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# FELIX



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## I.C. WINS U.L. RUGGER CUP

The U.L. Rugby Cup was won by I.C. on March 8th. at Motspur Park for the first time since the competition was instituted in 1921. Queen Mary College were defeated by 3 pts. (a try) to nil, in a sternly contested and exciting game.

### THE REWARD OF HARD WORK

The match was played in sunshine, on soft turf, with very little wind. I.C. early revealed a smoothness at half-back which promised well and the three-quarters carried out several good passing movements. The forwards, the engine of victory in previous rounds, settled to their task of subduing the Q.M.C. pack, but this proved a hard business. Up to half-time there was no balance of advantage to either side. After the change-over the cohesion and power of the I.C. forwards began to tell and play went repeatedly into Q.M.C.'s '25'. After some minutes of especially intense pressure the reward came. A hasty pass back behind the goal line was knocked on by a defender and Brian Robins joined the company of immortals by seizing the ball for the touch-down. Knox just failed with a fine kick from wide out.

Q.M.C. were not done with but their sporadic attacks were foiled by excellent defence. I.C.'s forwards, well supported by tactical kicking from halves and backs, were now on top, and several times there was almost a second score before the final whistle went. At this signal of triumph Jack Howorth was borne to the stand to receive the long-sought trophy from Dr. Logan, the Principal of the University, and the congratulations of the Rector and Lady Hill. The match was good to watch and very few penalty kicks had to be given. The I.C. side rose splendidly to the occasion and deserve congratulation, some of which must be saved for those who played in earlier rounds but could not do so at Motspur Park because there are only 15 men in a team.

### A SAD BLOW-UP

For eighteen months Mr. Peter Walker of the Chemical Engineering Department has been perfecting an apparatus to investigate the "Condensation of Mixed Vapours". On Wednesday, 5th March, he completed its calibration. On Thursday the 6th it erupted into a fountain of flame, fragments of glass and molten aluminium.

Warning of the explosion was received about a minute before it occurred at 1.10 p.m. when mercury in manometers began to rise steadily in one limb and fall in the other, and a Bourdon Gauge rose smartly from nought to ten atmospheres. When opening certain valves failed to check this phenomenal rise in pressure, Mr. Walker and the four others in the lab. at the time evacuated themselves in the reasonable expectation that they were about to witness the explosion of 5 gallons of liquid oxygen attached to the apparatus. In fact a single separate gallon of liquid oxygen burst its large Dewar as fire destroyed all wooden and plastic parts and melted some of the supports.

Resolute treatment with foam fire extinguishers saved the 5 gallons and rendered the fire engine's visit unnecessary. Two extinguishers were employed in putting out an electric light bulb incorporated in a thermostatic control circuit, which was frantically going on and off in a fit of cybernetic frenzy.

Mr. Walker's apparatus was completely destroyed and books, clothing and other apparatus suffered from foam. A researcher's life is largely made up of hope deferred. FELIX extends his sympathy to Mr. Walker.

### A.C.C. LOCKERS

Four lockers behind the gymnasium have been set aside for I.C.U. members when changing for games. The keys are kept in the messengers' office. Members using these lockers will be asked to sign for keys, and they are requested to be especially careful to return borrowed keys. Anyone failing to do so will be liable to a fine.

## MINES ELECTIONS

Election of the Mines Officers for the 1952-3 session took place at a far from quiescent Annual General Meeting held on Friday 7th March.

Of the numerous posts filled, only four will be considered here, namely, those of President, Vice-President, Secretary - and, of course, Pornographer!

Until a day before the elections took place, four candidates had been proposed and seconded to fill the post of President. These were:- G.Cox, A.A. Greenfield, W.A. Gardner, and M.Martin. Finally, with the approach of zero hour, the name of W.S. Robinson was added to complete an already interesting field.

At the meeting itself, both Mike Martin and Geoff Cox withdrew, thus leaving three candidates, and Bill Robinson was elected President with acclamation. G.Cox, A.A. Greenfield, W.A. Gardner, J.R. Lacey, P.D.R. Maltby, M.Martin and G.W. Worsfold all stood for the post of Vice-President, Geoff Cox being duly elected.

Of the two candidates (D. Fraser and R.J. Orscales de Pury) standing for election to the exacting post of Secretary, Don Fraser was chosen to undertake this task.

The post of Pornographer, held, despite all freshers, for the last three years by P.K. Hall, was entrusted to P. Andrews whom it is felt certain will carry out this job in true mines' tradition.

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### FIFTY-FIVE FIGHT TO FINAL

Richmond College beat Goldsmiths' in the final of the U.L.U. Debating Contest. The judges average marking was 73-71. The debate was broadcast on the Third Programme, the unmistakable voice of Derek Coomber coming over loud and clear. The unseen motion was that 'This House Prefers a Knave to a Fool'; and was lost by 99-206; this audience vote was not a part of the contest.

There are only 55 students at Richmond, and this was their first entry into the contest. They beat King's College, three times winners since the war. Goldsmiths' beat I.C. in the first round. These, and other general facts about U.L.U. were given in a well-informed commentary by the B.B.C. during the voting.

### U.L.U. DEBATE ON AFRICA

A very small audience of under fifty was present at the U.L.U. debate on Africa. It was a great pity that the other 99.8% of the student body failed to find anything of interest in a subject which is of great importance to this country. Surprisingly, even the coloured students failed to turn up in force.

The arguments for and against were well presented by Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P. seconded by a student from the Gold Coast and by Mr. G.B. Craddock M.P. seconded by a British student. The motion calling on the Government to announce target dates for the handing over of African government to the native population was carried by twenty-one votes to five with nine abstentions.



# profile ~ THE ADMIRABLE JOHN LEVY

In the middle of the year 1921 in the mining community of Morro Velho, Brazil, John the son of an old R.S.M. student, received his first impressions of this wicked world. Eighteen months later he brought his parents back to England. He was weaned on water, (and later beer) buttered toast, and chocolate biscuits, for all of which he still shows a remarkable affinity. As soon as he was old enough he was sent to school at Ewell Castle, where eventually he gained a cap for cricket and colours for swimming. His first experience of the river and the noble art came while he was at the Poly working for Matric. Some two years later, in 1941, having the idea that he would make a good chemist, he appeared at R.C.S. among the First Year Specials. At the end of that session he was persuaded that Botany would be more in his line, and in January 1945 his advisers were proved correct. He now serves that department under the mystical title of "Lecturer in Timber Technology" and is rumoured to be growing a new forest of Birnam on its roof.



His association with the Boat Club began in his first days at college and is still one of his strongest ties with the extracurricular aspect of college life. As a cox he gained his I.C. and R.C.S. Full Colours in his first year at college and in the two subsequent seasons. He was also Captain of R.C.S. Boat Club for two years and Vice-Captain of I.C.B.C. in 1943-4 when the 1st VIII went head of the river for the first time.

On graduating he joined Thames Rowing Club where he coxed for a further four seasons and was Joint Honorary Secretary from 1948 to 1950. Thus it is easy to see why he will talk "rowing" at the slightest provocation. At present he has temporarily retired from active coxing, but still gives a weekly talk to the I.C. Coxswains' Society and may be seen taking a keen interest in the R.C.S. crews during the Christmas term and in the I.C. crews after the Morphy. One of his proudest possessions is a personal tankard given to him by the Boat Club in 1944 as a token of their appreciation of his efforts (probably invective!)

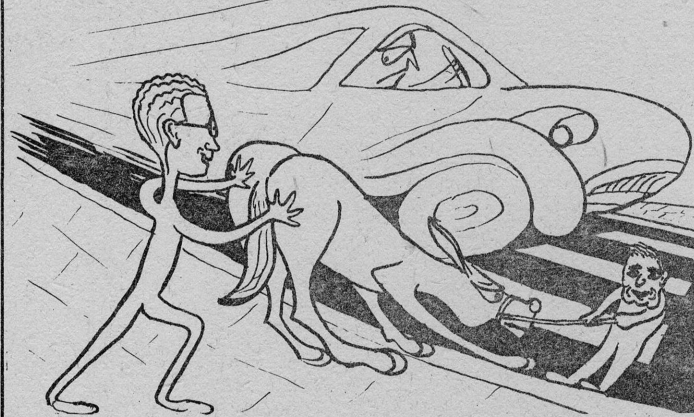
In October 1949 he came to reside in the Hostel and was immediately elected Chairman of the Residents' Committee, which office he held successfully until late in 1951, several months after he had moved to a bachelor flat in Notting Hill. Meanwhile his services had been secured as Vice-Chairman of the Refectory Committee - an onerous post which he still holds and which automatically makes him a member of the Catering Sub-Committee.

Thus it may be seen that John has interested himself in many spheres of life at college in all of which he has acquitted himself most ably. In addition to these many responsibilities he finds time to run a somewhat temperamental car. His first was a 1934 Armstrong Siddley whose starter-motor used to rouse the Hostel at many an odd hour. For over two years now, however, he has been the proud owner of COP 107 and many of us have reason to be grateful to him for his late night honorary taxi service.

His frequent appearances at Carnivals in nautical rig have earned him the title of "ADMIRAL" and the many bo'suns at present in residence often remember to pipe him aboard whenever he visits the Flagship.

His association with the College already extends over a number of years. Let us hope that it will continue and will be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

The zoologists, we hear, are attempting to cross a zebra with a horse



## ICWA. DINNER

Those of you who managed to get on the right side of a member of I.C.W.A. will have appreciated the excellent dinner which they provided on Friday March 7th.

Their distinguished visitor this year was Dame Ninette de Valois, Director of Sadlers Wells Ballet Company, who in replying to the toast of "The Guests" expressed her pleasure at being invited as a representative of the Arts (and ballet in particular) to speak to a group of young scientists. The toast had been proposed by the Secretary, Miss Delmage, who in welcoming the guests managed to get in a few digs at Union officers present.

Mr. Jack Howarth in proposing the toast to the association, proved to everyone's satisfaction that the dissolution of I.C.W.A. was unnecessary.

Several entertaining incidents from the early history of I.C.W.A. were remembered by the President, Miss Gratwick, in her reply. She also mentioned in her speech the achievements of present members, of whose contribution to the academic, social and athletic activities of the College was not inconsiderable.

The standard of speeches was generally considered to be high and the informal dance afterwards was enjoyed by everyone.

## GUILDS' TIES

After discussion at two meetings, the report of a sub-committee and the deliberations of their Union Committee, the Guilds have decided not to change the pattern of their ties. At first several alternative schemes bearing shield designs in reds and blues were considered, and later it was suggested that the present issue was unsatisfactory only in its exact shade of colour and in the quality of the cheapest material. It was finally decided yesterday week that the Bookstall be asked to cease stocking the rayon tie, so that future purchasers will only be able to get ties which will last. The colours, used since 1906 for the present tie, are common to many of the City and Guilds' associations as well as here; and this and the feeling that a tie in use for over forty years should not be changed, were some of the reasons in opposition to a new design.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

"Hammersmith Bridge Closing for Repair" (Evening paper). - So far the Boat Club Coxswains Society have not been requested to share the costs.

Lord Woolton is expected to visit the college on 17th March.

The FELIX "Coming Events Diary" is now kept in the Union Porter's Lodge. Club secretaries are asked to see that their meetings and matches of interest are noted in it.

I.C. Sports Day...Wednesday 21st May.

PHOENIX will be on sale on the first day of next term.

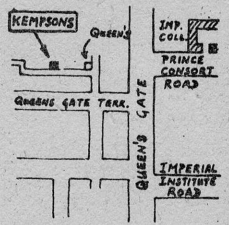
Derek Crossley has been elected Captain of the U.L. Rugger Club - he is third successive I.C. bod in the job.

I.C. Boat Club beat Reading University B.C. by 3 wins to 1 on Sat. March 1st at Putney.

The Stephenson Cup was won by the Guilds Hockey Club by beating R.S.M. 7-0 and R.C.S. 3-1.

## KEMPSON'S SHOE REPAIR SERVICE

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## FELIX



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

EDITOR:

S.H. WEARNE

## A Viewpoint Summary Spring Term 1952

A new year dawns 'mid shortages and ice,  
And readers of our magazine prepare  
To masticate that choice and biting spice  
Which Viewpoint writers like the world to share.

Alas! the final issue of the term  
Hot from the presses, flutters in our hands  
And any careful reader will confirm  
How sadly they have sated our demands!

Our intellectual organs have brought forth  
not melody,  
But three discordant trumpet blasts, set in a  
ghastly key.

## FIRST BLAST:

Come, leave dull conventions of dress  
to the timid and old.  
You're young and you're free, and by God you've  
a right to be bold.  
So purge all the serge from the landscape,  
the black from the scene,  
And bask in the brightness of purple and orange  
and green.

## SECOND BLAST:

The way that you talk makes me worried and  
very ashamed.  
You've no ear for music, you've no eye for art  
and it's claimed  
That two hundred words (all you know) aren't  
enough, broadly viewed,  
For half are too technical, most of the rest  
are too rude.

## THIRD BLAST:

The trouble with you is that all your ideas  
are dead.  
Oh, where is the anarchist, alchemist, fascist  
and red?  
Your atrophied brains are just sponges to  
soak up the dope  
That Mammon calls Science. Be critical!  
There lies your Hope.

## THE BROWN BAGGER'S REPLY:

You make a noble fanfare with your brass,  
But save it for your castles in the sky.  
These badly timed diversions won't help pass  
Th'exams which loom so menacingly high.  
I can't afford to buy those clothes which grow  
Distasteful when their honeymoon is gone.  
I cannot spare the time to get to know  
Those tricks which help to deck the social swan.  
I've seen too many crazy, stupid creeds  
To be attracted by the raging flood  
Of politics. I know what dreadful deeds  
Idealists like yourselves can wreak with blood.  
The weight of words shall not encumber me.  
I make them serve my god, Utility.

## Final Chorus: GRAND STUDENT ANTHEM.

Gaudeamus Igitur  
Gone, alas! the days of yore.  
In the times to come must we  
Lead a new democracy.  
Let us not be microminded  
Or by useless joys be blinded,  
Then shall knowledge keep us free!  
Then shall knowledge keep us free!

WATTA WORDSWORTH

## PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

WILL FORGOTTEN BORROWER of Adam's 'Physics and Chemistry of Surfaces' from Room 25, Old Hostel, Please get in touch with the owner.

## STOP PRESS

SIR GEORGE THOMPSON has been elected Master of Corpus Christi, Cambridge. (His father, "JJ", was Master of Trinity)

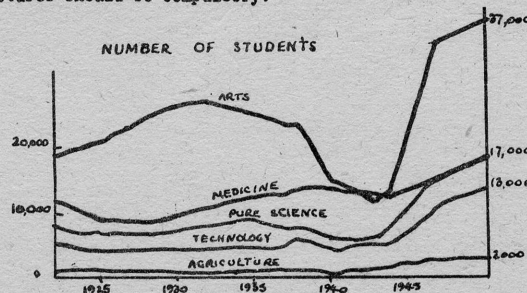
## UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

The University Grants Committee recently presented an interim report on University Development 1947-51 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer which led to his announcement that for the next quinquennium grants would be increased - to Universities not to students. Whereas the grant for the whole of Great Britain rose from £9 to £16½ million in the last five years, a rise from £20 to £25 million is proposed for the next five.

Since before the war, full-time student numbers have increased by over 70% though not evenly over the whole country. At Oxford, Cambridge and London, where expansion was limited or suffered in the war, the increase was only about 40%, while for the rest of England it was 123%, with Scotland and Wales at 10 and 85% respectively. This rapid increase in members is now tailing off and it is felt that the Universities should devote the next few years not to further expansion but to consolidation, so that future development may be undertaken without the strain that has been a feature of post-war years.

To cope with the increasing number of students the staff numbers have also risen, and the staff-student ratio has actually been improved from 1:10 pre-war to 1:9 last year, in spite of the shortage of suitable people. There is still room for improvement here, especially in view of the fact that an increasing proportion of students are postgraduate, and the ratio more like the 1:5 which obtains at I.C. is required. Of the quality of students it appears that the duds are being fairly successfully weeded out and by far the greater proportion of the increased numbers are good second-class, leaving the number of really first-class people much the same but lower in proportion.

It can be seen from the curves below that while the number of Arts students is much larger than that of any other Faculty, the rises in the Science Faculties have been proportionately greater. According to the university teachers it appears that a larger proportion of outstanding students are now enrolling in the Science Faculties, and in spite of early specialisation, extra-curricular lectures, when provided, meet good response. It is a pity that, through fear of prolonging the undergraduate courses, they do not say that some such lectures should be compulsory.



The greatest difficulty is the building bottleneck. The estimated needs for the last quinquennium exceeded by far the available resources and warning has been given that the position will be no better for some time. Meanwhile it is only natural that the Exchequer which provided about 70% of the universities total income should prefer Aeronautical departments to Hostels, in spite of the fact that for an increase of 35,000 students between 1938 and 1951, only 7,000 new resident places were provided. It is cold comfort, but we should not come to college if there were only a hostel and a refectory.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Mines night is approaching and many people will buy tickets for the play on that night, hoping and expecting to be amused by clever "audience participation". If recent form is any guide they are going to be sadly disappointed. The standard of the humour on this traditional occasion has dropped to the point where ill-mannered noise and assault of the cast are considered amusing.

At the last "Mines Night" a reasonably good play was ruined. If the miners did have anything witty to add to the play it was lost in the general uproar. I do not believe that the miners are solely to blame for the decline. Much of the noise that now offends does not originate from them, but from other unruly elements in the audience.

I appeal to the mines night audience from all colleges. This is a Mines night. Let them deal with the play if they wish to, and Miners, if you have nothing witty to contribute then remain silent. If you have some real humour then speak up and let everyone hear it.

Yours etc., P.G. HOLT.  
R.C.S.



# WHERE TO EAT AROUND I.C.

\*\*\*The Prince of Wales. Church Street. (at junction with Kensington High St.)

## Private bar only

Table d'hôte approx. 4/6, served 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. A very good but expensive meal, eaten in a tastefully furnished lounge. Seldom crowded. Service is ultra-slick (keep an eye on your plate). A Trumans House. Recommended for important occasions.

\*\*\*The Salamis Restaurant. Fulham Road. (Twopence pence on 14 or 96 bus from S. Ken tube, get off at the Forum).

Table d'hôte 2/3 and 5/6; also a la carte.

The Salamis is one of the rare restaurants where a wide range of appetising dishes is supplied at a low price. In consequence it is usually crowded, especially after 1.00 p.m. Continental staff, good food, service surprisingly rapid. The same menu is available from 11.30 a.m. until late in the evening. Recommended for post-grads and the Cross-Country Club.

\*\*Civic Restaurant. Southwell Gardens. (off Gloucester Road, north of Cromwell Road).

Lunch between 12.00 and 2.00 p.m.

About seven minutes walk from I.C., this is a place worth visiting now and then. The queue for self-service is short, and a good substantial dollop of food, with several alternatives, costs about two shillings.

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(\* Editors Note :- We don't understand this either. S.H.W.)

## MUSIC NOTES

From Our Music Correspondent

The past fortnight has seen such a varied and interesting number of events that it is only possible to report each one in a limited manner.

Taken in chronological order the first item was the Inter-College Society concert given on Tuesday the 26th, in the R.C.M. concert hall. The music varied from Mozart to Delius and Sibelius, and a very enjoyable evening was had by those present, not because of heights of perfection reached in the performances, but rather, because of the enthusiasm of the performers, which gave each work life. The audience was adequate, but not nearly enough support was given by any of the constituent colleges. Were it not for the presence of, I presume, parents and staff, the hall would have been half empty.

The Thursday concert on the 28th was given by Eric Greene, accompanied by Michael Mullinar. A song cycle written in gypsy vein by Dvorak started the show, but the main event was the performance of a new group of songs by Bernard Stevens, the composer being present. In these the harmonic vocabulary was perhaps rather limited, but nevertheless, the spirit of the poetry was well caught and we can hope for great things from Mr. Stevens.

Sir Stewart Wilson was the guest of the Musical Society on the following day, when he gave a talk on Opera in England. In this he laid stress on the practical difficulties of production and finance.

Thursday the 6th saw the 50th Thursday Concert and to mark it a concert performance of Acts I and II of the Marriage of Figaro was given. The attendance was of the order "House Full" and before the music, Mr. Toombs was presented with some books in recognition of his work in inaugurating and organising the concerts. The real business of the meeting provided 1/4 of an hour of pure delight. There was neither scenery nor costumes, but by the deft touches of musical and facial expression the singers took us right out of the 20th century and Guilds Board room into the time of Da Ponte's sparkling story of court intrigue. Well done everybody! More please!

## BACCHANALIAN CAPRICE

'O for a beaker full of the warm South' (Keats)

A greenfly stirring in a glass  
A hippopotamus did pass  
Full clad in naked garments blue  
-A sight remarkable, 'tis true.  
This quadruped, a slimy thing,  
Had half a Sapphire on its wing:  
And for a nose it had, I think,  
A Bessel function, growing pink.

The vapour pressure from this beast  
Could not affect one in the least,  
But made the Mild seem quaintly strong  
And short ones, Mercy, rather long.

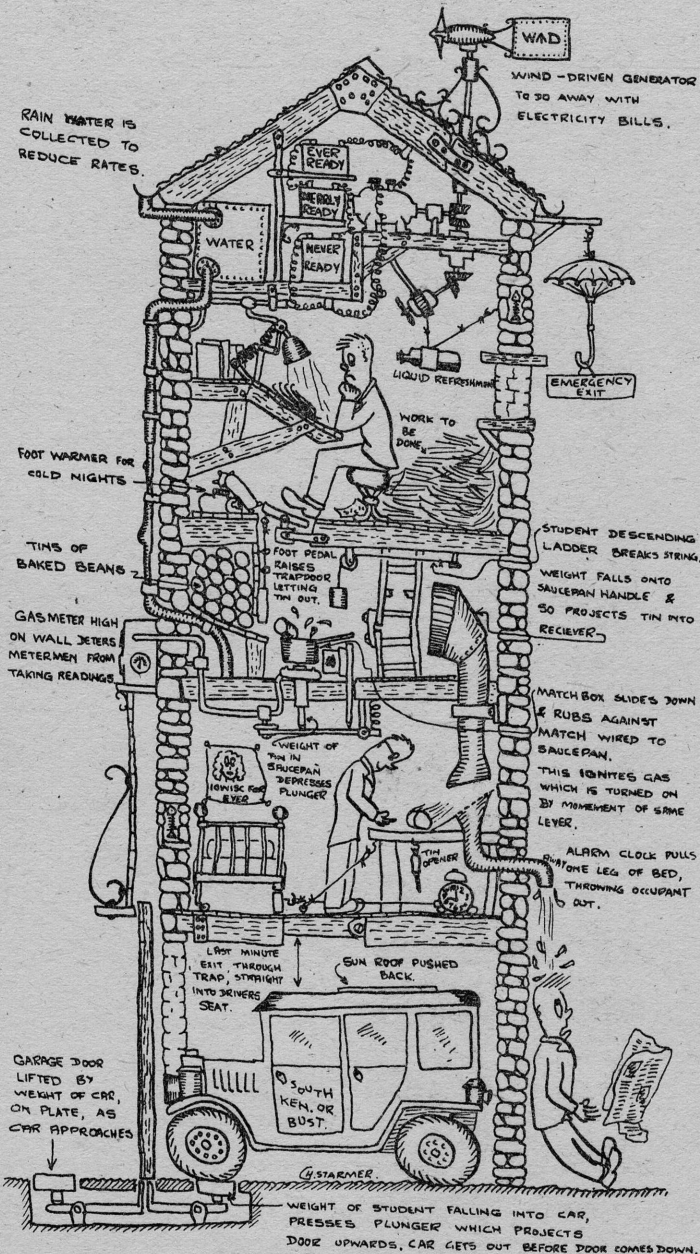
Such strange forms come from near and  
Diverted to the I.C. Bar. far.

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...A.de G.F.-Shaw.

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## AMATEUR DRAMATICS

From our Dram Correspondent.

Amateur dramatics can be the subject of considerable controversy. The opinions it raises vary from downright condemnation to moronic effusion. To a certain extent both viewpoints are understandable; a well produced, well acted amateur play can equal or even surpass many repertory theatre productions, while on the other hand some amateur plays can invoke only feelings of nausea.

How should an amateur production be judged? All too often established theatrical standards are ignored, and a downright bad production tolerated on the grounds - "well, they are only amateurs." I cannot condone this view at all. If a play is to receive a public performance it should be fit to be judged on its achievements.

Admittedly, the back stage equipment of the gym is rather less adequate than that of Drury Lane, and one cannot expect to find Oliviers in the Engineering Department, or Margaret Lockwoods taking Zoology: allowances should be made, but not excuses. The person who misses his cues, or forgets his part is not only a liability to the cast, but an insult to the audience.

The forthcoming production of "Thunder Rock" should prove to be of considerable interest. It is not an easy play to put on, and the Dramatic Society will have no little difficulty in maintaining its present reputation.



# SPORTING TROPHIES

Mention of Union Trophies brings to mind one of two thoughts. The Adonis of the playing fields thinks of the silver cups and shields displayed in the trophy cases; the rag-commando thinks of the Spanner and the Drum or some relic of the Science Exhibition. There exist in I.C. a group of trophies which fall into neither of these categories and which, in a way, are of greater worth than either. They are the international trophies presented to the sporting clubs of the college by their overseas counterparts.

In 1948 a party of Scandinavian students working in this country under the I.C. vacation work scheme presented the beautifully carved viking ship which is displayed in the bar. The blue and white china vase which rests inside it bears on its base the inscription "To the rugby team of Imperial College from Delft S.R.C., January 1948". In the same year the I.C. Rugger Club visited Delft and left behind a tankard which is now used by the President of the Delft Students Rugby Club during his year of office. The coloured tiles mounted on the bar wall behind the viking ship were also brought over by the Delft students.

Last year the I.C. Athletic Club visited Denmark and brought back the figure of Discobalus surmounted by the Danish flag which is now displayed in the trophy case in the Old Lounge. It was presented at an international event in which the I.C. team represented England.

During the last Christmas vac. the Delft R.F.C. again visited us and presented the tin ash tray which resided on the trophy shelf in the bar and which exhibits the "tin-ory" beloved of all metallurgists. The much publicised game between I.C. and the Thai Rugby Union touring side was followed by a dinner at which a pennant bearing the arms of the Thai Rugby Union was presented to I.C. This is now displayed in the trophy case in the Old Lounge.

For a few hours on Thursday last the case was emptied of its sporting relics and held the wreath sent by Imperial College and the combined constituent colleges to Windsor for the funeral of the late King George VI.

Although members of I.C.W.A. get no opportunity to see the trophies in the bar, a word in the ear of any of the men folk will doubtless bring those trophies from their place of honour to be admired by all concerned. Such trophies are of great value to the college. They not only revive memories, but they also remain as evidence of the strong international ties which bind I.C. with the continent, and which enhance our name in so many towns and cities overseas.

## POL. SOC. P.P.

From Our Political Society Correspondent

Students at I.C. have an opportunity of hearing, learning and questioning the policy of each of the three political parties, but due to the usual I.C. apathy do not appear to take it. The three groups of the Political Society, Conservative under H. Grigg, Liberal under K. Maron, Socialist under S. Ruheman, exist for this purpose, but the actual attendance of each group is too disheartening to set down in FELIX. Sufficient to say that even on paper the total membership of the Political Society is less than 50, of which not 20 are active.

The Socialist group, the largest, is the most active, having during the term held several lunch-hour discussions. The subjects included the proposed "Education Cuts." A lecture on "Soviet Slave Labour" was given by C. A. Smith. Both S.L.F. and N.A.L.S.O. want the group to join them and this matter is being discussed. Future plans include a speech on "The British Youth Peace Festival", talks by various M.P.'s, and regular lunch-hour discussions.

The Conservatives hold regular lunch-hour discussions and plan to hold them in the future. No outside speaker can be asked to address the group as at present there is insufficient support.

The Liberal group is the smallest and although not yet dead is almost so. At present only discussions and talks with other College Liberal Societies are held.

It is to be hoped that the future will bring new members and greater activity to all three groups.

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# COMING EVENTS

## SOCIAL.

FRIDAY, MAR. 14TH. R.S.M. Carnival 'The Naughty Nineties'. U.L.U. Carnival Ball in aid of the Jamaica Relief Fund.

I.C. General Open Lecture, Main Maths lecture theatre, 4.15 p.m. 'Science and Architecture' Dr. A.W. Skempton, D.Sc.

I.C. Jazz Club. Talk by Mr. C. Warren on Bunk Johnson. Lecture theatre, V. and A. Museum, 4.45 p.m. Lecture by Alec Robertson of the B.B.C. Music Department on "17th Century Music".

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH. I.C.U. Entertainments Ctte Hop, 8.00 - 11.00 p.m. Tickets from Union Office Annexe today.

## TOUCHSTONE

A discussion party will be held at Silwood

Park on 16-17th. March, the subject being

'Literature and Life, an approach to critical standards.'

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH. 1.30 p.m. Lunch-hour concert will be held in the Gym.

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH. I.C. Dramatic Society Easter production "Thunder Rock" by Robert Ardrey. I.C. Union 7.30 p.m. Mar 17 to 20.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH. R.C.S. Math. and Phys. Soc. Lecture "Queues" by Mr. D.G. Kendall, Astrophysics Lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m. Chairman: K.D. Tocher.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH. I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch-Hour recital, 1.15 p.m. Beethoven septet, played by members of I.C. Orchestra.

End of Spring Term.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST. Lecture theatre, V. and A. Museum, 4.45 p.m. Lecture by Alec Robertson of the B.B.C. Music Department on "17th Century Music".

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND. V. and A. Museum, 6.15 p.m. Lecture by F. Sherwood-Taylor, Ph.D. on the "Illustration of Science". Admission free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH. Theatre party - Joint meeting of Soc. di Gabinettologia and Beaver Club, visit to Granville Festival of One-Act Plays.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND. Commencement of Summer term.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH. I.C. General Open Lecture, Main Maths. Lecture theatre, 4.15 p.m. 'Scientific Writing and Reporting - (i) Scientific writings from Bacon to Jeans' lecture by Prof. H. Levy, D.Sc.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH. I.C. Entertainments Ctte Hop, 8.00 - 11.00 p.m. Tickets from Union Office Annexe in Lunch-hour on April 24 and 25.

## ATHLETIC.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH. I.C. Y.H.A. Working Party Crockham Hill, March 14 - 16. Full details in I.C.U.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH. I.C.R.F.C. 1st XV v U.C. (home), I.C.C.C.C. I v Bristol v Darnley A/C (away).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH. I.C.A.F.C. 1st XI v Borough Road (home).

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND. I.C. Boat Club. 'Head of River' Mortlake - Putney race. I.C. are entering eight crews, trials for which will take place on the morning of March 15th.

I.C. Gliding Club Easter Camp, March 22 - 30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH. A Boat race, between the best boats of the two Provincial Universities, will take place from Putney to Mortlake, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

Articles for the summer Phoenix should reach the Editor before April 14th. Prospective contributors are asked to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Open to all members of I. C. Union.

Last date of entry:-

28th April.

**ANNUAL EXHIBITION**  
May 6, 7, 8th.

12-2p.m.  
4.30-6.30p.m.

Sections include:-

Pictorial, Portraiture, Colour, Technical & Record, & College Activities.





## ROWING

The Head of the River Race over the Boat Race course in the reverse direction, i.e. from Mortlake to Putney, owes its origin to Steve Fairbairn, who instituted the race in 1926. Of this race he was to write that it would "do more for rowing than anything has done yet." By 1930, eighty crews were racing and this number has steadily increased, until to-day over 200 crews are involved, some in "best" boats and the others in Clinkers.

London R.C. were winners of the first race in 1926 and apart from sharing the Headships with Thames R.C. the following year, remained unsurpassed for ten years. Until the war, with the possible exception of the Cambridge University (Goldie) B.C. in 1938, no college crew had ever rowed Head although the two Cambridge Colleges, Jesus and Pembroke, had both come near doing so. That honour was reserved for the I.C.B.C. who went Head in 1946, beating Jesus, who reversed the position on the following year and were to win again in 1951.

The I.C.B.C. has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Race, entering some 8 to 10 crews each year (a record beaten only by Thames R.C.). For many years both 1st and 2nd VIII's were in the First Division and on one memorable occasion, the 3rd and 4th eights as well. In 1950, however, the 1st VIII could only finish 29th, which position was again occupied last year. It is to be hoped that they will be at least ten places higher in 1952.

This year, the race will be rowed on Saturday, 22nd March, and the first eight crews of the I.C.B.C. will be rowing the 4½ miles. The 1st VIII starting in the lowly position of 29, aim to finish much higher. If they row at their best, they may well do this, for having rowed some 400 miles during the term they should not be lacking in either fitness or hard work. They tend to be slow with their hands at the finish, which leads to unsteadiness in the sliding forward and a snatch at the beginning. Having seen the film of themselves taken on the return trip from Staines, these faults may well be more easily eradicated now that each man knows what he looks like.

Should the 1st VIII do well, not a little of the credit will be due to the fine spirit of the second VIII, who have never stinted themselves in their efforts to make the First boat go faster. They may not be fast enough to reach the First Division, but it will not be for want of trying.

Of the lower boats, all that need be said is that they are engaged in their own private battles, whether it be the 3rd VIII fighting to go from 68 to 58, or the 8th VIII from 205 to 195. Good luck to them all!

## CIRCUMFERENCE

CAPTAIN OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE BOAT CLUB -  
P. D. R. MALTBY

Though the office of Captain of the Boat Club is much sought after, it is by no means an easy position to hold. Oarsmen are not the most quick witted and precise of mortals, and the weekly job of arranging 100-120 of them into some ten or so eights is a time consuming and unenviable task. These ten eights have to be put into suitable boats; coaches must be found for each crew; times of outings must be arranged; vacancies have to be filled and substitutes conjured from nowhere at the last minute without undue disturbance of the lower crews. The coaches he appoints are his official advisers, but he is also surrounded by numerous well-meaning or near hostile critics who are prepared to shower him with unsolicited advice on all and every occasion.

The man who has to sit at this thorny thwart this year is Peter (Paul) Maltby, a student of mining, who is only in his second year at I.C. Though young in years, he is wise and knowledgeable in rowing matters, having learnt his rowing at Bedford School and possessing two uncles who were very closely connected with the successes of Pembroke College, Cambridge and the London R.C. in their "great days" of the late twenties and thirties. With this accumulation of rowing experience, knowledge of crews and clubs, of coaches and styles, of oarsmen and arguments, the I.C.B.C. may regard themselves lucky indeed to have their destinies in such capable hands. He combines this rowing background with an unassuming and modest disposition.

Knowing his hopes and fears for the result of the Head of the River, the hard work, thought and worry that have gone into making the 1st VIII go well, let us just say "Good luck. Have a good row, Peter."

## SOCCER

TECHNOLOGY CUP FINAL. R.C.S. 3 G. & G. 1.

R.C.S., having beaten Mines 6-0 in the previous match, qualified to play G. & G. in the final of the Technology Cup on Wed, 5th March. The ground conditions were perfect for football, but there was a slight breeze blowing down the pitch. Guilds kicked off into the wind and there were some early raids on both goals. R.C.S. soon settled down to some good football and it was obvious that they were out to avenge their defeat by Guilds early in the season. The Guilds goal was under great pressure at this time. In one of the many raids Stone broke through and gave the goalkeeper no chance with a powerful left-foot shot. Guilds fought back but were soon two in arrears. Pinsent shooting a very nice goal. Shortly afterwards two Guildsmen were involved in a collision and one had to leave the field to have stitches inserted in a cut above his eye. The remaining Guildsmen fought on gamely and there was no change in the score when the whistle blew for half-time.

The second half resolved itself into a ding-dong battle, both teams having their spasms of attack and defence. The Guilds were next to score, a high lob by R. Wheeler deceiving the goalkeeper. Guilds continued to press for an equaliser and R. Wheeler hit the cross-bar with a long range drive. The issue was settled when Wardle ran onto a cross from the right and gave the goalkeeper no chance from close range. The final whistle went soon after and R.C.S. had won the Cup for the third successive year.

Credit for the victory does not go to any one man - R.C.S. played as a team - but mention must be made of the captain, Buckrayd, who set a fine example to his team, and Clenshaw, who was the star of the forward line.

## BOXING

I.C. BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Boxing Championships were again a success, but the lack of support from Guilds rather spoiled the event as an inter-college competition. R.S.M. with a combination of enthusiasm and skill won the trophy.

RESULT: R.S.M. 40. R.C.S. 21. G. & G. 5.

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT. G. GALES (R.C.S.) certainly wasted no time against J. SHARPLEY (R.S.M.) winning by a knockout within the first minute.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT. F. CARR (R.S.M.) was almost caught napping by 'haymakers' from the tough, unorthodox D. POMISON (R.S.M.) early in the fight, but survived to eventually turn the fight in his own favour with an excellent but underworked straight left.

WELTERWEIGHT. One of the most punishing bouts seen at I.C. for some time was that between J. DAVIES (G. & G.) and B. FENOULET (R.S.M.). A strong finish by the experienced Guildsman enabled him to snatch a close points decision from the exceptionally game Miner.

HEAVYWEIGHT. The contest between J. LACEY (R.S.M.) and P. KIDDLE (R.S.M.) provided the audience with some amusement. LACEY won a slow moving fight on points.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT. A rousing display by R. FORSCHER (R.S.M.) and R. APPELBY (R.S.M.) provided an exciting finish to the evening's boxing. FORSCHER gained a narrow points verdict.

The Rector presented the Inter-College Cup to P. KESWORTH (Captain, R.S.M.) and the tankard for the winner of the best fight to R. FORSCHER.

## FENCING

I.C. v Cambridge Outthroats - away. Drawn 13-13.

On Saturday March 1st, I.C. succeeded in drawing the match against the Cambridge 2nd team on the last hit of the last fight.

Owing to delays in the arrival of various members of the Cambridge team the match was fought in the order of Epee, Sabre, Foil, instead of the usual Foil, Epee, Sabre. (It should be explained that the Foil and Sabre styles require considerable activity and it is generally the custom to separate them by the comparatively restful Epee.) I.C. were slow in getting their eye in and were soundly defeated in the Epee 6-2 (there being one double loss). The Sabre was won 5-4, but in spite of this the chances of making up any lost ground in the Foil seemed remote.

The Outthroats had a varied and somewhat unconventional foil side - Lemante, fighting with an Italian foil and Italian style - Macklup, energetic and Polish - Pheinstor, more conventional but a stonewaller. Lemante, whose age and experience were shown by his perfectly timed stop thrusts, defeated all the I.C. team. Macklup, although persistent in attack, was inaccurate. Pheinstor stonewalling was eventually overcome by Ainsley by use of the one-two - by Toplis by the cut-over - and by Bristowe by sheer hard work. The Foil was won 6-3, resulting in a draw of 13 all. A count of hits revealed that this was also a draw of 46 all.