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LONG VAC. TRAVELS

GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL

FROM OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

This year's long vacation has been characterized by the range of the travels undertaken. It is as if I.C. men had vied with each other for the distinction of travelling the farthest. Their wanderings cover four continents. Prizes for the furthest destination go to three parties who went to America, Asia and Africa respectively. David Griffiths and Bryan Pile were among several Miners who crossed the Atlantic to visit goldmines in Canada, where, they admit, they "staked no claims but claimed a few steaks". Sam Mossman and George Sturt flew to Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf, there to interest themselves in oil free from politics. Wally Goss took a University soccer eleven on a tour of Kenya and describes his experiences in the next column. As usual the Mines sent a contingent to the Gold Coast, over 2000 miles away. Other visitors to Africa were Brian Purslow and C.M. Hargreaves who took a boat to Tangier and returned overland through Spain.

There were the usual hordes of penniless I.C. men scouring Europe for the lowest dives and cheapest hotels. Spain and Austria again seem to have been popular in direct proportion to the favourability of their exchange rates. Four members of I.C.W.A. were seen in an Innsbruck beer garden swigging lager from large tankards in the company of leather-trousered Tyroleans, (from a usually reliable source). Near Seville, Stephen Wearne nearly built a dam on the Guadalquivir, was shaved by a barber and escaped a visit from your reporter only because he was making up to a girl in the local cigarette factory at the time.

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HAIRCUTTING SERVICE

The services of a Hairdresser, Mr. Mablin, will be available to members of the Union, in a room on the second floor of the Refectory Building. Appointments will be by bookings to Mr. Mablin only.

At present he will be at College on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.0am.-6.0pm., but this will be extended to further days if there is the demand.

Until a wash-basin is installed, probably in the new year, the service will be haircutting only, for which the charge is 1/6d. Razor blades are on sale.

GENERAL ELECTION

The next FELIX appears on Friday 26th October, the morning of the Election results, and will include news of the latest results at sale time.

FELIX SALES

FELIX is on sale in the main entrances to the R.C.S., Guilds and Mines, the Huxley Building R.C.S., Guilds, Mines and the Huxley Building from 9.30 - 10.15, and in the Hostel and Q.A. in the early morning. During the day it is available in the Bookstall, Bar and the Guilds' Library.

KENYA SOCCER TOUR

On July 26th. the London University Soccer Club party left London Airport to fly to Kenya for a Tour of 18 games at the invitation of the Kenya Football Association. The party comprised a Vice-President of the Club, myself, the Secretary, and 18 other players drawn from 8 Colleges. The Tour covered 38 days on the Island of Zanzibar. Both games in Tanganyika were played at Dar-es-Salaam, whilst the 15 in Kenya were spread over 7 at Nairobi, 4 at Mombasa, 2 at Kisumu and 2 at Nakuru. Of all these 10 were won, 3 drawn and 5 lost, with 49 goals scored against 20 - in all a very creditable performance considering that at one stage 9 games were played in 13 days!

My reflections upon returning home are twofold, from the social and from the football aspect. Most striking to a newcomer to this part of the world is the presence of large numbers of Indians as part of the population. The white, or European, communities are small and somewhat isolated, and as a result their way of life is considerably freer than ours, aided and abetted by the absence of the austerities of the present day British Isles. The cost of living is slightly higher, but offsetting this are the considerably higher salaries and the much lower income tax rate - maximum 3/6d. in the £1. A non-graduate teacher, for instance, would commence at a salary some £300 higher than his counterpart here at home. Much has been done to educate and house the African native, but it is a slow and laborious undertaking, and apart from the immediate surrounds of towns, he remains with all his inheritances but savagery and cannibalism.

Writing of the native brings to mind the football out there, for of the 18 games played, but 5 were against all-white teams, the rest were against African or Asian sides. It was the African style of play that required some change of tactics from the normal method of play, for all Africans play barefooted, and as a result, at first there was some hesitancy to treat the bare foot as the booted foot would be treated! Accordingly the African had the opportunity to get to the ball and then use his outstanding speed and agility to full effect. But having discovered the right tactics to overcome this, the problem became less acute, for the African has no strategical brain, his football is stereotyped and he cannot adapt it to suit conditions.

But it was an experience to watch them, and on occasions to control their games, one which will remain with me for always.

W.P.Goss.

COMMEMORATION BALL ~ R.S.M. CENTENARY ~

FRIDAY OCT. 26

GROSVENOR HOUSE

Dancing
8pm - 2am.



Geraldo's
Embassy
Orchestra

TICKETS FROM:-

Hon. Sec. Entertainments;
Bookstall; or Union Office Annex
during lunch hour.

PILOT EXPEDITION

HOLY ISLAND

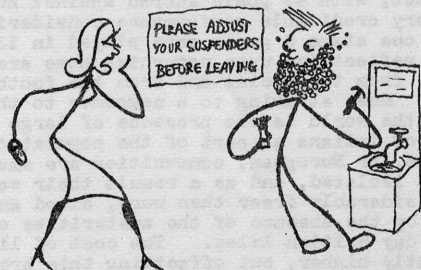
Although arrangements for the Main Expedition during the Summer Vac. next year are at present uncertain, the general preparations are going ahead. The Pilot Party spent a fortnight this Summer at Holy Island. They were seen off from London on 9th. August by Peter Haskell, who was unable to go as their leader.

VICTORIA COACH STATION



STAFF OFFICER FROM BIRCHWOOD PARK REVIEWS
EXPEDITIONERS ON DEPARTURE

They arrived at Holy Island via Ardrossan and Arran and found it raining very hard. This was "a feature of the district to which we eventually became more or less accustomed," and our special correspondent goes on to describe the expedition:



CONTRETEMPS IN A CLOSET

"Our work on the island was supposed to entail a fairly thorough survey of the flora, fauna, geology and weather, with the two civil engineers doing a certain amount of re-mapping,



ARRIVAL OF EXPEDITIONERS AT ARRAN

and fixing of reference points for the benefit of biologists who were reputedly unable to read maps. Unfortunately the weather provided the meteorologists with considerable amusement and rather cramped the style of the rest of the party. In spite of strong winds and frequent heavy rain, the botanists and geologists succeeded in making a very fair attempt at their end of the work;



A BOTANIST AND A GEOLOGIST MAKING A FAIR ATTEMPT.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Sir - On the 25th October, 1-5p.m. a Mobile Team of Blood Collectors is visiting this College on behalf of the National Blood Transfusion Service.

Last term 46 members donated blood and I have been asked if this number could be raised to 150 in view of the desperate need.

Lists are available in Guilds and the Health Room for signing, and medical details will be supplied by Nurse Jones to those who wish for further information.

I ask you, Sir, if you would bring the above details to the attention of your readers.

Yours faithfully,

D.V. Parker. City & Guilds College

SKYE HI

From our correspondent:

The members of I.C.M.C. who spent their summer holiday in Scotland all arrived, by a miracle of chance, at Glencoe Youth Hostel at approximately the same time. Thereafter, we spent three days in the S.M.C. hut on Ben Nevis and about eight days in Skye. The stay at the hut was most successful and three great ridges of Ben Nevis were climbed. To emerge from the wild and lonely grandeur of these ridges onto a summit decorated with tourists and orange peel was like entering another, less pleasing, world. If they had come up for the view they were disappointed for the Ben is most unkind to the tourist in this respect.

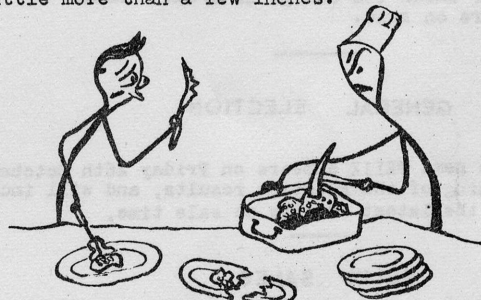
We arrived at Glenbrittle on a glorious day. From the 'bus the main Cuillin ridge seemed to beckon us - was the weather going to improve at last? It was not to be, for poor weather, thick mist and two days spent on rescue parties put us ill at ease with the Cuillon. Had the virtues of these hills been exaggerated? Then came a day of

glorious sunshine with lunch on the Cioch and tea on Sgurr Alasdair, the latter accompanied by the most wonderful view Britain can offer - on one side the jagged peaks of the ridge, on the other, the islands resting peacefully on a blue sea. We ran down the stone shoot into Coire Lagen, happy in the knowledge of a day well spent. The Cuillin had woven their spell and we had fallen under it.



INSECTS GROUNDED

but the entire absence of some animals which the zoologists had come prepared to study, and the grounding of most insects rather spoiled this line of work. The surveyors set forth manfully on most days laden with an impressive array of instruments, but on several occasions were forced to return when the rain on their theodolite telescopes cut visibility down to little more than a few inches."



"OUR OBSERVER COMMENTED ON THE COOKING...."

Felix

THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE
CIRCULATION: 1,200



FELIX CALLING

In this issue of Felix, we have concentrated on bringing our views up-to-date with an account of college activities which have taken place during the long vac', and by giving a preview of some of the outstanding events of the Autumn term. We have not produced a Freshers' issue, filling our pages with exhortations to rally round, keep the flag flying, etc., etc., since this would be unfair to our established readers. Nevertheless, we take this opportunity of urging every Freshman to take some part in Student activities.

The aim of this paper is to provide an independent, objective view, unbiased by sectional interests - this can only be done properly if the different shades of opinion are communicated to us, (preferably in writing). Letters, articles, suggestions and comments, of a provocative nature are particularly welcome, but please try to make your contribution a constructive one. "The Hops", "Culture at I.C.", and "Social colours" were the subjects most hotly contested last year; no doubt other controversies will arise in the future - Felix thrives on them!!

Although Felix caters primarily for home consumption, many copies are sent to past students both at home and abroad. We are always very pleased to record news received directly or indirectly from our far flung colleagues.

BOYS FOR THE JOBS

There is one vacancy on the Felix board for a publicity and advertising manager, whose duties include the advertising of Felix in the constituent colleges, and the responsibility for advertisements inserted in Felix. Please drop a line to the Editor if the job interests you.

Illustrations to cartoons are indispensable in Felix for those of our subscribers who cannot read. One of our last year's cartoonists remains with us, but we can do with the services of any other artists anxious to help our illiterate "readers". Anyone willing to help is requested to contact the Editor through the I.C. Union rack.

A Plea to the Fresher

See yonder 'neath the ivy in the quad,
That down-cheeked saplin-slender youth. He waits
Respectful, eager, while with sagely nod
A venerable nth year man orates.
Let's walk up, gentle reader, and inquire
What makes the young man tremble so with joy,
What makes his eyes light up with noble fire.
But hark! The greybeard speaks. He says, "My boy.
You'll be here at least a year,
And though June is very near
There 's a lot of time to fill in on the way,
So you'd better join some clubs,
Get to know the local pubs
And learn what student life is like today.

These scars upon my arm,
(Though they're really not much harm)
Last year on Putney towpath-Morphy Day
Got a pair of flannel bags
Off a Miner dressed in rags
But you should have seen the one that got away!

Our rowdy weekly Hops
And the melées with the cops
And the Guy Fawkes Bonfire on the Rectors lawn.
If you're with us - good for you
You're our comrades brave and true,
If you're not you merit nothing but our scorn.

There are lots of things to do
But they all depend on you
So for Gods sake don't brownbag and stay away
If you won't lend your support
(And you definately ought)
Then our social life will wither and decay."

These words of worldly wisdom smote the youth
He turned away, his moist eyes focused far
But the veteran, delivered of his truth
Felt sudden thirst and led him to the bar.

MESSRS

BROWN &
BROWNER



It is becoming distressingly apparent that the present system of recognition of student achievement by the student Unions is most inefficient and biased. At present only those who are giants in the field of athletics gain honour.

No thought is given to that increasingly large proportion of students who would very much like to participate in the joyful activities "if only they had the time", men who work hard both day and by night.

I would therefore suggest that a new club be formed, in the manner of the other august clubs, for those students who have "never done anything for the College". The number would have to be strictly limited and to effect this a point system could be introduced: say, -10 pts. for attending the Annual Sports, -5 pts. for going to a hop, +15 for going to lectures, and so on. The holding of any Union office of the gaining of colours would immediately disqualify members.

Each term a list of members, elected by popular vote in each college, could be prominently displayed on the notice boards, and the club tie, under pain of the usual penalties, worn on Thursdays and Fridays.

K.P.

QUEENIE'S REBORN

The Ayrton Hall refectory on the first floor of the Unwin building will already be familiar to members of the College. It is a greatly enlarged 'Queenie's', the refectory run for many years by Mrs. Bohling in the south extension of Guilds. The main entrance to the building, (the old Royal College of Needlework), is in the Imperial Institute Road, opposite the Post Office. Another entrance is just round the corner in Exhibition Road, and there is also a route from the ground floor of Guilds. The new hall is of a size comparable to the College refectory in the Union building, and will cater for 200-300 persons. It is hoped that it will ease the lunch-time load on the other refectory.

On the second floor is the Guilds Library and in one corner of this will be found the new home of the Union Library. The latter will be open between one and two o'clock, and between five and six. However, through the cooperation of Mr. James, the Guilds Librarian, it will also be possible to borrow books during the Guilds Library hours, viz: ten to five, Mondays to Fridays.

A more detailed survey of the Ayrton Hall refectory and the Unwin building will appear shortly in the PHOENIX REVIEW.

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Geoff. Fishwick found himself a summer sinecure on the toe of Italy. In his own words "Its no place for heels".

Joe Rawicz reached Finland, and the other Scandinavian countries received a good quota of visitors from the College. In July the Athletic Club sent a team to Denmark where they had a very successful tour. Four members of the mountaineering club spent a strenuous time scrambling on the peaks of the Dauphine Alps.

Perhaps the most original holiday was spent nearer home by the members of next year's Expedition to Africa. They went on a 'pilot' expedition to Holy Island, a barren uninhabited isle east of the Scottish Arran, for the purpose of testing their compatibilities and ropes.

This report would be incomplete without mention of those seasoned 'voyageurs' who travelled hopefully but didn't arrive - or if they did, have somehow escaped our notice. We offer them our condolences and apologies respectively.

PROFILE

THE FRESHER

His description, before arriving at I.C. was quite straightforward; nineteen years old, a prefect at his grammar school, with a good education record, and so on. But now he realises all this is irrelevant; the essential fact is that he is just fourteen days old at I.C.

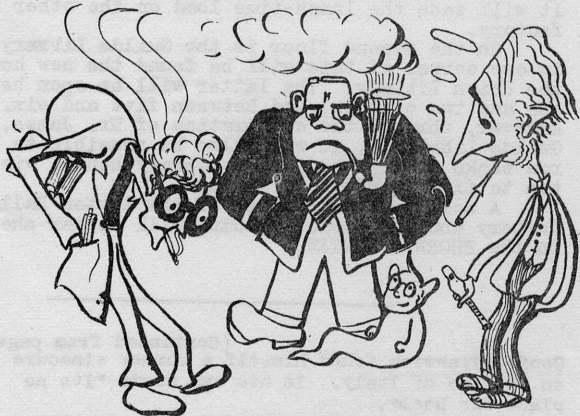
He arrived, of course, a day too soon, and found himself wandering about long gloomy corridors lined with doors out of which popped earnest individuals arguing furiously about the Springbok's chances at Cardiff, or whether Betty really meant what she said last night. No one paid any attention to him. At lunch time he found himself outside a room from which came the sound of a hungry multitude, and a smell closely resembling that of food.

"Does one eat here?" he enquired.

"No," he was told "But one can go through the motions."

He had discovered the refectory.

Next day he found himself the focus of attention. A long line of persons, beginning with the Rector and steadily diminishing in importance, gave him good advice. He must Broaden his Outlook. He must Cultivate Sport. He must not Overlook Culture. He must consider his Soul. He must Keep One Eye on the Exams. He must Come to Our Free Tea. He was in full agreement with the last. And all the time he was aware of disillusioned, world-weary postgraduates, six or seven years old, eyeing him and muttering about the State of the Younger Generation.



...Eyed and Muttered about by
World weary Postgraduates.

He attended his first lecture, which began at School Certificate level, with him leaning back slightly contemptuously, and ended with him sweating profusely, three blackboards behind. He bought masses of books, nine-tenths of which he will never open. He inspected ICWA with astonishment. He attended fourteen free teas, several meetings and joined thirty-seven societies. He identified the President of the Union. He bought a three month old copy of 'Phoenix'. He discovered the Bar. This, paradoxically, had a sobering



PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

AGEING student, under pressure from a prospective little woman, has 5ft. University of London scarf for sale, 10/- . Apply: Box. SHW/1.
RADIOGRAM - shared by Civil and mechanical Guildsmen needs paid attention of honest Telecommunications Student (the pick-up crackles). Enquire: HOWE, HAYTER & WEARNE, c/o. I.C. Union and Bar.
WRIGHTERSWANTID - And cartoonist for FELIX.

FOR SALE - 'Imperial' Drawing Board, "Engineers" Grade, with T-square £2.

Apply S.H. Wearne, I.C. Union.

FOR SALE - Blue lounge suit. Good condition. Height 5ft. 8"-9". £5 Apply G.W. Benson. Rm. 23, Old Hostel.

ANYONE wishing to share a 3 room self-contained flat with G.A. Gollan and E.C. Newman should contact them through the Guilds' rack immediately. No retaining fee during vacations.

FOR SALE: MOTOR-CYCLE; B.S.A. 250cc. in excellent condition, insurance paid up to July 1952. £20. Apply J.M. Slow, Silwood Park.

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SOCIAL NEWS.

The Felix Board offers its very best wishes to Liz Canning and Chris Wilson on the occasion of their recent engagement.

Births - Mrs. Janacept Willoughby de Scot is expecting a brother for Peter. (Mr. J.W. de S. is expecting a son.) P.W. de Scot has not been consulted.

NEWS ?

It has been confirmed that dry rot has attacked the roots of the Guilds. No comment!!!

effect on him. He discovered that beer-drinking was not a somewhat daring or uncometh pastime, but a ritual to be undertaken with due solemnity.

His sense of bewilderment, though abating, caused him to buy a copy of 'Felix' in haste, when he found it purported to tell him what was going on in I.C. At the moment, he is reading it during a tutorial. He is just finishing this article and deciding that though the average fresher may have behaved like this, he certainly did not. You are now up to date on the life of the average fourteen-day-old fresher.



Cultivating Sport, whilst Broadening Outlook by
Not Overlooking Culture

COMMEMORATION DAY

This year marks the Centenary of the Royal School of Mines, which started life in 1851 as the "Government School of Mines and Science applied to the Arts". Sir Andrew McCance, an eminent old student of the R.S.M., has accepted

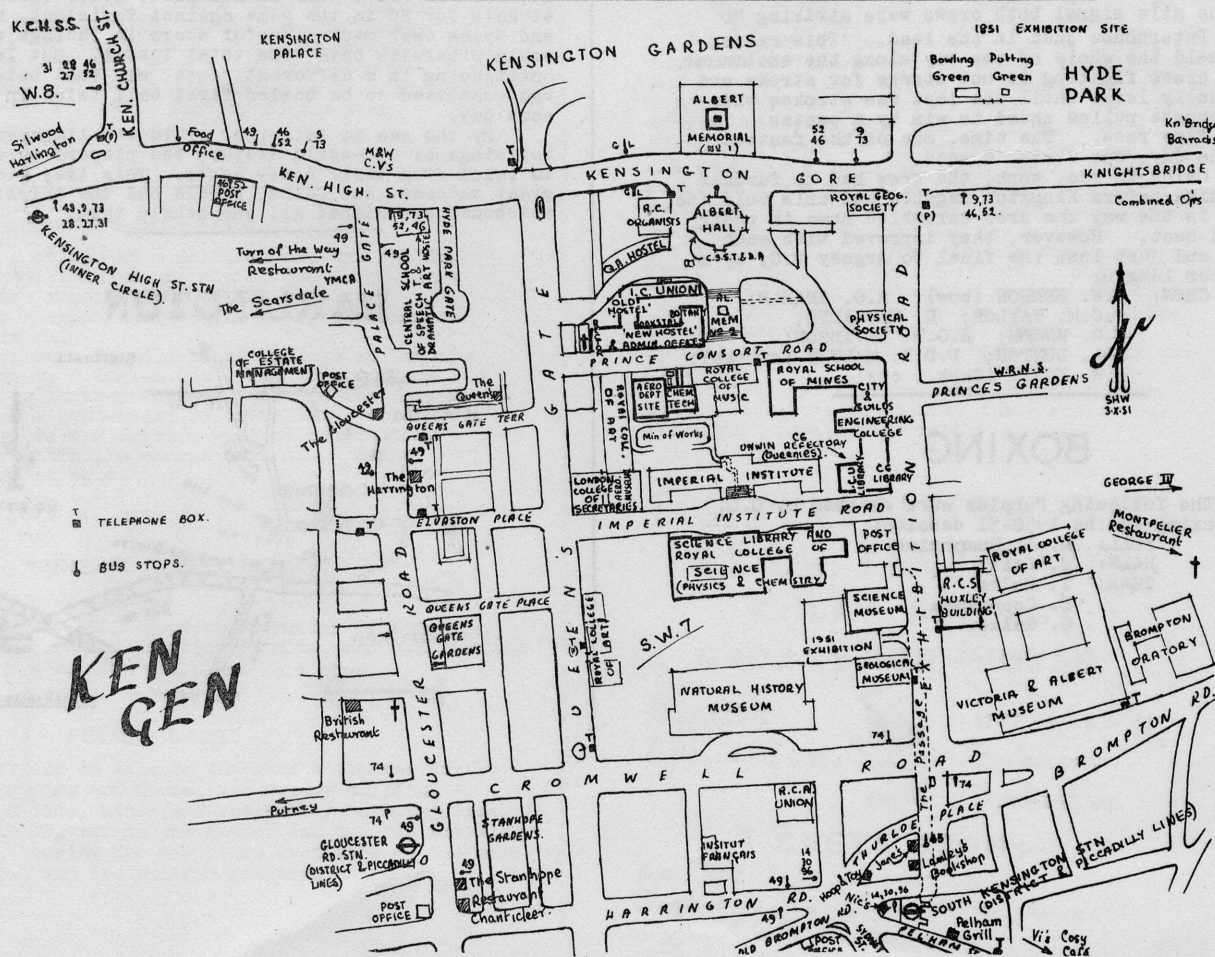
(With acknowledgements to 'The Record')

SATURDAY HOPS

It is hoped to hold a rather special "Guy Fawkes Hop" on November 3.

SUNDAY FILM SHOWS

Throughout the first two terms the I.C. Film Society presents films of a persistently high quality, on alternate Sunday evenings in the New Lounge. This years programme includes such films as "A Day at the Races," "Swamp Water" "Bicycle Thieves" and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari." Details of membership of the Society and tickets for the shows may be obtained from the Secretary.



SPORT



THE SUMMER REGATTAS

1951 will surely go down in history as "Cambridge's Year". Having won the Boat Race and beaten Yale and Harvard in America, the Cambridge college crews proceeded to win six of the nine events at Henley and ended the season with their Goldie crew winning the Eights for Great Britain in the European Championships. As a result of this high standard, competition in the Summer Regattas was keen and the races fought out stroke for stroke.

Having won the Thames Cup at Walton, the I.C. 1st VIII went to Reading with high hopes, and with a little more stride in the second minute, might well have won. However, after a very exciting race, St. Catherine's (Camb.), the finalists, beat them by a canvas. So to Marlow. Here the Eight were drawn against Clare, second on the river at Cambridge and stroked by the redoubtable David Jennens who led Cambridge to so many great victories this year. The crew rowed extremely well, led Clare off the start and hung grimly on to a lead of one-third length for more than half the distance. From here to the finish the greater solidity of Clare at the finish of the stroke began to tell and they slowly pulled up to win a very good race by half a length. Clare went through to the final.

Marlow really begins the Henley fortnight - a Royal Regatta, which this year will be remembered by all who saw it for some magnificent rowing and racing on all four days of a very hard-fought and exciting character. Drawn against Peterhouse (Camb.), I.C. paddled up to the start in fine fettle, though not as far advanced as their coach had hoped owing to one or two mishaps during training. Still the crew looked good and felt it and rowed a race which neither they nor Peterhouse are likely to forget in a hurry.

Both crews struck 37½ in the first minute and I.C. were ahead at the first signal. At the Barrier both were striking 35 and Peterhouse were slightly in the lead. At Fawley Peterhouse were leading by nearly half a length in a time of 3 min. 28 secs. and both crews were still striking 35. At Remenham Club, I.C. began to take it home and raised their rating. Peterhouse replied and at the mile signal both crews were striking 38 with Peterhouse just in the lead. This rating was held the whole of the way along the enclosures, both crews fighting it out stroke for stroke and virtually level until the last few strokes when Peterhouse pulled ahead to win by a canvas. A very fine race. The time, one of the fastest of the day, was 7 min. 8 secs.

Owing to vac. work, the crew had no further training before Kingston Regatta and this told its tale in the way the crew scrambled home in their first heat. However, they improved with each heat and just lost the final to Argosy B.C. by a quarter length.

CREW: G.W. BENSON (bow); R.G. SEAMAN;
J.C.M. TAYLOR; H. METCALFE;
P.G. ESSAM; A.G.P. DAVIDSON;
D.A. DUNTON; P.D.R. MALTBY (stroke);
D.W. NORTH (Capt., cox).

BOXING

The following Purples were awarded by U.L. for Boxing in the 1950-51 session:

FULL: M. J. Humphries
HALF: G. Tait
TEAM: T. Hulme
S. Coppelman
G. Gales.

I.C.A.C. IN DENMARK

In July, sixteen members of the I.C.A.C. had a twelve day tour of Denmark.

The party had a short stay at Odense. Having visited many places of interest, we had a match in the evening with the University. Although we had first and second places in nearly all the track events, the match was lost, according to their calculations!

A week was spent at Ballerup, just outside Copenhagen. Five days were had in sightseeing, involving late nights and erratic meals! This inevitably lowered our standard of athletics, but were able to make a good show at Horsholm, collecting an assortment of pots.

A quick visit was made to Elsinore, where we were the guests of the town. Having seen Hamlet's castle, had a banquet (and a much needed siesta!) we competed against teams from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. I.C. reached the finals in some events, but the standard was very much international.

Our final match was at Aarhus, I.C. again superior in track events, but the Danes better in field events, the match being lost 57-61.

Many things will be remembered of the tour. Perhaps the occasion when we discovered, too late, that excess fares are not paid at the barrier - Sammy bailed us out! Or the very tipsy Dane who fell out of a carriage door, backwards, with an unsuspecting passenger! The dance, enlivened by Shuaps, at the Students Hostel, and the numerous sing-songs. The boaters worn by the team - they had their uses!

Our thanks go to Norman Samways for arranging the tour so well, and to the Danish for such overwhelming hospitality.

WICKETS IN THE WEST

The team which went on the club's Devon Tour at the end of June was weakened by the absence of several of the best players. As a result the matches were marked more by individual achievement than collective success. Brightest in the spectrum of brilliance was Roly Reynolds who reached a score of 24, for the first time in his life, after taking 5 wickets for 29 in the game against Tavistock. Rambaud and Wyles each made a useful score in innings which would otherwise have been total losses. Not less outstanding in a different sense, was that batsman who contrived to be bowled first ball twice in the same day.

By the sea at Paignton, or in the timbered buildings of old-world Exeter, the players were able to relax from their daily cares. This they did with great success, and Gales, Wardle and the thirsty Kitchener astonished all who beheld them.

HARLINGTON

