged the name to "University lu," it would get more support.

ADVERTISING

SOMETHING WHICH THIS College can be proud of, is the quality of its advertising. One has only to look around to see rows of imaginative artistic posters luring the unwary away from work. The free availability of photo-copies has enabled the various publicity men to spend more time on design, and a lot less on construction. Although the College Unions and R.C.S. Carnival have produced the more obvious material, it is noticeable that many more of the smaller clubs are producing high quality advertisements for their meetings. The Religious and allied Societies have a prodigious output, especially the stripe of fluorescence asking, "Why believe?" This improvement is not only aesthetically pleasing, but should increase the support for a wider range of union activity. If it does not, the publicity officers certainly cannot be blamed.

YOU

WHAT DID YOU DO to support Population Control Week? Quite a lot, judging by the remarkable decrease in the number of women at Sunday breakfast. That's the spirit, keep it up, lads.

WAY OF THE WORLD

I REJOICE to hear that Guilds are making progress with their new, Bowdlerised Freshers' Dinners; any breach in the wall of heartiness, any triumph for a seemingly prudishness is dear to my heart. One day, I hope to see them included in General Studies with urbane, cultivated Mr. McDovetail sitting discreetly near the back, puffing paternally, and plebby, ignorant Hai Bowells reading (though with difficulty) from "Party Jokes for Toddlers," and the elegant, sophisticated women all tittering coyly. It will never happen, of course.

Adventure Playground

I HEAR that the Holy Huddle is intending to secularise their social work in the neighbourhood. I hope the good work of the organisers of the Union Hop doesn't get overlooked: what would all those fourteen year old girls be doing on a Saturday night if they weren't in our Concert Hall?

Dedication

WHAT GOES into Felix is considerably less interesting than what gets thrown out each issue. One day I hope these non-Felices will be published by some publisher with great courage.

The method of censorship is quite simple—come up to the Felix Press Room every other Wednesday and blast the galley slaves about anything you don't like. The staff will nod respectfully, and if you are F. Lecher, eventually nod off respectfully.

This time it was Tweedledum and Tweedledee huffing about a rather elephantine piece of reporting on their latest Union meeting. "Not enough publicity" said their stern critic;—I wouldn't know—I've long ignored all Constit. Union meetings and their advertising. "Embarrassed silence at Dum's demonstration of the

Kiss of Life" says critic—"Big giggle" says Duff, "shall we ever know the truth? "Ned Tedium was then elected Miss World—this about sums up the tone of the meeting" sniffs Our Correspondent. Is it any wonder our dedicated clowns were hurt? "I enjoy prating about there—and the Union enjoy seeing me"—(Dum again).



TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE AGREED TO HAVE A BATTLE;
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OPINION

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Unfit for job?

IN your leading report on the front page of the last issue, a particularly nasty and unnecessary reference was made to my character. This reference directly implied that I was unfit for my job on Union Council.

Whilst I admit that you attributed these remarks to Barry Mair, you know as well as I do that you as Editor must be held directly responsible for anything that is written in your newspaper. It is in this context that I must level a direct charge at you; you seem to be basically unable to appreciate that people do not like being bandied around college as rankly incompetent. Mike Scott and Chris Hocking have already come under your little chopper; it now seems to be my turn.

Far be it for me, however, to suggest that you stop criticising people: but I do demand that any criticism you print should be constructive and based on fact, instead of being highly destructive and calculated to cast inuendos.

For if this sort of thing continues, doubt will certainly be cast upon your ability to run a college newspaper and another Editor will have to come from the blue.

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Unless this attitude changes radically, the College does not justify the expense and expenditure involved in the "high-pressure advertising" he so lightly mentions.

PHILIP L. EDWARDS,
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Birdsnest Jewels & Wellingtons

Look again at Woolworths, as they have the bull's eye design on brooches and earrings and also new giant pendants on black cord. All at 5s. rings 3s. Jewellcraft Limited have also recently brought out a new kind of earrings called "chicken" earrings, (not necessarily for the chicks.), if you're too chicken to have your ears pierced! They are two little beads on

a fine gilt wire and the effect makes your ears look pierced. In gilt/pearl as 5s. 6d. you can find them at Woolworths too in colours and black for 2s. 6d.

Peter Robinson have some good handbags. (right next to the jewellery counter). One I liked particularly is the recent open, all-in-one shape in red or white oilskin-type plastic, 25s. 11d. and in black fabric with a stripe down the centre at 15s. 11d. and again in corduroy at 35s. There are pochette shapes on long handles at 35s. and 39s. 11d.

I was recently looking for some boots for the rain, but naturally more with-it than the old school Wellington types. Although Harrods do have some at 55s. in shiny black, blue, red or white in most shoe shops I received a negative answer for something around 30s. Finally, I was in Gallops the Heel Bar at Sth. Kensington and found a very light-weight shiny rubber boot for 28s. 11d. Did you know that they are now cut lower and have a little heel, and that terribly bulky toe has turned into a gently rounded, much smoother one?

P.S. Watch the central M. & S. branches for new lacy stockings, black or white, to keep up the theme, at 6s. 11d.

Rice & Hot Pies

FOR ANY of you who do like rice, here's an almost "never fail" quantity recipe. Rice is generally measured in cups, so you just double the quantities. In other words, for, say, five good helpings, use 2½ cupfuls of rice to five of water. Bring to the boil quickly, add salt to taste, if savoury, then lower heat and put a lid on. Keep testing, and you should find it allright within 15 minutes. A favourite "home-made" recipe of a girl-friend of mine would go well on a bed of rice. Begin frying some onions slowly in oil, preferably before you start the rice, and then add some minced steak, about 1lb. for the above rice, a little streaky bacon and about 5 tomatoes. When all are cooked, stir in a smallish tin of tomato purée and divide on to the

rice. Now the cold winter nights have really set in, did you know that the Peppermill Supermarket in the Old Brompton Road do hot pies? If you live far away you can re-heat them with vegetables. Containing steak and mushrooms; steak and onion; steak and kidney, turkey, etc., in puff pastry, they are all about 1s. 6d.

If you are just plain lazy, or can't cook, Bird's Eye are helping you with their individual or instant meals, boxed at 3s. 6d. They contain meat and two vegetables in separated foil trays, and you just heat in the oven. P.S. "Lazy," but not slimming? Then you can find delicious new potatoes in a tin in the London M. & S.'s for your store shelves; just warm and add a knob of butter or fry.

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A Philosophy for Life

MR. SCHUMACHER, Economic Advisor and Director of Statistics at the National Coal Board, finished on Tuesday his series of six lectures on how to apply the precepts of philosophy as a guide to living. He dealt with convergent and divergent problems, showing that not all divergent ones (i.e. non-scientific ones, not encountered in the laboratory) were soluble, with the question of free will and causality and with many of the important philosophical errors which people tended to accept.

His latest three lectures completed and drew together his argument into a logical whole and indicated how to translate philosophy into action.

Before formulating any precepts on a guide to action, there are three main prejudices to be overcome: that of assuming superiority of intelligence over our ancestors—an hypothesis easily discounted by a study of the great literature, art and science of the world. That of the superiority of the white man over others, and that of religious prejudice and intolerance.

Self Awareness

A consideration of the three greatest teachers in history, Buddha, Christ and Mohammed, will show that all, in effect, basically say the same thing; that man must become "Awake," must achieve self-awareness. The ideal of Buddha was to achieve "enlightenment," Nirvana; Christ was always giving warnings of the danger of "falling asleep into temptation," and many passages in the Koran compare sinners to "sleepers in a prison . . ." This idea is also followed by many primitive tribes and is found in most western philosophy: (Dante's Divine Comedy:—"In the middle of the road of life I woke up—") Man must free himself from his hampering passions, from his own likes and dislikes, and become aware of his position in the world. Between the dialectical extremes of attachment and detachment there is the "middle way," non-attachment. St. Thomas Aquinas echoed these ideas when he said that a life of pleasure is subhuman. "Pleasure is not wrong, but the pursuit of pleasure as a diversion is wrong. It arises natural." Plato wrote that the two virtues of man were (a) "prudentia"—i.e. self-awareness. (b) "solertia"—objectivity in the face of unexpected events. All systems which realize the goal of self-awareness also agree that the way to achieve this is to tackle one's mind: "All that we are is the result of what we have thought," said he Buddha, and again "Vigilance is the path. Thoughtlessness is the path to death."

Morality

Before finding a basis for action, then, we must first find self-awareness, or "wisdom." To live in this state of consciousness we must liberate ourselves from our likes and dislikes, and achieve freedom of intellect. The intellect, and hence morality, must be sovereign in our lives—this again is a common precept of all great religions. For instance, the noble eight-fold path, in Buddhist teaching, is Right Understanding and Right Aims, (awareness), Right Speech, Action and Livelihood (morality), Right Effort, Mindfulness and Concentration ("mind-training").

Man may be thought of in two separate ways:

1. "Homo Sapiens," a zoological description of man. This method says that man is simply a cosmic accident in the process of evolution. In some philosophies this is raised to a religion—a basically erroneous step; because a hypothesis fits certain facts, this does not mean that the hypothesis is the absolute scientific truth, or even that the hypothesis is correct. It says that there was no intelligence behind his creation—it just happened, due to the operation of immutable mechanical processes.

2. "Homo Viator"—man, the pilgrim. The homo viator says that it is impossible for man to be created by an accident in a few thousand million years—the probability of it occurring is too low. He feels "something has created him from chaos." Both systems start with an unexplainable enigma, creation or formation of man. Under these

two headings can be grouped all philosophies and religions, and all methods of living.

Freedom

The inevitable and unavoidable inference from considering the "Homo Sapiens" approach is that man has no freedom; everything is determined by physical and chemical processes, because this is being proved by science. But the other system assumes that man is endowed with the power of potential freedom—this is justifiable, since the scientific method precludes the existence of freedom, it is unobservable by science. In Kierkegaard's words, "Omnipotence cannot only bring forth the most imposing of all things, the world in all its totality, but can also bring forth the most delicate of all things, a creature that is free of the world." Potential freedom in one's life is affirmed by Nietzsche, Sartre, and other Existentialist thinkers, and is a recurring theme in most religions—man has the freedom of choice.

Systems in which man is a biological phenomenon only deny the existence of any existential meaning in life. Life has no purpose, no meaning, is absurd, says much modern philosophy (Camus, Hegel, Sartre.) Kierkegaard was confronted with this problem of meaninglessness, but unable to offer any consolation, he could only confirm the diagnoses. "One sticks one's finger into the soil to tell by the smell what land one is in; I stick my finger into existence—it smells of nothing. Where am I? Who am I? How did I come to be here? What is this thing called the world? What does the world mean? Who is it that has lured me into the thing, and now leaves me there? . . . How did I come into the world? Why was I not consulted, why was I not made acquainted with its manners and customs, but was thrust into its ranks as though I'd been bought from a kidnapper, a dealer in souls? How did I obtain an interest in it? Where is the Director? I would like to see him." Evolution is assumed to be taking mankind (a collective term) higher and higher. But presumably one does not bother about the majority who will fall by the wayside. Man has no task in life, but everything is previously determined and programmed by scientific principles.

Art and Individuality

The homo viator considers that man is a "pupil in the school of life," to use a sanctimonious phrase. He must use his freedom to fit in with the universe as a whole, and his task is set by the "Director of the enterprise" (Kierkegaard). One can teach optics to a blind man (manipulative knowledge), but this is a very different from a knowledge of LIGHT. Science trains us highly in manipulative knowledge, to solve convergent problems, but divergent problems cannot be solved by such knowledge. Others are regarded simply as physical necessities for self-preservation, by homo sapiens, but the homo viator says that unless one lives in a certain way one is debarred from understanding the things worth understanding. The two systems lead to completely different modes of living and thinking (in one case, art, for instance, would be regarded as an intimation assisting towards self-awareness, but in the other case, art is propaganda or entertainment). One cannot be agnostic, for this is simply subscribing to "Homo Sapiens," but must decide which course to follow. Both philosophical systems agree that man must develop his individuality, (c.f. "The Lonely Crowd," by Reesman) but if one views man as "Homo Viator," one must progress further. To achieve "metanoia" (self-awareness) and then "rebirth," or to live in a "state of inspiration," is the goal.

People judge themselves by their intentions, and other people by actions, but if this process were reversed, many problems of community life would be solved. We would also live existentially, and discover freedom and responsibility. Whatever objections one had against Mr. Schumacher's method of philosophy, one could have nothing but admiration for the lucid way in which it was presented. So often, philosophy is wrapped up in obscure mumbo-jumbo, but here at least one had the satisfaction of understanding and digesting the choices and arguments presented.

MARTIN BELL

Poll on President Ignorance Revealed

IS THE AVERAGE I.C. student well enough informed on the running of the Union to be able to choose wisely a Union President?

Kanta Polls investigated this question by asking approximately two hundred members of the College including some Freshers, the following three questions:—

1. What do you think the main function of the President of ICU is?
2. Who is responsible for the basic financial policy of the Union?
3. How many people sit on Council?

A summary of the result is given below.

Qu. 1—

| | per cent |
|------------------------|----------|
| Don't know | 28 |
| Student representative | 20 |
| Public figure | 13 |
| Administrator | 10 |

In answer to the first question, the largest percentage (28 per cent) of the people simply did not know what the main function of the President of ICU is, or even should be, and 29 per cent had only a vague idea.

When asked what he thought the job of the President should be, Adrian Fletcher, President of ICU, said that it would vary from President to President, but it should be concerned mainly with being one of the following: an administrator, a Stourhead, a student representative to I.C. authorities or to other Colleges and Universities.

Twenty-five per cent of those interviewed admitted they did not know the answer to question two; 30 per cent gave the correct answer—Council. This shows a distinct lack of interest in the financial affairs of the Union.

Lastly, the majority of students (75 per cent) thought Council to be smaller, and therefore less representative, than it really is. Eighty per cent of those asked could not get within plus or minus five of the correct number, 26, their answers varying from 4 to 40.

From the results it can be inferred that the majority of the members of this College are uninformed or mis-informed on the running and set-up of the Union.

R.J.M.



Private Party at the Queens Garden Hostel for Commonwealth Students

STUDENTS FROM OVERSEAS

772 Foreigners

Visit I.C.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE has more students from overseas than any other college in London University, with the exception of the London School of Economics. Last year, there were seven hundred and seventy-two overseas students in the college, or one in 4.2. This is much higher than the national average for universities which is one in ten.

Some of these students are from European countries and North America, but the majority are from other continents. Usually they come to Imperial College direct from their own country, and find themselves plunged into our English society with some very strange customs. How do they react? What do they think of us?

The student from abroad can usually be picked out from a crowd by his physical characteristics; this makes him feel different. It is emphasised by language problems. A large number of the students will find themselves having to speak English exclusively for the first time in their lives. As one third year Malaysian said, "Don't criticize the English in my report, I think it is amazing that I have produced anything in a foreign language."

Accommodation Troubles

His main difficulty is with accommodation, a problem which we all share. Unfortunately, though, there are many landlords who will not take lodgers who look foreign, this problem gets worse as the student's skin gets darker. He can get help in finding accommodation from the University Lodgings Bureau or the British Council, or in cases of real difficulty Mr. McDowell, secretary of the Rector's committee on Overseas Students, can help. This cannot reduce the embarrassment felt when he answers advertisements for flats or digs and is told, "Sorry, no blacks."

At Imperial College there is a large number of nationalistic societies. I cannot help feeling that the very number of them is in some way an indication of our failure to form an integrated community at Imperial. We have a society for racial equality and an International Relations Club, but they concern themselves in the main with what is going on in the world at large—perhaps we ought to set our own house in order first. What is it that goes wrong? It is unlikely that many people will have another opportunity of meeting others from different cultures.

The Good Ladies at Chelsea

There are several bodies which exist outside the college which offer friendship to the foreign students, but many of them seem to exist in order for the "good Ladies" of Chelsea and Kensington to demonstrate their virtuosity to each other. However good some of these organisations may be, it is still a reflection on our hospitality as fellow students that they exist at all. The British Council runs the London Overseas Students Centre which provides a focal point for the foreign student in London. Any British student who wishes to can get free honorary membership of the centre, but few take advantage of this. The effect of bodies such as this is to make it easier for a student from say, Africa, to make friends with a student from India, than one from Britain.

The main problem, along with accommodation, which besets the student from abroad is the vacations. When the term ends we all go home, or at least those of us with families in the British Isles do, but the student who is living in a foreign country, and who has not got a great deal of money, cannot. Some are lucky, and will be able to spend this Christmas at a Centre such as that at Hans Crescent, or will have been given an invitation to spend the holiday with a family in this country. Others will not be so lucky and will be facing the thought of Christmas alone in digs. This is somewhere where we can help—see opposite.

J. CAWSON

Official Attitudes

MR. DOWELL TALKS ABOUT THE RECTOR'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS COMMITTEE

IT WAS FOUND on talking to a variety of I.C. students (born in the U.K.) that the majority were oblivious of the existence of the committee. Mr. McDowell, the secretary, was therefore asked to talk to Felix about how the committee tries to help overseas students.

Before the beginning of the academic year an introductory day is organised. This consists of an information morning, when the students are given a talk on the history of the College, and meet various College officials whom they can ask about lodgings, health facilities etc. etc. They are then given lunch, and the afternoon is devoted to a departmental guide, ending in tea. This year 140 out of the 300 overseas freshers attended the above meeting.

Overseas students are welcome to go to see Mr. McDowell whenever they come up against problems. Generally he finds language and trouble in finding accommodation constitute the greatest difficulties. Often he helps with more unusual problems such as nursery schools for students' children.

Mr. McDowell's greatest worry is trying to help overseas students during vacation, when often they find themselves alone.

One of the answers to this problem is for an English family to have a student to stay with them, and often this is the only opportunity for the student to see life in an English home.

CLAIRE SOUTER

If there is any British Student in college who would like to entertain an overseas student in his home this Christmas would he get in touch with us and we will try to put him in contact with one. If any overseas student would like to take advantage of any offers, will he or she do the same. Please contact Claire Souter, room 130 New Beit, or through the Felix pigeon hole in the Union Rack.



Christmas dinner at the British Council Residence for Commonwealth Students in Hans Crescent

Bewildered Buddhist in Britain

LAY HAR TAN is a Chinese student from Singapore—a second year chemist. She came to Britain because of the better facilities for studying science, because she had heard of I.C., and also for the opportunity of living abroad; she hopes to return to Singapore after her degree.

Lay Har was in digs in Holloway last year, and now she has digs in Earls Court. She says that because she was in digs a long way out, she took very little part in college activities last year; she was only a member of the Chinese Soc. and the Buddhist Culture Soc., and had very little social life, (apart from ICWA functions).

Most students from overseas, apart from scholars, come from wealthy homes (otherwise they would not be here), and she said that in her case, this meant that in Singapore she had led a very cosy life, where most things were done for her. Coming to I.C. was a very abrupt change, and meant a great adjustment. There are difficulties in obtaining lodging for non-Europeans, difficulties in communicating with British students, different customs, and all this is very confusing to a foreigner. Thus Lay Har feels that the College does not adequately help overseas students newly arrived in Britain, especially in their first term, and thinks that more ought to be done. She said, however, that she was lucky in having a very helpful Personal Tutor, but many people did not even know who theirs was.

She thinks that where to stay, and what to do during the holidays, can sometimes be a problem with foreign students, but that she is lucky in having relations near London. However, although her impressions of her first term at I.C. were simply of bewilderment, this year she intends to have a fuller college life.

M. J. BELL.

Troubled African

"SOME ENGLISH boys are all right. I suppose that it is partly our fault—overseas students should try to talk to the British students and not wait to be approached by them."

Sam is a student from East Africa. This is his second year in England but his first at Imperial College.

He spent his first year in digs in South London whilst he attended a technical college. He was thrown out of his first digs with only six hours notice, shortly after his arrival in Britain. In this case the British Council was able to help him, and he soon got some more.

This year he has been more fortunate, and is living in a room in East Africa House. East Africa House is a hall of residence, built for students in London who are nationals of one of the East African Countries. It is typical of several residences which have been set up for students from specific countries. His room is a small area, partitioned off from a larger room. For this reason it is noisy, and at £5 12s. 6d. a week is fairly expensive.

Does he like Imperial College? "Well, the standard of education is good." Socially? "I belong to Wellsoc and the Africa Society but no other clubs." If he misses his meal at seven o'clock, he will either have to pay for another one or go without. This acts as a severe barrier to his activities.

Although most students from overseas tend to do more academic work than their English counterparts, Sam finds that most of his studies are confined to work at college, except for periods immediately before exams.

S.I.D.

WHAT'S ON

Compiled by Mike Smith

WEDNESDAY 1

Catholic Society Mass. 8.55 a.m. 11 Prince's Gardens.

The Dick Morrissey Quartet are appearing in tonight's Jazz Club Concert. Also appearing will be the "Jazz Congress." 8 p.m. in the Upper Refectory. Admission 3s. 6d.—Members 2s. 6d.

Literary Society will meet at 7.30 in the Common Room, level 6, Elec. Eng.

THURSDAY 2

I.C. Chemical Society "Graphite Compounds, are they Synthetic metals or aromatic derivation?" by Prof. A. Ubbelohde. 5 p.m. in Theatre C, Chemistry Department.

Gliding Club will meet in room 254, Aeronautical Engineering Building at 5.45 p.m.

Catholic Society Focus Group Meeting. 613 Tizard Hall at 5.45 p.m., today and every Thursday.

Operation Starlight "19 Spiritual Batteries around the world." This operation is the greatest Metaphysical task ever undertaken upon this Earth for 100,000 years. Aetherius Society Group, Botany Lecture Theatre, 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

"U.S. Policy in Vietnam" Mr. Frank B. Crump from the U.S. Information Service will be introducing the subject at a meeting of the International Relations Club in the Upper Lounge, Southside, at 7.30 p.m. The talk will be followed by general discussion. All are welcome to come along to discuss the topics. Coffee will be served.

I.C. Choir Concert, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall, Royal College of Music. Programme: Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Part I; and Rossini's Messe Solennelle. Tickets 4s. from the choir Secretary, or any member of the choir.

Beit Hall Wine and Cheese Party, for residents and their guests. 8 p.m. in the Senior common room/T.V. room. Tickets: 6s. Single, 10s. Double from Ted Needham, Room 7, Beit.

FRIDAY 3

Islamic Society Friday Prayers, 1.30 p.m., 11 Princes Gardens.

Arabic, Pakistani, and Islamic Societies will be holding a joint meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Upper Lounge, Southside. Salahuddin Gabin will speak on "The Position of Women in Islam." Films on the Kashmir conflict and Jordan will also be shown. All are welcome.

Imperial College Folk & Square Dancing Club, 7.15 p.m. in the Union Snack Bar.

Tom Jones—the well known film version of Henry Fielding's novel, will be shown by the Film Society in Room 342, Mech. Eng. Dept. at 7.15 p.m.

R.C.S. Carnival Ball. Zoot Money and his Big Roll Band and the Washington D.C.s. 9 p.m. till 6 a.m., in IC Union. Fancy Dress: Shies in the night. All night Dancing; cabaret. Midnight meal & films. Tickets 25s. Double.

President's Ball, Dancing to Norman Jackson & his Orchestra. with Lance Percival in Cabaret. The Settlers and the Sound Trekkers. Senate House—8 till 2. Tickets 55s. Double. Formal Dress.

SATURDAY 4

Am I My Brothers Keeper—Touchstone Weekend. Life in Britain's Prisons and their purposes will be discussed in the very pleasant surroundings of Silwood Park. A special coach leaves Prince Consort Road at 2.15

p.m. on Saturday, and gets back at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

I.C. Hop. The Raiders and the Five Proud Walkers will provide the music in tonight's hop in the Union at eight.

SUNDAY 5

Judgement. Brother Columba SSF will speak on this subject at Sung Eucharist, St. Augustine's Queen's Gate, at 9.00 a.m.

Huxley Society: holds several informal discussion meetings each Sunday at 2.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and invited to air their views on the topic. See the Huxsoc board for details.

U.L. Presbyterian-Congregational Society holds meetings every Sunday. Full details on Union noticeboard or contact L. Heran c/o Mech. Eng. 4.00 p.m. at Whitefields Church, Tottenham Court Road.

MONDAY 6

I.C. Christian Union. The Christian's Knowledge of God. Rev. Jack Graham. 1.10 p.m. in 266 Aero.

Under-Water Club will meet at 6 p.m. outside the Union to be at the Great Smith Street Baths for 6.30 p.m.

Dancing Club Lessons, Latin American at 7.00 p.m., and Jive and Rock at 8.15 p.m. in the Union Building, Concert Hall.

H. G. Wells Society: "Them." A famous science fiction film about Giant Ant Invasion is presented at 7.30 in Room 408 Elec. Eng. Dept.

WHAT'S ON

If your club or society has any events in the first two weeks of next term; you can advertise them free of charge in the next issue of FELIX. Please send full information and details (signed!) by Monday 6th December to "What's On," Felix, via the Union Rack, or Mike Smith, Room 213 Falmouth Hall.

TUESDAY 7

Engineering Society: B.P. "Oil in the North Sea." 1.15 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 542.

Webern: Thea Musgrave composer, will give a talk on Webern in 53 Prince's Gate at 1.30 p.m. Webern is an exquisite and original miniaturist, whose poetic use of musical colour, line and space appeals even to those who find serialism forbidding.

"Moose's Tooth." The exciting adventures of Tony Smythe in North America—presented by the Exploration Society. 5.30 p.m. in Physics Lect. Theatre.

I.C. Railway Society Colonel Robertson will talk on "Railway Inspection" 5.30 p.m., Mech. Eng. Room 664.

Comparative Religion (I) The first of two lectures given by Professor R. W. Smart, Professor of Theology, Birmingham University, 1.30 p.m.

Catholic Society: Focus (discussion) Groups in rooms 547 and 475, today and every Tuesday at 5.45 p.m.

Dancing Club: classes. Beginner's Ballroom at 7.00 p.m. and Intermediate Ballroom at 8.15 p.m. in the Concert Hall.

I.C. Dramatic Society presents, "The Fire Raisers," a play by Max Frisch. 7.45 p.m. in the Concert Hall, 7th-10th December. Tickets 3s. - 4s. from the Business Manager, I.C. Union.

WEDNESDAY 8

Catholic Society: Mass 8.55 a.m. 11 Princes Gardens.

THURSDAY 9

Gliding Club will meet in room 254,

IN WITH A CHANCE

THIS SATURDAY I.C. are playing in the first round of the University of London Cup. There are three separate cups to be won; the Challenge Cup, the Upper Reserves Cup and the Lower Reserves Cup. In the Challenge Cup, the first team are playing U.C. at Harlington. This year, diligent preparations are being made to form a team combination capable of bringing the Cup back to I.C.. This takes the form of training together with the University players eligible for the competition. In addition, efforts are being made to invite professional players to discuss tactics with the team in order to get some measure of unity among the players.

In previous years it could be said that I.C. had too many players who could not be expected to combine well with the nucleus of the regular League team for just three games a year. However, this year, as there are only two such players, a better degree of combination should be achieved.

The first team prospects against U.C. look reasonably favourable, having already drawn with them in the League with a slightly weakened team. The only other stumbling block before the final will be King's, but if the team starts playing well we hope to be there.

R. J. FAIRHOLME

GOOD SHOT

A WINNING STREAK by the Rifle Club, both teams have been shooting well. The A team shot against Kings on 17th November, and, despite dismal scores from all except Martin Bregger and Bob Kennett, substantially beat them by 8 points. This victory was followed up on 21st November by a five point win over Battersea, with good shooting from the whole team.

The B team shot for the first time on 22nd November against Barts, at home. Averaged 95, which was enough to soundly beat the Barts team even allowing for the bad luck of one of their members, whose light rifle jammed, and who consequently obtained 58 with an IC rifle.

RIGHT TACK

THE RIVER HAMBLE was the scene of a sailing victory over Southampton and an equally successful away match was sailed against Leicester, despite dubious winds and natural hazards at the bottom of a disused granite quarry, the venue of the Leicester club. QMC suffered a similar defeat at the Welsh Harp, but a match against Battersea had to be abandoned because of gale force winds.

The college has maintained a strong position in the University "A" points series, and comprises a high proportion of the University of London 1st team.

I.C. 3rds beat I.C. 2nds in a soccer league match after the 2nd's captain's boot had disintegrated during the match.

The Soccer club are suffering from a shortage of referees and any more will be very welcome. Expenses are paid and you should contact Neil Johnson, Tizard 448.

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Aeronautical Engineering Building at 5.45 p.m.

Huxley Society: The Threat and the Promise of Leisure in an Automated Future, a talk by Prof. Denis Gaber, FRSE, presented by I.C. Huxley Society in the Top Lounge of Biet Union at 7.30 p.m.

Kashmir and Indo-Pakistani Relations. A joint meeting of the Indian, Pakistani and International Relations Clubs will be held in the main Physics Lecture Theatre at 7.30 p.m. Three guest speakers will be invited to talk. General discussion will follow. All are welcome to come and take part.

Concentration, Contemplation, Meditation.—The Aetherius Society. By ment will dawn, and true knowledge will be gained. Yet, this exalted state is within the capability of each and every one of us. Come and find out in this tape recorded lecture by Dr. George King, Common Room, level 6, Elec. Eng. 7.30. All are welcome.

FRIDAY 10

I.C. Mountaineering Club's Meet will be at Nant Gwynant, North Wales, this weekend.

SATURDAY 11

I.C.'s Christmas Hop. Bags of rubbish, loads of fun for kiddies, complete with Mother Christmas in attendance. John Brown's Bodies and the New Sedalia Jazz Band will provide the music, whilst the Christmas spirit will be flowing freely everywhere. Prizes include booze, chocs, cigs. Union 8.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 12

Heaven and Hell. Brother Columba SSF will speak on this subject at Sung Eucharist, St. Augustine's, Queen's Gate, at 9.00 a.m.

U.L. Presbyterian-Congregational Society. 8.00 p.m. at Whitefields Church Tottenham Court Road. Christmas Anthology and Holy Communion.

MONDAY 13

I.C. Christian Union. Faith, Reason and Revelation 1.10 p.m. in 266 Aero.

Science Fiction Film Effects. Mr. Matt McCarthy, Ex-Tech. Off. B.F.I., who worked on "The Day of the Triffids." 7.30 p.m. in room 408 Elec. Eng.

TUESDAY 14

Gershwin—Man of two worlds; perhaps the supreme melodist of the 20th Century. Geoffrey Bush will talk on this composer and his works at 1.30 p.m. in 53, Prince's Gate.

Comparative Religion II The second of two lectures given by Prof. R. N. Smart.

FRIDAY 17

Mines' Ball. Dancing to Paul London's Band. Roulette, cabaret and three bars. Union, nine till three. Tickets 30s. and 50s. double. D.J.s.

Athletics

TENTH TIME LUCKY

TEN YEARS AGO our athletics team won the University winter field events trophy for the first time: two weeks ago they won it for the second. After ten long bleak years, during which throwers and jumpers seemed to be entirely the property of other colleges, and we were forced to rely on press-ganging unwilling "track men" into service, such success seems like a dream.

In spite of the cold, wet and windy conditions turning the Motspur Park ground into a polar waste, there was a complete college turn-out and this, in addition to several fine individual performances, was our winning factor.

The Tvalve trophy for field events works on an "aggregate" points system, where the distance achieved by each competitor from a college is added together to find the final college placings. This means that it is essential to have two men entered for each event for otherwise even the individual winner of an event can score no points if he has no second string to back him up.

Full Team

By ensuring that we had a full team in each event, we managed to gain high points in most events: 1st place in the High Jump; 2nd in the Pole Vault, Discus, Shot and Triple Jump and sufficient points in the remaining events to take us to a 30-27 points victory over the second place team Guy's Hospital.

Near Thing

It was a neck and neck struggle between I.C. and Guy's all afternoon with I.C. just leading by one point each time the overall scores were announced, and only in the dying stages of the afternoon, as the rain began to pour down, did we draw ahead with everything depending on the result of the Triple Jump. Here Chris Powers and Paul Jones, fighting hard at the end of a strenuous afternoon after each had competed in several events, managed to stave off the Guy's challenge and bring us to victory.

Versatile

Many of our athletes tried their hand at several events: Leon Hall took one look at the high jump take-off and stormed off in disgust to come second in the pole vault and Brian Dexter gave fine service by coming second and third in the Discus and Shot. We were nowhere near so successful in the relays' cup, which we have held quite often in the past, with a depleted team coming a dismal seventh.

Badminton

Fall from Grace

AFTER EASY VICTORIES against U.C., Q.M.C. and King's, we went confidently to play the next best team in the League to us—Goldsmiths. Last year's Captain, M. Fitzgerald, who had only lost one league match for I.C. in two years had an "off-day" and lost two of his matches. R. Milward and D. Fisher after being 14-0 up against Goldsmith's first pair in the final game of the first match lost their grip and managed to lose. In light of the foregoing, what chance did we stand. We lost, 6-3! Our first defeat for almost a year. Since then, however, Goldsmith's have been beaten by King's and as our seconds beat them at the beginning of the season, we should still win the League (always assuming we beat our unbeaten second team.)

Ian Blair

Water Polo

FISTICUFFS

WATER POLO has never had a reputation as a "gentleman's sport," and I.C.'s match against Birmingham University bore more resemblance to Putney tow-path on Morphy Day than a normal polo match.

I.C. scored three excellent goals through their trio of Geoff Hook, Barry Stapley and Ken Price. These however were insufficient to overcome the handicap of having Stapley, Shorty, Randall and Rowe sent off

by the referee. In a brave effort to restore the balance Rowe even managed to get sent off a second time but it was all in vain and we lost by four goals to three.

Knock-out Cup

Last Friday in the play-off of the U.L. Cup I.C. won through to the final. On the way there both the 1st and 2nd team defeated Q.M.C. 6-0 to reach the semi-final. In the semi-final I.C. I and I.C. II were drawn against each other with the 1st coming home 4-2 after a close struggle. And so on to the final for the fifth year running. Our opponents U.C. took a very early lead but owing to poor shooting by I.C. the equaliser did not come until 20 secs. before the end through a goal by Randall. The game went into extra time when U.C. scored to take the cup 2-1.

Squash

ON THE CAM

THE ANNUAL pilgrimage of two IC squash V's to one of the more provincial of Universities took place on the week-end of the 20th, 21st November.

The party set off from the Union at the civilised hour of 11.00 p.m. on Saturday morning. The first car managed to cross Hyde Park before becoming lost. After driving right round Regents Park a couple of times, the driver and navigator decided on a likely looking road and we resumed our journey in the general direction of Cambridge.

The cars arrived in time for lunch in various pubs and/or colleges. In the afternoon the 1st team played and were just beaten by a strong Christ's College team 2-3. The 2nd fared better against the St. Catherine's first team and managed to scrape a win 3-2.

Sunday Tea

The evening was spent drowning sorrows or celebrating victory until closing time. The following morning was spent similarly occupied till lunch time. In the afternoon the 1st team obtained a commendable win over Queen's College; 3-2. The second team were not so fortunate being hammered 0-5 by a strong St. John's Team.

After tea and crumpets, followed by ale, the two teams rejoined and set off for the bright lights of London again. The journey was uneventful apart from one of the cars nearly running to the other at some traffic lights.

Pete Combes

Sportlight

FROZEN FIXTURES

THE NORTH WIND doth blow and we shall have snow," and so we did—lots of it. Perhaps it did not last very long but it was enough to warn us that this looks like being a harsh, bitter winter. A winter that will tempt us all to any excuse to avoid spending a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon shivering on a Harlington Pitch.

There will be matches cancelled; there will be pitches unfit; and there will be a lot of people who suddenly discover they have an unprecedented amount of work to do, relatives to meet etc. No doubt the top teams can be persuaded to keep turning out through all the bad weather to come, but for the lower ranks, who may possibly feel that their matches are not so important, it will be a different proposition.

Don't Give Up

But if a sport is worth doing it is worth doing well—and that means regularly. During the bad winter of '62-'63, even some of the gym games gave up because the gym was too cold. This year, should the weather be as bad, let us hope that everyone will be brave and remember that everyone is needed from the 1st team to the 7th.

Frank Hobson

Soccer Report

by Bob Grundy

A MOODY WIN

I.C. 2 — Q.M.C. 1

ON WEDNESDAY, 17th November, I.C. travelled to Brentwood to play Q.M.C. in the Premier Division of the University League. Due to their previous record the visitors were not too confident of their chances. The conditions could not have been called ideal, thick mud covered most of the playing surface, which later on in the game was to turn into a quagmire.

Straight from the kick off pressure was on the I.C. defence and early on a shot from the QMC inside forward was kicked off the line by Holmes with Wojtowicz beaten. IC played good football and managed to stave off these early shocks and indeed went close on a number of occasions, Smart in particular going near with a twenty yard drive. Towards half time, IC playing with the slope, were firmly in charge of the game, but they could not take the lead.

beaten all the way

Two minutes after the interval QMC scored when a centre from the left was headed in by the inside right, beating Wojtowicz all the way.

It was very pleasing however to see the IC Team fighting back after this setback, and they set up attack after attack, going close to scoring on a number of occasions. It came as no surprise when Eastall scored the equaliser; after receiving the ball square on the edge of the area he sent the ball rocketing into the top corner leaving the keeper helpless.

hasty measures

The game was now developing into a battle, more against the conditions than anything else. Both teams were striving hard for the winning goal, and the defences had to resort to hasty clearances time and time again.

IC at last got their second goal when Hopwood although harassed by two defenders crashed the ball into the corner of the net. Although QMC piled everything into a final bid for the equalizer, the IC defence held out to the end.

This against the form win for IC was very heartening, particularly with the team coming from behind.

Rugby

GUTTERIDGE CUP

SIR JOHN CASS COLL. 0 — I.C. 17

Last Friday in the play-off of the U.L. Cup I.C. won through to the final. On the way there both the 1st and 2nd team defeated Q.M.C. 6-0 to reach the semi-final. In the semi-final I.C. I and I.C. II were drawn against each other with the 1st coming home 4-2 after a close struggle. And so on to the final for the fifth year running. Our opponents U.C. took a very early lead but owing to poor shooting by I.C. the equaliser did not come until 20 secs. before the end through a goal by Randall. The game went into extra time when U.C. scored to take the cup 2-1.

Last Wednesday at Chingford I.C. beat Cass by 5 tries and one conversion to nil in the 1st round of the cup.

I.C. lost the toss and played down the slope into a cold wind and a low bright sun. Two early I.C. attacks

nearly succeeded but Cass defences held out.

As the first half ran out, it became obvious that Cass were at full stretch, but also that I.C. could not click in attack. I.C. were up against it, and were playing up slope next half.

The I.C. forwards took over. Cass were outshoved, outhooked, out-jumped, and were generally given a lesson in combined forward play in the tight and the loose.

The forwards hunted continuously with real fire. A defensive error by Cass on their own line brought the next I.C. score. The right wing failed to clear and was caught by D. Howell. N. Bentley picked up and went over for try No. 4. One more try and we ran out impressive winners.

Owen Williams.

FELIX WEEKEND DEADLINE

EDWARDS LOSES CONTROL

RHODESIAN DEBATE
NOVEMBER 25th

This was the biggest meeting the Debating Society has had for a long time—an audience of 200 being present. Unfortunately it was spoilt by much over-emotional rhetoric and by continuous ill-mannered heckling whenever anyone supported the motion—which the chairman seem incapable of quelling, only calling for order twice.

The main argument of Patric Wall proposing that "this house would not support further coercive action against Mr. Smith's Government" was that because of the intransigence of South Africa and Portugal, any economic sanctions are foredoomed to disaster. The only logical sanction, the use of force, would involve not only battle but full scale war, and Britain had no right to instigate this.

Davil Ennals presented his case logically and unemotionally to a very tense audience. He emphasised the political repercussions of a policy of no further involvement, such as the possible break up of the Commonwealth, and reiterated the need for imposition of oil sanctions. Roger Lee, at times inaudible from the constant hissing and booing, gave a badly delivered but sound speech, handicapped by a Rhodesian accent.

The floor produced some noteworthy speeches, especially from Mr. Anand and Mr. Lisman.

The motion was defeated by 144 votes to 29, with about 15 abstentions.



After-the-Gala evening wear show in the "Haute Boutique Floatique" fashion parade

Ford Sits In

THE GUILDS UNION meeting opened last Thursday in the "newest, biggest, bestest" lecture theatre in Mech. Eng. In the new surroundings, the large number there were not so obvious since for once everybody, apart from I.C.U. President, found seats.

Present at the front, with the Executive, was Professor Ford, shortly to become the first Guildsman ever to head the Mech. Eng. Dept. Thus Dai Howell continues his staff-student relationship drive.

The routine business of the meeting was dispensed with, with a minimum of interruptions. An election was held for the I.C.W.A. representative on Guilds Council. Of the two nominations: Professor Sir Willis Jackson and Pam Pocock, the former was disallowed (his nomination was not up for a week) and Miss Pocock was elected.

Professor Ford presented the Morphy and Lowry crews with full and half colours respectively. A Guilds Union General Award was made to Mr. Tom Morley for his services to the College since 1919. He is shortly to retire. This delightful old gentleman then made an amusing speech thanking everybody and recounting some of his experiences.

Tid Maini, Vice-president, advertised the Engineers' Dinner on 28th January, and rather embarrassedly, the Carol Singing on 15th December.

A parade of clothing suitable for the Swimming Gala was held under the title "Haute Boutique Floatique," compèred by that man's man, Rudi Roberts. Exhibits included "Miss Birth Control" in "an all-enveloping, rubber skin," "Mr. Unisphere 1965" and, for after the event, get "K-line."

The finale—Phil Marshall "This is Your Life"—plotted the wet and messy progress of this "product of a miscarriage" from his early days as a seducer of nurses through his education at Eton (which he left having had a fag) and his experience in the Pioneer Corps (from which he was cashiered) to his first Glory at Guilds

Everybody left the meeting feeling once again that Guilds is the greatest. Though more subdued than previous ones, a happy medium was struck between seriousness and farce.

QUIZ WIN

I.C. BEAT their opponents in the 2nd match of the "Quiz International" series being produced by the B.B.C. We beat U.C. by 86 points to 77, and, having already beaten L.S.E. (82-50)—this puts us well on the way to the finals.

"The Quiz International" series is for teams of Commonwealth students from London colleges; each college plays four others, and the top four have a knock-out competition on a points basis. The I.C. team was Ian Cumming, (Canada and E.E. P.C.), Darshan Pandya, (India and Chem. Eng. P.G.), Patrick Van der Puije, (Ghana and E.E. P.G.).

I.C. Students can support their team by obtaining a ticket from the Union Office, to be present at the recording.

Future Dates:
Wed. 12th Jan. (v. King's College)
Wed. 19th Jan. (v. Q.M.C.)

D.P.

SMALL AD.

WANTED, a woman—or 20/—for a R.C.S. Carnival Ticket—Will Haggle, R. J. Tebbboth. Physics III.

EMERGENCY CALL O.S.S.

AN EMERGENCY task force to aid in cases of sudden eviction is one of the ideas envisaged by Arthur Francis to help the Notting Hill Housing problem.

Mr. Francis is now engaged in forming a society to help with any social work necessary locally. There is, he feels, a genuine need for such a society since all the voluntary social work is done at present by the religious societies. No scope is afforded the person who wishes to help in social work but does not wish to be involved with a religious body.

The principal function of this club—tentatively named the Organisation for Social Services—would be to provide a link between the students in College and any social work that needs to be done outside the College. A file of such work would be compiled and would extend as the organisation grew and was able to undertake more tasks.

In the immediate future O.S.S. is likely to be mainly concerned with the Notting Hill Housing Trust—removing the responsibility for organising redecoration parties, task forces and people to aid by simply talking to those in need from the Carnival Committee.

Talks with officers of the religious societies and Huxley Society have met with favourable response, and the club is soon to be proposed to the Social Clubs Committee.

WHERE DID ALL THE PEOPLE

BY MID-WEEK, attendance at the two meetings already held in Population Control Week had been disappointing—despite two excellent meetings. Mr. Norman of the Centre for Urban Studies outlined lucidly the size of the population disaster that is descending upon us; this is what people need: incontrovertible facts and figures.

Mr. Taylor of Oxfam showed us a moving film about work done by voluntary workers in post-independence Algeria, followed by a detailed discussion of Oxfam's work.

Every year £300 million go out of this country to help the developing countries; half of this comes from the Government; of the rest, £2 million come from Oxfam, who also, probably, make the greatest contribution, through their advertising, to persuading the people of this country of the need for Aid.

There is a move afoot in this College for more social work to be outside; Oxfam should be high on the list of worthy causes.

Anyone interested in such social work, whether just for the Carnival or all the year round, should contact Arthur Francis at Room 26 Weeks Hall or add their names to posters asking for helpers for Notting Hill.

GRAHAM BOLCH.

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HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?

Suspicious goings-on outside Garden Hall were reported during the early hours of Saturday morning by Dave Mitchell, Aero P.G. Whilst making toast at 5 a.m., he saw five youths and a girl loitering near a car parked outside the Hall. When he looked again, the car was gone. Other small incidents had been noticed and the police were called.

The next morning, no car thefts were reported, but several car locks had been forced open. The dotmobile owned by the Warden of Garden Hall, Mr. P. Minton, was among the four vehicles interfered with. Is anyone missing a car?

THE SCUFFS OF I.C.

Have you ever sat in Mooney's establishment perusing the 'a la carte' and idly looked at the dress of the clientele? Ghastly, isn't it? Why do the University students insist on wearing the worst clothes in London? Surely trousers with a crease must be preferable to those things called 'jeans' with bulbous knees and sagging bottoms - can there be any other establishment in England where the men of supposedly high intellect appear for work in such a manner. The polo-necked sweater (doesn't need washing so often) dirty jacket and the shoes which last saw Cherry Blossom at their birth, seem to be the universal marks of the student. Can it be wondered that other teenagers, not so fortunate, try to imitate their so called betters?

Good clothes are expensive, but they wear and look so much better than their cheap counterparts, so you men of I.C. why not set an example to the rest of London's students, You're not even artists so you can't use that excuse, you're meant to be the future top minds in science, and surely a scientist should be orderly in body as well as in mind.

Incidentally, some of the women students at this college should read this as well, a minority are as bad as the men.

UNION MESS.

T. Doe.

At the last R.C.S. Union meeting, (see page 2), Chemistry's Deputy Superintendant - responsible for maintenance - expressed disgust at the treatment accorded to the lecture theatre.

He was particularly disappointed with the example set by "the people out the front" referring to the R.C.S. executive.

AUDIENCE EXPLOSION FOR HUXSOC.

As expected, the Thursday meeting in the Population Control Week, devoted to the subject of oral contraception, was packed. 'Peace of Mind', the film made by G.D. Searle & Co., while obviously not designed for an audience of our intellectual distinction, was highly informative on the basic principle employed by such products as Ovulin. In these drugs the production of ova is inhibited by means of a large dose of oestrogen; the menstrual cycle is otherwise maintained normal by progestins similar to those manufactured in the body. Hence the pill can be used to regulate the periods; cramps and pre-menstrual tension also tend to disappear. The pill also seems to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer in those women using it. As the other film showed, at least one American doctor believes it reduces the incidence of Communism in poor countries using it.

Nevertheless, the technique of taking pills on successive nights for three weeks at a time, seems to be too complicated to be useful in the developing world. The best hope here seems to lie in the intra-uterine plastic coil.

Regarding the attendance at the Friday discussion meeting, Huxley Group were as deeply disappointed as throughout the week generally. Whatever its quality - and I for one think it was high - the advertising for the week was not lacking in quantity. Have people had too much publicity for the Population Problem thrust at them?

C.R.C.

SHORTS.

Conservative collapses.

One gentleman's seat collapsed beneath him, but apart from this interlude the Conservative Society Dinner on Thursday evening was a complete success. All those present (including the reps of Soc. Soc and Com. Sod., not to mention Lib Soc and Felix) apparently enjoyed the function immensely.

ARTHUR SPOTTED IN IMPERIAL INSTITUTE ROAD.

Arthur, ex-Southside barman, was seen, disguised in blue boilersuit and carrying four empty biscuit tins, sneaking furtively up Imperial Institute Road on Wednesday afternoon.

Swimming Gala - BANNER STOLEN.

While spectators watched the pool-side activities on Friday night, the City and Guilds maroon banner, which was displayed behind them, was stolen. Guilds President Dai Howells led a chase after the thieves but they escaped unharmed. A Union official said he thought it was the work of an outside college.

ROWDYISM.

Towards the end of the evening at the pool, certain students who had been larking in and out of the pool turned to spraying spectators with water from a bicycle pump and threatening them with larger doses. The spectators were largely in indoor clothing and without waterproof protection.

Earlier a rumour had circulated that someone had brought dye to colour the pool water. It was evidently convincing enough to require Adrian Fletcher to give a warning to everyone that it would cost £200 to clean the water and the pool.

Anyway Mines won the water-polo and Guilds were the overall winners.

C.G.H.

LIFT WRITERS.

WHEN I first came to I.C. the only thing written in the Union lift was 'Kilroy', but with the passage of time, and especially of late, the quantity and quality of the writting has increased and decreased respectively. That chappee on B.B.C.3. could learn another fruity Anglo-Saxon four lettered word, plus a six lettered bonus: to say nothing of the facts that 'Leslie loves Bob' and 'Colin is great'.

If you must write then put pen to paper and send your views to Felix, a much better way of getting your name in print.

T.D.

PARKING.

Would students please stop parking in front of the arch outside the Union building ---- in the event of a fire, especially in Old Beit or Zoology, the only access for fire tenders is the archway. A white Austin 1100 seems to be the main offender at the moment, registration: FLM 143B.

ODD LITTLE BITS:

The Union Rack: In reply to many enquires, we reveal that the Union Rack is in the Lower Lounge of the Beit Union Building, and that all members of the Union should check it regularly for mail addressed to them.

Electric shaver points are being installed in Southside.

Quote: 'I enjoy standing in front of an audience at ANYTIME' Ken West, R.C.S. Vice-Pres

Mines: At the present time Chris Molam and Ginger O'Reilly are representing R.S.M.U. at the celebration of the feast of ST. BARBARA, patron saint of Mines, at ST. Etienne, France.

HOCKEY: I.C. Mixed Hockey team on Sunday tied first with the Royal Free Hospital, Goldsmiths and Bedford Colleges. Unfortunately no semifinals were played due to bad lighting.

FLETCHER ANSWERS SENATE.

With reference to yesterday's issue of Senate and the article headed "Democracy for Imperial College" or words to that effect, Adrian Fletcher, our President, has expressed his disagreement with the final sentence "The Imperial College Executive, like the Tory Party, believe they were born to rule and that the rest of the Union are there to ruled!" As he points out, anyone who knows him and the other members of the Union Executive will realise that this comment by David Livesey is both unfounded and unwarranted.

DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of A.J. Newth, Reader in Physics.

APOLOGY.

Felix apologises for the lack of the first paragraph in "CO ESCAPE CLEARS LABORATORY" in the last issue - this was due to an error of the printer.

I.W.

HEATING IN SOUTHSIDE.

It is reported tonight that the heating in Southside is once again failing, culminating a week of failures throughout the college.

CARNIVAL.

The Union will be closed as from 7p.m. on Friday evening, due to the fact that this is Carnival night, so if you want to get in buy a ticket at lunchtime in the Union.