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DR COMPTON'S CHALLENGE

AN EXCELLENT SPEECH BY THE SPECIAL VISITOR

The Commemoration Celebrations Started with the procession from Prince Consort Road to the University Examination Halls, and this year once again the weather restrained itself to keep our paint and powder dry. After a regrettable delay in seating the large number of staff, the Rector opened the proceedings by inviting the Special Visitor, Dr. Karl Compton, and Mrs. Compton, to join the platform party.

Though it may be doubted whether I.C. have yet mastered the solemnity of their newly created Commemoration, Dr. Compton's clear and rich voice made his challenging speech properly the climax of the ceremony. An account of his address is given below. This was preceded by the presentation of the newly elected Associates, Diplomates, Masters, Doctors, and Honorary Fellows.

Dr. Compton and Sir Frederick Handley Page were among those who were presented with their scrolls of Honorary Fellowship of the College. The ceremony was attended by many important guests, including the American Ambassador and the Principal of London University.



COMMEMORATION The Student Orator, Brian Walker, reads the Proclamation of Celebration



The Rector, Mrs. Compton, Dr. Compton, Viscount Falmouth, and the American Ambassador

The Special Visitor at this year's Commemoration Day was Dr. Karl T. Compton, Chairman of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address was on "The Growth of Higher Technological Education in the Twentieth Century and the Benefits of International Links in this Field".

After thanking the Governors for the award of his Honorary Fellowship, Dr. Compton went on to say that he was proud of the association between the two great institutions of M.I.T. and Imperial College. Many personal friendships had grown up and there had been a rapid interchange of new ideas. Dr. Compton enumerated the people from this country, some from this college, who were now working at the Institute, and pointed out that much of the inspiration and guidance for the establishment of M.I.T. in 1860, came from Kensington.

In discussing the growth of technological education in the 20th century Dr. Compton had time to consider only one aspect, that revealed by a remark of Sir Richard Southwell that Industrial Structure must determine the structure of engineering education. Since the heginning of the 20th Century there had been tremendous advances in automobile, aeronautical, chemical and electronic engineering which had been accompanied by corresponding changes in the teaching of engineering and applied science. It must be realised that it is not sufficient for education to follow industry, it must also anticipate the future requirements by wisely interpreting the trends and foreseeing the needs. This means education for research and development, for

COMMEMORATION BALL

Most of the FELIX staff who could afford a ticket enjoyed the Ball too thoroughly to record any clear impressions for their less fortunate fellows. Though we were announced in sonorous tones and received by Presidents, the true T.C. grain broke through the Park Lane veneer, even to the extent of a Boomalaka at the end.

We have a vague recollection of a 21st birthday starting at Midnight, of eminent U.L. Hockey and Rugger gentlemen doing the Latin dances with gusto, of soft lights, and, softer and brighter, eyes. Carousing went on in the Union in the early hours, while cold water and coffee were in demand.

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management of technical enterprises and for co-ordination of various areas of applied science,

ordination of various areas of applied science, all this in addition to the more generally recognised task of training specialised designers and operators. This poses a difficult problem in the organisation of the programmes of the engineering schools, which is continually with us as new requirements and opportunities arise.

Dr. Compton concluded, "but one lesson I think stands out from the logic of our experience, our aim should be at the present and the future, not at the past; for in the field of science the future comes quickly upon us".

After the address Dr. Compton presented to the chairman and Rector of I.C. the official greetings of the M.I.T. in the form of a leather-bound manuscript.

PROFILE

In the year of grace one thousan nine hundred and twenty six at two oclock in the dark and stormy morning of December 20th, there appeared on the face of the earth one large moustache hotly pursued by Derek Riley Crossley, alias 'Tash', alias 'Moostash', alias 'The Tank', alias 'Farook', or alias just plain Derek. In those days he was often referred to by his loving relatives as " a sweet little thing" - but, alas, the ravages of time have played their part and now enough!

At the early age of four Derek began to learn French before he knew the alphabet (no mean task for even the most advanced child!)

In 1934 he went to Bishop Stortford College where he stayed until he was eighteen, during which time he became head of the school and captain of the school's rugby, hockey and swimming teams.

After a short course at Glasgow University he was commissioned in the navy, operating on minesweepers, until he was demobbed in the early part of 1948. Then for one and a half years he pursued a diverse series of jobs. He obtained H.S.C. in six months at a cram school, then after helping to build Charringtons' brewery in Mile End Road he became an engineering apprenticed in Bristol. It was during the course of the latter that he added a beard to his then already famous moustache.

In October 1949 he entered through the illustrious portals of I.C. to read mechanical engineering at the City and Guilds, (it was at this time that he shaved

DEREK CROSSLEY



off his beard). Throughout his career at I.C. Derek has attained many prominent positions. In 1951 he was Vice-president of Guilds, he has served on I.C. Council for three years and been the I.C. representative on U.L.U. for two years. Last year he was secretary of U.L.A.U. and at present is captain of U.L.A.U. and at present is captain of U.L.R.F.C., Hon. Secretary of the Links Club and Guilds representative on the Old Centralians Committee.

He is a very keen sailor and swimmer and to his intimate friends he is characterized mainly by the following: his moustache, his ability to sink a pint, and, lastly, by Kate II.

The point that needs clarifying is Kate II. She can be seen most days outside the Union, sometimes dressed in an old tarpaulin but at othertimes she is quite exposed. She is in fact his eighth wonder of the world, namely Derek's much treasured 1926 Morris Cowley. He acquired her in 1950, since which time they have travelled to many wide and varied parts of Europe, including Switzerland in 1951 and Scotland last summer. Whilst north of the Border, Derek was engaged in turnelling on the Glen Quoick hydroelectric scheme. Asked what he thought of mining, he replied "it's merely a side branch of mechanical engineering". However, it is interesting to note that at one particularly drunken party his moustache was actually cut for the first time in its life (I am not at liberty to disclose the burial place of the offender!).

Photograph by P.K.N.Ward

UNION COUNCIL MEETS

The new Union Council met last week for the first time this year, and finished its business in an hour and a quarter.

The meeting first elected C.R. Morris to be the Chairman of the I.C. Entertainments Committee — in the place of S.A. Scott, who is now in the army, and the remaining time was largely spent in swift dealings with routine affairs. Reports of the Executive and the Cverseas Students' Committees, and of preparations for the Commemoration Ball vere received, but there were none from the Vacation Works, Refectory, Bookstall, and the other many committees that had not then met.

There was a discussion on the importance of standard blazers of colours being sold only to members of the Union, and the meeting ended by deciding to add one further particular publication to the magazines in the Union Lounge.

TOUCHSTONE

Touchstone

The first Touchstone weekend this year soon worked up its subject "The Press" into a full-blooded excursion through world politics, and then down to a resignation to the misérable ignorance of all the British race except those represented at Silwood.

The students opening the discussion proposed that the Press fed public opinion with the material it expected - or deserved. The Special Speaker, Mr. James, Editor of The Times Educational Supplement, first blunted their narrow indictment, and then conducted the discussion with great dexterity as the company in general put forward their herrorfications of the Popular Press.

The poor coverage given to this year's Commemoration address was discussed as a case in the argument that even the best Editors seem to need an atom bomb to burst before they realize the trends of Science.

Mr. James challenged I.C. to produce a satirical pamphlet on the presentation of Popular Science in newspapers.

It was felt that ethical standards in journalism might be the first improvement - with a care lest the readers got wind of it - and that this by the infusion of more University-trained staff would be the best attack. The ownership of papers was not considered as bad as it appeared, and the Press Council and other such controls thought impractical.

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This new hair-do has been specially designed for us by the college barber, Fernando. He entitles his new creation "The Bold Look" or "I've seen a ghost". To heighten the effect of this hair-do, a little mascara and eye shadow should be applied behind the ears.

A POLITICAL (TEA) PARTY

Professor Levy again displayed his amazing powers of eloquance in an extremely objective telk on the subject of Current Affairs at the Annual Freshers Ten of the Literary, Debating and Political Societies given on Monday, 20th October, at 5.15 p.m. The sceptical laughs, which arose whenever "Russia" or the "Red Dean" were mentioned, were skilfully employed by the Professor to illustrate the use of emotionally charged language and prepared backgrounds to introduce bias into factual statements. He went on to show that the record of the United Nations Forces in Korea was by no means as clear as the Press would have us believe. Although the provocative nature of Professor Levy's address evoked no violent reactions this year, there is no doubt that the majority of his audience departed somewhat less complacent than they arrived.

Earlier in the evening the Society's activities were outlined by Mr. Neil Blackmore, who chaired the meeting and spoke on behalf of the Literary and Debating Societies. Mr. Steve Ruhemann, the Chairman of the Political Societies, appealed for a wider College interest in Politics and introduced speakers representing Conservative, Liberal and Socialist opinion. It is to be hoped that Freshers will respond to the appeal for support since, as was evidenced by the duplication of the committees, the same small overworked band has

for support since, as was evidenced by the duplication of the committees, the same small overworked band has organized both the Societies in the recent past, and a transfusion of new blood is not only necessary but long overdue.

ANOTHER ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

The 'Illustrated' of October 11th gave a big splash, including front page picture, to the story of yet another accident to an ex-I.C. explorer. The unfortunate man in this case was alec Trendall (R.C.S. 1946 to 1949), geologist to an expedition to South Georgia in the Antarctic. At the end of December 1951 he fell 200 feet down a crevasse in the ice-cap and although he was rescued, his leg injuries coused him to be sent back to this country for hospital treatment. The operation was successful and we were very pleased to see him during a brief visit he made to the Union at the end of the Summer Term.



FELIX



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

ACTING MANAGING EDITOR:

S.H. WEARNE

The response to our advertisements in the last Falix for help brought us in all but a few of the staff we need. There are still helf a dozen vecancies, minly on the writing side, and we have yet to choose an Editor and a sports Editor.

From some people we have been talking with, we gether that joining FELIX has gained the reputation of demanding a great deal of time. Though this has been true when, as at the beginning of term, the Board has allowed itself to fall to a small band of experts, each doing three jobs at once, it need not be so. In the past year the mechanics of the paper have settled down and the work has been divided between the Froduction Board and the Editorial staff.

Apart from these, FELIX needs correspondents to report on specific clubs and activities. These can join the Editorial Board-if successful-or maintain an independent special correspondence, as they wish. In the last fortnight we have missed several important functions because none of the six of us was able to attend them.

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We also depend upon our readers to maintain a lively correspondence on our letters page. From time to time we publish an individuals' "View point". We expect replies to some. A correspondent today has taken up a Viewpoint on the effect of the General Studies' timetable on the Union. This is now open to discussion. discussion.

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FILLX letter page is open to any college subject except sex; but even that if there is nothing else, and if it is done with novel subtlety.

It may be said that we of FELIX have taken unfair advantage of our circulation to recruit our staff: Theonix, for instance, the Union termly magazine, is equally desperate. But it has also been said that FELIX is a large force in holding the college together, and whether this is fully true or not, we are the best publicity agency - by report and direct advortisement in the place. Now our future is more certain; we can do our duty by reporting on the state of the Union week by week. There is a Union General Meeting today; attend it and argue about the things that are your life for three years. Afterwards, if your subject is not reised, or your courage not tuned, continue the free-for-all in FELIX. Whether your particular interests at Gollege are on the edge of extinction or distinction, write us an article, and pour out your heart about it.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - A CORRECTION

In our survey "The Term In General" in the last FELIX, it was mentioned in error that the R.C.S. will be running the Christmas Carnival this year. It will in fact be the turn of the GUILDS and the date is Friday, 19th December.

Viewpoint:

THE DEATH OF STUDENT SOCIETIES

The Lunchtime Lectures are a vast success; the critics are confounded, the cautious converted and the faithful triumphant. The programme and the lecturers are superlative and the lectures crammed to capacity - and observe, it takes 400 men to crem the large physics Theatre. We are on to a good thing, and what we have

But the balance of nature has been disturbed. out the balence of nature has been disturbed. A constraint has been applied to the pattern of our habits and by a sort of social le Chatelier's Principle our habits must change to remove the constraint. Two extramural lectures or concerts per week are pretty close to enough for anyone and Tuesdays and Thursdays are long days anyway; half past five is too late for toa, and

mural lectures or concerts per week are pretty close to enough for anyone and Tuesdays and Thursdays are long days anyway; helf past five is too late for toa, and a talk without toa is intolerable. So home to supper and a deep arm chair!

Sir, the blood that enlivens the lunchtime lectures is drained from the veins of the Student Societies and we diagnose a decline that may end in death unless a transfusion be quickly forthcoming.

The Athletic Clubs are unlikely to suffer. Their members are loyal and their field is different. But the Social Societies - the Literary, Debating, Philosophical, and Political - and the Learned Societies - Physical, Chemical, and Engineering - student bodies such as these may look to their wounds. The Bridge and Chess Clubs are not so much societies as institutions for the afflicted; they alone, and the Music Society, of course, can watch with complacence the trend of events. Would the Social Societies be missed if the Lunchtime Lectures do so much better than they, most of the things they exist to promote? They would not. But Sir, an active hour of debate or discussion or dramatisation is worth a passive week on a bench in a lecture Theatre. The decline of a student society is a very grave ill, touching the root of the Union.

But, we have said, what we have we should hold, and the lunchtime Lectures have already grown far too precious to lose. Very well, what remedy do we suggest? Not to move the Societies' activities to Monday and Friday. It will be tried, of course, but we prophesy failure. The week-end beckons on Friday evening and broods notoriously over Monday. (The attendences at Lit. and Deb. Soc. Meetings on Mondays during the Session 1949-50 averaged a little less than half those held on Tuesdays or Thursdays) while Wednesdays are sacred to field and river.

We suggest that the lunchtime lectures be moved to Honday and Friday and that Tuesday and Thursday be left to the Societies. They will have competition enough as it is, without stealing their pitch and abducting their

Give the new scheme time to settle down before proposing desperate remedies for as yet dimly discernable ills, you say? Sir, in three months' time there will be interests vested in the status quo that the Vice-Chancellor himself in all his robes would hardly budge. It may well be we are already too late!

MARTIN SCRIBLERUS

FELIX congratulates:-

P.A.Lemin (Third Year Org. Chem.) on his marriage to Miss Brenda Middleton in August last.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir.

Imperial ECHOES

I wonder if this new session, and the fresh blocd it brings, will awaken the College spirit which we so conspicuously lacked last year?

I don't think so - at least not without radical changes somewhere, and I think I know where.

Imperial College is one College in name only; an R.C.S. man never knows whether to buy a Guildsman a drink or de-bag him.

So let's reduce the three colleges to academic bodies dishing out the A.R.C.S.,
A.R.S.M. and A.C.G.I. Let's do away with Morphy Day (ask any R.C.S. man about this), 3 sets of ties and scarves, the annual Sports (and reorganize on an interdepartmental basis), and the three separate Unions. In their place we could have one real College and everyone would know where they belonged; the I.C. teams could be trained as single units all the time, and who knows, we may rouse a spark of enthusiasm in that mass of brown baggers at present carried by about ten per cent. of the members.

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Bluev.

The low standard of Mines' Night in recent productions has caused considerable concern not only to members of the Dramatic Society, but also to other discriminating members of the Union.

We feel that the subversive activities of the miners should be confined to plays lending themselves to such treatment.

In drawing the attention of the miners to

In drawing the attention of the miners to the fact that our forthcoming production "The Jealous Wife" by George Colman, is such a play, we hope for their cooperation in our more serious ventures.

ventures.

Discriminating miners may find the play in
"Lesser English Comedies of the 18th Century"
published by Oxford University Press. Remember"However ready be thy wit,
A little forethought sharpens it".

B.V. Latter. President, I.C.D.S

*The quotation is from "Lesser English Poems of the 20th Century" <u>not</u> published by Oxford University Press.

GUILDS FRESHERS' BUFFET

On the evening of Friday October, 17th, the old hands of Guilds, together with the heads or representatives of each of the departments, entertained the Guilds' new boys. Speeches were made by the distinguished guest Mr.J.Rosen, a Deputy Director of Research at the R.N. Science Service. an Old Centralian himself, the Dean of Guilds, and Derek Howe, ex-president of I.C. The reply to the toast of the guests was made by Mr. Goodlet in which he much regretted his education at Cambridge. The free beer was divided up glass by glass, the freshers drinking from refectory glasses and the old hands from pots. Such is democracy. After the proceedings in the Upper Dining Hall were drawn to a close by the chorus, directed by Mr. Allsopp, giving a rousing rendering of the wellknown air on a Boomalaka, the party gravitated to the Bar where many songs were sung. The fresher percentage by this time had dropped to some 5%, but those that remained were indeed very fresh. On the evening of Friday October, 17th.

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The party dispersed at 10.30 p.m. in various conditions to their various abodes with the knowledge that the Guilds year had now truly commenced.

MAXIMILIAN & AND THE ATOM BOMB

Please don't mind, dear freshers, if The college doesn't seem too glad to have you in its midst. The plain fact is that we're all utterly envious of you. That is why Felix, and such like show a rather condescending attitude towards you, and a large tendency to take The Mike out of you.

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But Why should we be envious of you? Because we cannot be freshers again. We cannot have free copies of College and University Handbooks, we cannot have free teas and beer parties in our honour, we don't have club secretaries visiting us and being ever so polite and helpful to us, we don't have free 'hops' laid on for us. But above all, nobody takes a blind bit of notice of us any more (unless we are mistaken for freshers whilst gazing at the notice boards outside the bar and trying to persuade ourselves that it only says "I.C. Railway Society" once on the poster.)

So, freshers, take all our jolly, friendly banter in good part - don't imagine that we despise you quite as much as we do.

By the way, don't take any notice of Felix editorials telling you what to do about clubs, work co-operation and so on. After all if you join too many clubs (more than 4 I should say), you can always slack on those you don't care for. If you brown-bag, you will find plenty of others in your set who do too, so the fact that the rest of the college ostracises you shouldn't worry you too much. And anyway if you are a brown bagger you probably haven't read this at all, so I am wasting my breath, and it all sounds very Irish and ambiguous so I must stop before I begin to make you think that perhaps I am not sincere in all I say.

BURP

p.s. Maximilian didn't really have anything to do with the atom-bomb.

THE FRESHER'S GUIDE: THE ALBERT ETCETERAS

To embody the whole of any branch of culture in a single monument is a remarkable achievement. Let us then adopt a humble additude towards the Albert Memorial, whose noble Gothic-cum-Norman-cum-Roman-cum-Greek appearance is a vivid potpourri of the History of Architecture, priceless

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at £120,000. As Wordsworth said ...

"He smiles not on fair Scienc's humble home
Eut melancholically scans the Dome".

The Dome is one of the wonders of the earth,
housing as it does a famous echo, a musical gas
lamp and a cycle track for spoon-rattling staff,
all of which diversions are provided for no
extra charge in the gallery. With such virtuosity, what could the place be but a concert hall?

The R.A.H. cost £200,000: perhaps this is
why the nation rushed to defend it on 5th November
'49 when our bonfire burned the road by mistake,
and 16 were reported missing, court at last.
This display (see PHOENIX REVIEW '49-50) was
over-shadowed last year when one of our mountaineers went too far. The lamp recovered later
from the summit of the Memorial was a sign of
our spirit, rather surprising to those who
criticise the bar.

Among the Etceteras we should not forget

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Among the Etceteras we should not forget the V.&A. Museum. There, a few yards from us, lie many of the world's treasures. Altarpieces, coffin-tops, teapots find a home there. Dresses, gold statuettes, pictures by Constable, etchings by Blake, watercolours by the neglected English masters, all proclaim our need of beauty, a need which our lectures may sometimes lead us to ignore. Go and have a look.

Watt. A. Wordsworth.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Dramatic Society have now chosen their for Christmas. This is to be "The Jealous play for Christmas. This is to be "The Jealou Wife", an Eighteenth Century Comedy by George Colman. It will be performed from the 15th to the 18th of December.

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The University Dramatic Society's One-Act
Play Festival is being held earlier this year.
Instead of at Easter, the dates are the four nights
from the 19th to the 22nd of November, and three
of four productions will be put on each night by
the various college societies. I.C. are presenting Shaw's piece "The Inca of Jerusalem", probably
on the Saturday, the last night of the Festival.
It is hoped that each evening's plays will be
discussed, for the benefit of audience and cast,
by a critic. The theatre being used is that at
the Institute of Education (near Senate House).
Tickets will be available through the I.C. Representative on L.U.D.S.



It is unfortunate that the series of articles, of which this is the first, should have so small an appeal in I.C., addressed as it is to those who are interested in books. No less than 200 of you were members of the Union Library last year, a tribute to the popularity of reading as a form of entertainment. Henry of you are members of larger libraries, and so have never bothered about the one on your doorstep. If you come to have a look at it youll realise your mistake, since our library contains the highest percentage of readable books in London. This is to be expected. Most of them are chosen from the suggestions book - which is always available - or are the selections of the Library Committee, a group of students who know books, like books and are public spirited enough to man the library and see that it is working. If the books you want arent there its your own fault for not indicating your choice. It is unfortunate that the series of articles, your choice.

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The Union finances the library to the extent of an annual 270 for new books, 25 for periodicals, 25 for rebinding and 220 for equipment, mainly clerical. Other organisations supply us with books notably the Touchstone Grant which gives mainly standard non-fiction works, usually authoritative tomes of limited appeal but valuable in revealing previously unknown facets of knowledge to students who are, if they take their work seriously, unnaturally divorced from all forms of scholarship except their own. The Encyclophedia Brittanica rests on the shelves a catswing from Thurber and Potter, Ibsen and Hemingway. Overcrowding of books - not readers—will shortly become a real problem in a room which is too small, though ideally secluded.

In case it is the seclusion which has been keeping you away, let me record that the least confusing way in is via the door at the E. end of the North side of Imp. Inst. Road, up the stairs and turning right in the Guilds Library at the top. There are good chairs there too. If you cant find a book to satisfy you youre hopeless, unfit for anything but a science degree.

INTERVARSITY CLUB

The activities of the Intervarsity Club, a group founded over six years ago by three Cambridge undergraduates, has been attracting a good deal of attention throughout student circles, particularly in London.

As suggested by their name the I.V.C. is concerned with the organising of activities for students, past and present, who find themselves in London and who would like an opportunity of meeting one another and enjoying themselves at a minimum of expense. Membership to-day stands at over 600 students and former students representing colleges throughout the United Kingdom.

Informal dances are held every Friday throughout the year, and in 1951 the Autumn Ball at Londonderry House was inaugurated. However I.V.C. is not only a dance club. Other activities are arranged in small groups known as sub-clubs. The organisers of these clubs arrange visits to theatres, concerts and the ballet, give instruction in Scottish Country Dancing, conduct rambles in the Home Counties and lead the more hardy spirits to scale the mountains of North Wales. Arrangements can be made for tennis in the summer and squash in the winter months.

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to which all applications for membership should
be sent. Plans are now being made to obtain
larger premises which would function as a social

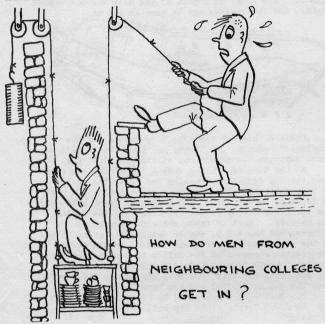
as well as an administrative centre.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE IST

Too crowded: must they issue so many tickets, and in any case, how do men from neighbouring colleges get them, as seems to have happened? ... records unsuitable: we've howled about this before and been sat on a few were too loud, many far too soft, especially during the "Paul Jones" we didn't like the way records were interrupted for trivial platform announcements the boys at the back are to be congratulated on the efficiency with which they blocked all the exits and half the floor... pity the lights stayed bright during the last waltz.

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Our hop is still the best bob's worth in the world, and when the Entertainments Committee repairs its ravaged ranks we'll be there, prancing around as usual, and improvements won't be unnoticed.



The Writing on the Wall By our literary correspondent. George Shaw

An important mural change, of greater moment than the R.C.M. purge, must be recorded in these columns. Some of you, the biologically eligible, may have noticed

it.

From the days of Wells, I.C. has had a certain literary standing among those who know. — Weep then, Readers, for the citadel of our flower of culture has been despoiled in your absence. Many literary lilied have been whitewasied, including the famous 13 x 13 wordsquare which was universally celebrated under its title of "Ambitious? — no, -o-s-i-a-e- Most of us have strained for hours in trying to add to this masterpiece, whose author was promised a D.Litt. on its completion, but who died in France of nausea during vac. work for the Societa de Gabinettologia.

Investigations of the outrage through the usual channels prove unpleasant, but we shall not rest easy until the depths of the matter have been plumbed. The National Trust (Literary Shrines Dept.) has been notified.

notified.

Freshers, for whom the penny may not have dropped, are advised to apply at their convenience, Box 1.c/o

Half this word has been left out. There was much bulk. The rest will be in the next issue. There was too

FORTHCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

I.C. Cross-Country Club v R.N.C., Greenwich (away).

I.C.R.F.C. 1st XV v London Welsh 'A'(Home).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

5.15 p.m. 1.C. Sailing Clublecture on Principles of Sailing. Fuller details on notice board in I.C.W.

I.C. Swimming Club: Swimming and Polo v ".C. (home).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

I.C. Squash Rackets Club v Wye College (Home).

U.L. Hockey Club v Surrey County 'A', Motspur Park, 2.30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

I.C.Y.H.A. Meet: Tanners Hatch and Milford.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

I.C.R.F.C. 1st XV v Saracens Ex 1st (Away),

I.C. Cross-Country Club v Southampton (Home),

U.L.Hockey Club v Blueharts, Motspur Park, 2.30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

5.15 p.m. I.C. Sailing Club lecture on "Seamanship and what it implies" will be given.

I.C. Swimming Club: Swimming and polo v N.E.C.(Home).

WEINESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH.

Morphy Day. I.C.R.F.C. ist XV v R.N.C., Greenwich, (Away).

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST. FELIX No. 40 on sale.

1.15 p.m. I.C.U. General meeting, Gymmasium.
6.00 p.m. U.L.U. Assembly Hall - Radio debate with Guest speakers Jimmy Edwards and Kenneth Horne.
6.30 p.m. R.S.M. Freshers Dinner, Upper Dining Hall. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.
7.30 p.m. U.L.U. Saturday night hop, 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. Roy Somers band, Bar & Buffett 2/-.
8.00 p.m. I.C.U. Entertainments Committee Hop, 1/-, Gym. Tickets from Union office annexe lunch-hour preceding Thursday and Friday.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND.
7.30 p.m. I.C. Film Soc. are showing Pabst's famous drama "Kamenadschaft" and an American documentary "The plow that broke the Plains" in the New Lounge.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.
5.30 p.m. Courtald Institute of Art. First of seven lectures on Renaissance Art will be given. A fee is payable for this set of lectures.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.
(Provisional) Guy Fawkes Hop at Harlington.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.
1.15 p.m. I.C.Mus. Soc. Lunch-hour recital "Music and Poetry - an Elizabethan Anthology", Helen Spalding (I.C.) and others. Council Room, C&G.
FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.
8.00 p.m. U.L.U. Presidents Ball. Admission by ticket obtainable from U.L.U., 30, Woburn Square, W.C.I.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.
5.30 p.m. Stamp Memorial lecture will be given at the Senate House by Prof J.H. Williams (Harvard) on "Economic Stability in the Modern World".
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TP.
MORPHY DAY. Races will commence about 2.30 p.m.
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5.00 p.m. U.C. Eugenics lecture theatre. A lecture in current legal problems will be given by Mr. J. Hurst-field on "Peacetime Espionage and the law."
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.
6.00 p.m. A Foreign policy debate will be held in the U.L.U. Assembly Hall with guest speakers from the House of Commons.
7.00 p.m. The Chem. Eng. Soc. dinner will be held in Ayrton Hall, terminating at 10.30 p.m.
A musical weekend will be held at St. Catherines College, Windsor. Cost approximately 1.15.0d. For fuller details see I.C. Mus. Soc. Notice Board, I.C.U.
7.00 p.m. I.C. Boat Club Dinner, Upper Dining Hall.

GENERAL STUDIES

"Distribution and the Distributor"

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"Atomic Control: The Problem
Stated", By Dr. H.R. Allan,
Editor, Atomic Scientists
News TUE. 4th NOV:

Stated", By Dr. H.R. Allan,
Editor, Atomic Scientists
News.

"Design in Music", By Dr.
Reginald Jacques.

"Problems of specialists working together in Industry",
By Dr. F.J. Wilkins, Executive Director, Northern Group of Factories, Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., (makers of Penicillin) formerly Principal Director of Scientific Research (Defence).

"Atomic Control: Attempts at Solution", By Dr. J.L. Michiels General Secretary, Atomic Scientists' Association.

"Music and Poetry: an Elizabethan Anthology", By Miss Helen Spalding and others.

"The Role of the Accountant in Industrial Life", By Mr. E.H. Davison, Chief Accountant of Courtaulds Ltd.

"Changing Tastes in the Home" (with slides), By Mr. Paul Reilly, Council of Industrial Design.

"English Folk Music", By Dr. THUR. 6th NOV:

TUE. 11th NOV:

Reilly, Council of Industrial
Design.

"English Folk Music", By Dr.
Reginald Jacques.

THUR. 13th NOV: "Why Economics?", By Mr. George
Schwartz, of "The Sunday Times".

"The Problems of a Sculptor", By
Mr. John Skeaping, A.R.A. of
the Royal College of Art.
Concert, in Guilds Council Room.

UNION GENERAL MEETING, 1.15 TODAY IN GYMNASIUM.

Agenda: November 5th, Vacation Work, Election of Entertainments Committee, Union accounts.



ICWA GET TOUGH

The I.C.W.A. Netball season opened last
Friday with a match against a mixed assortment of
males. The pitch had partially recovered from
the overnight rain and the going was good, if
anything rather on the hard side.

The game started eventually after several of
the men had been put in their places by the ladies.
Digit Power was observed to be defending the wrong
goal whilst Bill Robinson, the men's shooter was
informed that he was shooting into his own goal.

I.C.W.A. pressed hard from the start, the
one remaining Twin being prominent - so much so
that several of the men thought that perhaps both
twins were playing (this was the morning BEFORE
Commemoration Ball). Derrick Crossley, the men's
captain did some very useful work, his best trick
being that of hiding the ball behind his moustache
and managing to keep an innocent expression on his
face. Play continued with very few stoppages
(there was no umpire) until at half time the men
were leading 8-5

Upon the resumption of play I.C.W.A. forgot
their manners and "got tough" behaving in a most
unladylike manner. Several of the men's team
were dealt with most severly and all were badly
bruised. The males because of their small
stature were unable to retaliate and had to suffer
in silence. Although all the superior sex were
members of the Rugger Club they are agreed that
this was one of the roughest games they had played.
Play continued fast and furious with both sides
scoring more goals. Mike Holman went over in the
corner for a beautiful try only to be told that
he wasn't playing Rugby. After the match he was
heard to remark that because of the number of
fists flying he thought it must be Rugby.

The match finished - as usual - with the men's
team victorious but unfortunately your reporter
was in such a battered state that he forgot the
score.

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SOCCER

St. Mark and St. John. Sandhurst Military Academy Kings College (University League) Wadham College Oxford Won 4 - 1 Lost 3 - 7 Lost 4 - 6

Dave Clenshaw newly elected captain played his first game of the season on Saturday against Wadham, his inclusion in the forward line improved the attack considerably.

The defence was still unsteady, although the half-backs worked the ball much better than in the former games. Tackling was poor, as well as the head work of the back division.

Goals scored on Saturday last were by Clenshaw, Briscoe, Wheeler and Hodge. Hargreaves replied for Wadham and the Wadham skipper scored from a very disputed spot-kick.



MORPHY DAY

On Wednesday 12th November the annual boat-races between our three constituent colleges for the Morphy and Lowry Cups will be rowed. The Morphy course is one mile 5 furlongs, from Hammersmith Bridge to the University (Boat Race) stone at Putney Bridge, for the eights. The Lowry is a race of one mile for the second eights, and the courses can be seen on the map.



Because this day has also been chosen for the Hospitals' Regatta, the Morphy and Lowry races will be rowed early in the afternoon, starting at 2.30 p.m.

At the time of writing only a few of the six crews have settled down into training and it is too early to forecast results from their performances. On paper it looks as though there will be a good fight between the two heavy Morphy crews, the Mines and the Guilds, the holders. Each of these contains several Hemley colours, but the R.C.S. can be inspired to great things by the very immensity of their task. In the Lowry, the greater resouces of the Guilds of experienced Oars, should, nevertheless be regarded only with respect to the fact that the outsiders have won before now: witness the R.C.S. in 1949 and the Mines last year.

The Boat club Dinner will be held on Friday 14th but the usual Morphy Night Hop will be held on the Wednesday.

I.C.C.C.C.

The cross country club started the season in an atmosphere of gloom on hearing that several old members, among them the president, had either failed or could not run owing to pressure of work. On Freshers day, however, the past performances of the new members made the prospects for the forthcoming season seem much more hopeful. Since then the freshers have proved themselves worthy of their reputations and the club is once again optimistic about their chances in the U.I. Championships. The first match, against Fearl Assurance Company Sports Club in Hyde Park over a 3½ mile course, was won 34-44, I.C. having the first three runners home, D.J. PAIN, W.A. ROBERTSON and T. BAILEY. The winners time being 17 min. 45 secs. The Poly Mob Match was run on Saturday 18th October. There was quite a good turn out from I.C. T. Bailey finished fourth, D.J. Pain fifth and W.A. Robertson eighth or ninth. They were second, third and fourth in the University team.

RUGGER

Exeter College Oxford won 15-0. Osterley draw 3-3 Westminster Hospital lost O-5. K.C.H. lost 8-11 Wasps Vandals lost O-18

Owing to last season's excellent record, a stronger fixture list has now been achieved. This includes a number of Wednesday games against the Hospitals. Although both the match against Westminster Hospital and against Kings College Hospital were lost, the scores show that the club was not badly beaten. It is too early in the season to get any clear idea of how the club will fare later on. At the present stage as many freshers as possible are being given a chance to prove themselves, with a view to picking the strongest side for the cup games. The first round of the University Cup is on Wednesday November 12th when we are drawn against U.C.