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## OH, (SIR) JASPER!

Last Friday Guilds were to have held a Union Meeting to dispose of 2 old cars which had taken up permanent residence in the yard behind Guilds. These derelict vehicles had been forsaken by their owners, due to the probable financial loss resulting from their removal. Guilds Union Committee proposed to sell these valuable scrap-heaps by auction at 1.15 p.m., with resulting good quiet fun for all.

Now the R.C.S. Union had also planned some good fun in secret for the same occasion.

When a Guilds Union meeting is held it is the habit of the President to bring the Spanner to the meeting. On this occasion the Vice-President, brave Jasper Aspinall, was to bring it instead. At 1.13 p.m. he had obtained the spanner and was carrying it across the Guilds Entrance Hall.

Then the R.C.S. struck!

Certain of their number, who accept the hospitality of Guilds Lecture Courses, and were thus unsuspected, pounced on valiant Jasper and persuaded him and the Spanner to accompany them outside.

The Spanner was there taken over by a cyclist 6 ft. 8½ ins. tall, who strangely was another R.C.S. man. This was the first time that the trophy had left Guilds' possession for seventeen years, and naturally they were annoyed.

The giant cyclist was apprehended (minus Spanner), debagged outside the R.C.S. Main Building, and then folded in two so that he could fit into the boot of a car. The car plus Guilds then proceeded to I.C. Union, where the President of R.C.S. was found unattended and pressed to join the party.

Then with two hostages a parley was held in front of the R.C.S., whose doors were barricaded.

The bargain of two animate objects, One President and one debagged, in exchange for one inanimate object, the Spanner, was refused with jeers by the R.C.S. from the shelter of their building.

No other course was left but for the Meeting to adjourn to the Serpentine, so that some form of aquatic entertainment could take place.

The debagged one realising that he was hopelessly outnumbered consented with good grace to break the ice, and sank to 'pant level', 4 ft. for him.

Our reports become a trifle confused at this point, but we know for certain that the President of R.C.S. and the President of Guilds (wearing the Guilds coat) joined the bathing-party in the Serpentine.



## THE DASTARDLY DEED

Afterwards these two gentlemen, honour satisfied, returned in the car for some dry clothes.

The debagged one, whose legs now seemed longer than ever, was made to lead the general procession back to College, which he took in continued good part.

A Black Maria greeted the return down Exhibition Road with amazement; and probably as a result of natural curiosity four large policemen followed the procession towards the Guilds' Entrance.

The Guildsmen by now regarded the debagged one with affection as being a prized relic, so he was rushed into the Mines to save the Police from embarrassment.

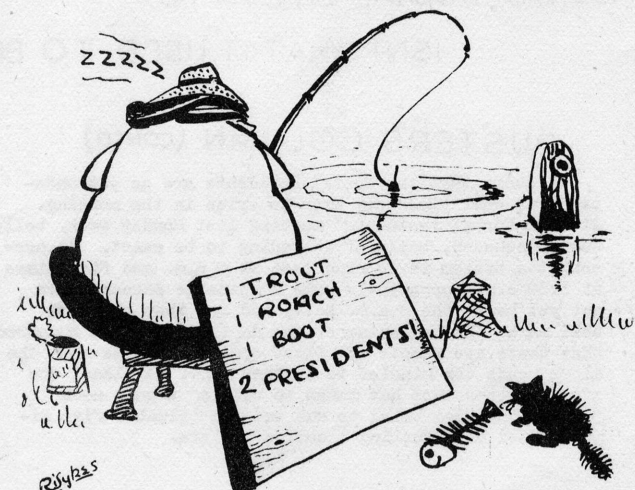
Two further by-products resulted during the afternoon, a very unpleasant smell permeated the upper floors of Guilds - and those Guildsmen who work in the R.C.S. (1st Chem. Eng.) endured a passage of arms in the R.C.S. Entrance Hall before they could continue work.

As a result of this the R.C.S. table is now minus a few legs, and the Guildsmen went to tea in pairs . . . .

A very good-humoured rag with the final score:-

Guilds 2 Duckings  
R.C.S. 1 Ducking + 1 Spanner

This account is compiled from reports and interviews obtained from reputable eye-witnesses.





## PROFILE

## TONY GILL



Tony, the President of the City and Guilds Union, came to I.C. in 1951 at the tender age of 21, and is at present completing the third year of the Mechanical Engineering course. Before coming to I.C., Tony spent ten years at a private school, where, as he says, he sat and passed no examinations. He then became apprenticed to a firm of boiler and diesel engine manufacturers at the age of 15. During the next six years he took his Matric. and Inter. B.Sc. by correspondence, night-school and private study.

In his first year at I.C. Tony joined the Boat club to row but decided the following year that coxing was more in his line. His Presidential duties forced him to abandon rowing after Morpny Day; he now exerts himself with the occasional game of squash and other rackets.

Tony was married last summer and appears as President of Guilds by kind permission of Mrs. Gill. He seems to thrive on his double life as husband and President. As President Tony has proved an excellent leader, and his round common sense and appraisal of situations have proved very valuable in Union affairs in general.

Tony's friendly good humour enlivens many a meeting, though some of his Al Read-like imitations and his delight in spinning coins in any available hollow vessel prove infuriating to some. His birthday, April 1st, may throw some light on this.

Tony's musical and literary tastes are catholic though generally middlebrow. He likes food, drink, most of the vices in moderation and wearing the Guilds President's coat. He dislikes pomposity, untidiness and wearing a wet Guilds Presidential coat.

## BUSTER'S COLUMN

The Rugger Club held a hop last Saturday, and with the help of Brian Spooner and his band turned it into one of the more successful of this year's hops. The prizes were good, the rumbas were terrific and on the whole an evening of good clean fun was had by all. It was most invigorating to see two hefty rugger types laying into each other during one of the elimination dances.

"Oh Jolly Rugger Shirts!"

An attempt to start up Speedway Racing in the Guilds' entrance hall was foiled when the irate owner arrived to claim his "Bantam".

N.B. Burtol Cleaners of 210 High Street, Kensington, are willing to allow a 10% discount to students of I.C. for the cleaning of personal attire. It will be necessary for students to produce their Union cards in order to obtain this discount.

"THAMES", The U.L. poetry anthology, is now out. It can be had from the Editor of Phoenix, price, 1/3d. Half the contributions are from Kings, there are none from I.C. Most of the poems are conventional in style, there being only a couple that may be called modern and one pseudopoetic.

There are Scottish Nationalists in the Guilds. That fact came to light at the Engineering Society Symposium on Hydro-Electric schemes. A member of staff, in making reference to a Scottish Hydro-Electric scheme happened to mention something about 'rabid Scottish Nationalists'; whereupon a Scottish member of the audience shouted "Shame", indicating that he did not think a mere Sassenach should call a Scottish Nationalist rabid. When later the speaker was questioned about the consequences of flooding in such a scheme, he indicated that he thought it would be a good thing if a few Scottish Nationalists were drowned in the process. This was too much for the Scottish element in the audience, and he got up and hotly denounced the lack of interest shown by the English in Scottish Home affairs.

## ENGINEERING SOCIETY DINNER

Dr. Willis Jackson is this year's president of the City and Guilds Engineering Society. In his presidential address, on Thursday 11 Feb. he spoke on "The Increasing Engineering Importance of some Rare metals" but in his preface he commented on certain of his impressions on re-entering industry. These included the very real threat of German competition and the very many openings available to the graduate in industry. He emphasized the opportunities in the production engineering field which graduates usually neglect in preference to research, design and development.

During his address, Dr. Willis Jackson discussed transistors as competitors to thermionic valves, followed by some thoughts on the economics of power reactors and concluded with a brief mention of the use of titanium in aircraft structures.

The address was followed by the annual dinner in the Ayrton Hall. Dr. W.H. Glanville, in proposing the toast to the Society, opened by saying that the present English students were not so "scruffy" as in his day. He remarked on the membership of the Smeatsonian Society which by its constitution, consisted of 48 engineers and 12 gentlemen. A feature of this society, which endeared it to many of those present, was the toast "success to waterworks, public or private . . . contribute to comfort . . . and happiness of mankind".

Paul Cross (Student Chairman of the Society) in his reply gave an account of the societies activities. This session there has been an increase of 30% in attendance at meetings. He was of the opinion that this could be much better if brownbaggers and those who undertook "other nocturnal activities" came along.

Neville Wilson (Sec. of the Society) proposed the toast to the guests which was replied by A. Albu (M.P. for Edmonton). He complained of his taxi driver not knowing of City and Guilds. When pressed for an explanation, the driver stated that he was usually on night duty but Mr. Albu said that that would have been no excuse in his day. In conclusion, he was glad to see the present improvement from the low prestige which science and engineering degrees used to give.

Afterwards the Guilds president led the singing, first in the Ayrton Hall but later removed to the lawn in front of the Imperial Institute due to coercion from Queenie - with her hand resting on a bottle!



NO, B.B., SOCIAL LIFE IN I.C.

ISNT WHAT IT USED TO BE.

## BUSTER'S COLUMN (CONTD)

It seems that the Hostel Residents are as yet undecided on what time they wish to arise in the morning. At an informal residents' meeting last Monday week, bells were discussed, bells of awakening to be exact. At present the system is to ring once at 8 a.m. and five times at 8:30 a.m.; apparently some despicable persons have not yet heard the 8 a.m. bell, and for them the 8:30 bell marks the beginning of the day. It is even rumoured that there are people who first open their eyes when the clock reads ten minutes to lecture time. At least one of the latter type has taken to wearing a polo neck - the idea being to cut out the valuable five minutes used in adjusting a collar and tie.



# Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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The events on Friday last were a pleasant change from the hum-drum course that this term had previously followed. And these events were especially welcome because they were entirely concerned with ourselves and gave no trouble (or almost no trouble) to the Public. This, indeed, was a change from our rags of late.

After all this commendation of the 'pinching of the Spanner', it is with regret that we must deplore the way certain people behaved in the proceedings. There were the Guildsmen in the entrance of Guilds who didn't lift a finger to prevent the removal of their vice-president and the Spanner. What spineless creatures must be entering I.C. if there are those around us who can muster no spark of partisanship for their college.

A similar reticence to defend the honour of their college was shown by the members of R.C.S. around the Union - we know that quite a few were in the main R.C.S. building but there were still a goodly number in the vicinity of the Union office - who offered no resistance, whatsoever, to the kidnapping of their President. Even when the Guildsmen's victims were taken round to R.C.S., the hordes inside still made no effort to effect the release of Jim Anderson. It is to his credit that he told his colleagues that he would rather go for a swim than for them to surrender the spanner. But by this time the spanner must have been well and truly hidden (for the organisation so efficient in acquiring the Spanner would surely have arranged for a suitable depository) and there would have been no danger of losing it if they had come out and given battle for their President.

Let us have more rags of this kind out in future affairs we hope to see a greater show of loyalty to our respective unions.

## "PERSONAL" ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: One centre-shafted putter made by Lumleys. One "Henry Cotton" Driver (Persimmon) made by Nicholls. Offers to H.N.A. Ashforth, I.C.G.A.

FOR SALE: Single-breasted dress suit in excellent condition. To fit anyone of about 5' 10" height, £6.0.0 o.n.o. Apply M.J. Pell through C. & G. rack.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Wednesday evening last week saw a great number of people gathered trying to get a seat in the Gym for an evening which promised something different. It was the first venture of the newly formed International Relations Club, and they had decided to present an evening of music and dancing from India. All apprehensions regarding the number of people turning up turned to joy when they saw the Gym overflowing with people. It would have been a pity had the cast of 40 been greeted by an audience of the same size.

The evening itself provided unusual variety. Colourful dances alternated with savage singing - almost shouting of folk-songs, strange instruments making stranger but unmistakably musical sounds, and, once, a rather lengthy film about the Indian dances. This perhaps was the only item which might be termed boring; for while the majority did not appreciate what was going on, they certainly found the other items interesting. An exhibition of Indian drawings, handicrafts and photographs in the Upper Dining Hall provided the curious with much to discuss, as did the dresses of the many Indian girls who turned up either as artists or as audience or both.

The Club hopes to organise similar functions in the future. If you hear tom-toms in the Union one evening, or see a boomerang going round, you'll know what is up.

## VIEWPOINT

There are good books in the Union library. Some of them are rather large or their nature may be such as to make them more conveniently read in the library. And since it is more enjoyable to read and sit, the library is equipped with comfortable chairs. The trouble is that the chairs are always occupied: the chairs are there to be used but surely not by people furiously pushing slide-rules or plotting graphs. There are plenty of rooms in I.C. set aside for working. If these are not available, it would be thought that Guilds library, provided with tables, would be preferred to the Union library where to sit in arm chairs necessitates having one's papers on the floor.

In a place like I.C., there is not much opportunity for escaping from our studies with their threat of exams to come. The Union library would seem to offer such an escape and to browse through books in the restful and quiet atmosphere, usually typical of libraries, would give a welcome respite from the buffetings of the wisdom of our lecturers on the mind.

But we in I.C. cannot escape. The restful silence has given way to the squeak and rattle of the slide rule and the scratchings of the scribe. The pleasant atmosphere has been replaced by one charged with hostility from the resentful gaze of the workers on the intruders "who only want to look at books". The enjoyment of searching through books has made way for an uneasy flicking of pages, conscious of being watched by eyes looking out from minds that know no peace but that of a finished laboratory report.

The introduction of a Union rule banning the pursuit of academic studies, in the Union library is to be deplored. There are more than enough regulations in I.C. where one would think that the benefits of our university education would enable people to appreciate the codes of good conduct and act accordingly.

Is it not too much to expect the workers in the library to appreciate the intended function of the Union library and that they may find a more suitable arena for their combat with the ever increasing amount of work to be done? Perhaps they do not know where the Guilds library ends and the Union library begins. A notice at the frontier between technology and fiction would make it clear.

After all, the use of violence detracts considerably from the chances of attaining the restful and quiet atmosphere, typical of a library.

FUSILIER.

## R.C.S. UNION MEETING

The R.C.S. Union Meeting held on Monday February 8th proved to be a much quieter affair than has been the custom of late. No inter-planetary rockets were demonstrated, although a bombshell was exploded by Malcolm Campbell, who claimed to be able to explain the fact that Fanny, the snapely Union mascot, had had a baby. He pointed out that this was no concern of the Mayor of Maidenhead.

The possibility of holding a Formal Dance at Silwood Park during May was discussed and approved warmly by the Union, it being felt that such a Dance would be a worth-while experiment and, if successful, an excellent annual feature, as the equivalent of the Engineers Ball or Mines Ball. It might be particularly attractive at a time when the gym. is in its "al fresco" condition. An all-night dance at a country house was highly favoured by the Union, even when it was realised that the moon would be almost full on the proposed date.

On a more serious note, the Union was addressed by a representative of the World University Service, who briefly outlined the work of his organisation and appealed for support. This has been forthcoming from R.C.S. in the past but has tended to lapse recently. Mr. John Harding endorsed his remarks, and said that support for W.U.S. was soon to be organised on an I.C. basis since the Service was doing admirable work.

Perhaps the most interesting topic which arose during the Meeting was the state of the college offices (usual). Some members of the Union apparently felt very strongly on this matter. The President therefore promised to make a tour of inspection at his earliest convenience.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

To coin a phrase, rags have been dragged out of the bag, but only to have the traditional type of "argument for" ground out. These, rather than justifying the practice, seek to smirch non-participants and this is very unfortunate. For while it will only further alienate objectors it may cause the "floating voters" to doubt the courtesy of raggers. Moreover, to suggest that rags provide mental relaxation must be qualified, for, to use an analogy, the palate does not need rest to maintain it in trim, but variety so that it may be always active. So it is with the mind and the rag provides a vehicle for keen intellectual activity, as all who have been privileged to witness a rag-committee at work will affirm. The forming of strategy, the whipping up of enthusiasm, the organising of an appearance of randomness in the proceedings demand self-less devotion of the highest order.

Spanish students have demonstrated for the return of Gibraltar. Egyptian students have demonstrated for the return of the Canal Zone. Various student groups in Europe have reached the stage of habitually demonstrating for peace. In other fields, workers demonstrate for higher wages. Demonstration is a much used, if not over-worked, technique and it has acquired a bad name. Why? Because it is used to achieve an object, to propagate a policy, and no matter how praiseworthy this policy is it is impossible to escape the feeling that it is being promulgated in an unfair, almost nefarious, manner.

In an elegantly simple fashion the British student has overcome this difficulty. Here it is possible to have the excitement and derring-do of a demonstration without the odium of an axe to be ground. The system could have originated only in these islands, for only here is the necessary spirit and imagination found for people to be enthusiastic and demonstrative about nothing. This is the rag, which, though developed in the universities, has permeated to all walks of life in its appeal, so that the ordinary man refers affectionately to a periodical which successfully deals excitedly with very little as a "Rag". The connection is clear. Such is the success of the rag that it is unlikely that it will be superseded, though reports of super-rags from across the Atlantic and of Red-rags from Moscow may cause uneasiness in this respect. Antiquarians may rest assured that Britain will continue with her traditional form.

C. Rank.

Dear Sir,

I fear that your correspondent in his 'sobering thought' of the last issue of FELIX, somewhat missed the beat. He suggests that all work be made compulsory in Universities, which would mean that the academic side of University life would have to be run on similar lines to a school. The 'weak minded', for whom the scheme is suggested, would be bullied into doing the work, would become more harassed when faced with more than they feel capable of, and when called upon "to maintain a position as a self-supporting citizen" will suffer greater shock in having to fend for himself. Surely the main causes of depression at Universities are those for which cure is by no means so simple; viz. that the student is almost certain to be in a state of nervous tension (presuming he has some desire to glean benefit from his course) just before an exam; that he is doing nothing constructive that shows tangible results till the results of the exams are through; and that he has plenty of time on his hands if he is of the reserved and brown-bagging type. If he is given to worrying, all these factors help him to do so, and it may so happen that he becomes so wrapped in morbid considerations of himself that he finds the weight of his cares unbearable and is tempted to commit suicide. Short of psycho-analysing every student to pick out potential worryers, the present trend to lay on more part-time activities and to use stronger persuasions to get Freshers to take part seems to be the best policy to pursue. The real cure seems to rest outside University control in the hands of the parents and wise friends of the student in question.

Robert Fillmore.

Dear Sir,

May I express my sincere hope that Council's plans for the Union extensions, shortly to be published in FELIX, provide SOUNDPROOF accommodation for the Bridge Club.

Rarely have I entered the old lounge without hearing unceasing running commentaries or post-mortems on bridge games. Does it occur to the offenders that not everybody is interested in bridge?

Yours faithfully,  
Non-player.

W.U.S.

The World University Service, (the new name of International Student Service formed in 1920) is a fellowship of over thirty national committees co-ordinated by an international secretariat in Geneva. It is in a sense a very loose body, for it has no specific members and no subscriptions. And yet, voluntary contributions and funds raised and spent since its inception several million pounds to assist students and lecturers throughout the world.

Its operations range over 36 countries including G.B., all outside the Iron Curtain - Yugoslavia is one. The work done is of many kinds. Abroad, it has helped to establish student sanatoria and hostels, provided drugs, food and clothing to students in need, and provided textbooks, stationery, lab. equipment etc.

Assistance to refugee students in the form of shelter, food, advice in restarting studies etc. also comes under its services provided abroad.

In Britain, it has given and is giving financial aid to many students who meet sudden financial difficulties or illnesses. Advice is also given regarding scholarships, grants, visas as for study purposes and so on. It has tried to develop the interest of British students in University life abroad, and tries to satisfy the curious in this respect. In some instances, vacation scholarships or travel bursaries can be awarded from special earmarked funds. W.U.S. also organises conferences designed to bring together members of different sections of the University community together for discussion of matters of general interest.

W.U.S. does not aim to compete with student and teacher organisations of a representative character. It is simply an association concerned with serving the University community - students and lecturers - throughout the world. (Abstract from W.U.S. Year Book, 1953).

W.U.S. will come up for discussion before the Union meeting on Tuesday.

N.U.S.

Some members of I.C. have confused W.U.S. with N.U.S. whereas others, although realising the difference, have thought that I.C. belongs to N.U.S. To clarify this matter FELIX presents the following review of N.U.S. in relation to I.C.

The National Union of Students was formed in 1922 with the objects of 1) representing students of this country, both nationally and internationally, and to maintain their cooperation with students of other countries 2) promoting educational and social interests of students in entire independence of all political and religious propaganda.

I.C. were affiliated in December of 1922 but dis-affiliated in November of 1926, after N.U.S. had asked the Union to increase the affiliation fee from £30 to £60. The I.C. sub-committee looking into the matter considered that N.U.S. rendered no service to I.C.

The Union re-affiliated in the year prior to the war but by 1939 differences had again occurred. A motion by the I.C. General Committee deplored the political tone of the N.U.S. "Student News" and I.C. refused to take part in a N.U.S. delegation to the prime minister about the deferment of students. Consequently, I.C. dis-affiliated in 1940.

During this time, the constituent college unions had the right to participate in N.U.S. The only one to do so was R.C.S. which eventually left after finding that the major part of their union meetings was spent in electing delegates to various committees of N.U.S. for the purpose of discussing fatuous motions.

I.C. did have indirect representation on N.U.S. due to its affiliation with the University of London Union. This dual representation ceased sometime later.

In 1948, re-affiliation was proposed. This was defeated on the grounds that N.U.S. did nothing but throw abuse and threats at its own country and that its political leanings were undesirable. At present the main advantages claimed by N.U.S. are its vacation work services and its cheap foreign travel arrangements. The former is of no consequence at I.C. where an excellent vac. work scheme exists: anyone desiring to take advantage of the latter can do so by joining N.U.S. as an individual member.

UNIVERSITY ARTS BALL  
FRIDAY 26th FEB.

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BOARD



## COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY FEB. 19th:** I.C. CHEMISTRY SOCIETY. Professor J.M. Robertson will talk on "X-Ray Diffraction Methods in Organic Chemistry" at 5.15 p.m. in the Phys. Chem. Theatre. Tea on sale.

I.C. ICE-SKATING CLUB. AROSA MEETING, at Richmond Rink 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets 2/- on sale in the Union at lunch time.

**SUNDAY FEB. 21st:** Joint meet of I.C. MOUNTAINEERING CLUB, I.C. YHA GROUP and Bedford College! CAVING trip to Deneholes at GRAYS (Essex) consisting of two 70 ft. deep shafts connecting a small system of caverns. Wear old clothes and bring candles and torches. For further details, please see M.C. or YHA Notice boards.

**MONDAY FEB. 22nd:** I.C.C.U. Open Meeting. Botany Lecture Theatre. 1.15 p.m. Dr. D. McKay, Ph.D. of King's College will speak on "From Mechanism to Mind". Sandwiches on sale.

MUSIC SOCIETY 1.05 p.m. in Room 21, C.&G. Record Review No. 3. Works by Bruckner, Delius, Beethoven. Sandwiches, beer and light drinks available.

RADIO SOCIETY Annual Exhibition of members' home-constructed equipment. Room 105 C. & G. at 5.10 p.m.

**TUESDAY FEB. 23rd:** I.C. UNION MEETING. 1.15 p.m. in GYM. SAILING CLUB Stewart H. Morris O.B.E. Olympic Gold Medalist 1948, talking on "RACING TACTICS". 6.00 p.m. Botany Theatre.

RAILWAY SOCIETY C.J. Barnard Esq. on "Edwardian Railway Atmosphere". 5.40 p.m. in Room 161 C. & G.

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 24th:** Stephenson Cup Games, Guilds v. R.C.S. hockey. 2.45 p.m., Harlington.

**THURSDAY FEB. 25th:** I.C.C.U. Bible Study. Chem. Tech. Room 101. 1.30 p.m. Subject "The Holy Spirit".

JEWISH SOCIETY Botany Lecture Theatre. Talk by D. Strassberg on Kibbutzim. 1.15 p.m.

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. A lecture by Mr. G. Ordish on "The Social and Economic Effects of Pests and Diseases of Crops" at 5.30 p.m. in Botany Lecture Theatre

C. & G. ENGINEERING SOCIETY T. Ridley on "Wharf Reconstruction in Dundee Harbour". 5.30 p.m. Room 15 C&G

**FRIDAY FEB. 26th:** I.C. CATHOLIC SOCIETY. Fr. Cox will talk on "1955 University Mission". Committee Room A. 5.15 p.m.

MUSIC SOCIETY. Record library open EVERY Friday, Committee Room B. 1 to 2 p.m. All I.C. welcome.

**MONDAY MARCH 1st:** I.C.C.U. Open meeting. Botany Lecture Theatre. 1.15 p.m. "What Christ means to Me".

Student witness meeting chaired by Dr. D. Spanner, Ph.D. (Botany Dept.) Sandwiches on sale.

MUSIC SOCIETY. Gramophone Record Recital. Sandwiches, drinks available. Room 21 C. & G. at 1.05 p.m.

RADIO SOCIETY. Room 04 C. & G. 5.10 p.m. Lecture on Hi-Fidelity Reproduction, followed by a demonstration of stereophonic sound and the G.E.C. Metal Cored loud-speaker.

**TUESDAY MAR. 2nd:** MATHS. AND PHYS. SOC. Prof. P.E. Vernon M.A., D.Sc. "The Mathematics of Psychology" 5.40 p.m. Small Physics Lecture Theatre.

**WEDNESDAY MAR. 3rd:** RADIO SOCIETY Visit to Flessing Co. Ilford.

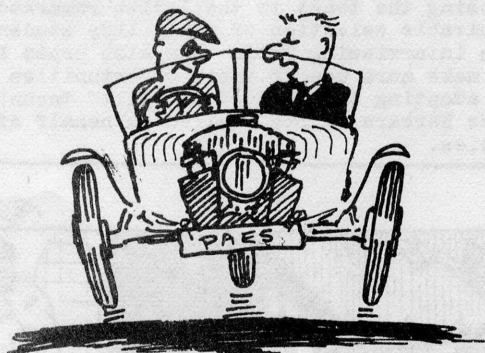
**THURSDAY MAR. 4th:** I.C. CATHOLIC SOCIETY. Fr. Michael Hastings will speak on "Padre Pio" in Committee Room A at 1.30 p.m.

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. A lecture and film-show by Asst. Prof. H.R. Hewer, M.Sc. A.R.C.S., D.I.C., on "Badgers" at 5.30 p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre

C. & G. ENGINEERING SOCIETY. M.G.J. McHaffie on "Dock Engineering" 5.30 p.m. Room 15 C. & G.

**FRIDAY MAR. 5th:** First Friday Mass. St. Ehtelreda's, Ely Place. 6 p.m.

**WEEKEND MAR. 5-7th:** I.C. YHA GROUP. Working Party at Crockham Hill Youth Hostel.



I RECKON SOMEBODY MADE  
A BARGAIN HERE OLD BOY.  
WHO SOLD IT TO YOU ?

## FILM REVIEW-OILTOWN USA

A new type of film appeared in London last week at the Gaumont private theatre in Wardour Street, arranged by the Billy Graham London Crusade. It is an attempt to tell the story of the evangelistic campaign in Houston Texas, and to explain its effect on the lives of a hard-headed oil king - Lance Manning, and his daughter Chris. Through the witness of Jim and Kay Tyler, on whose ranch Manning has struck oil, Chris is introduced to spiritual things and is converted. Disaster causes Manning to see that his little kingdom of oil holds nothing but emptiness, and through the Texas City ship explosions he too is faced with reality. He finds the answer in the closing scenes of the film, in one of Graham's evangelistic meetings. Actual scenes are shown of the crowd of 60,000 who attended the meetings, and also of the devastation caused by the Texas City explosions. These have been skilfully incorporated into the film sequence, and on the whole the production is excellent, though in a few other places it lacks continuity.

The cast is composed of Christians from all walks of life, including some well-known Hollywood personalities. Manning is well played by Paul Power, a Presbyterian minister, whose only fault is that he sometimes does not appear quite angry enough and deadly enough to fit the Manning type. The best performance is given by Colleen Townsend as Chris. - a thoroughly natural, unaffected personality - easier to play than that of Manning.

The film gives an interesting insight into Billy Graham's message and methods. He speaks to the simple but universal needs of the people, presenting Christ as God's answer to sin, sorrow and death - the traditional message of Christianity. His presentation is forceful, though not emotional, and shows a refreshing lack of the sensationalism which characterised American evangelism of the 1930's.

To sum up, Oiltown is a movie with a message and forms a useful introduction to Graham's coming campaign.

F.W. Slingerland.

## PHOENIX REVIEW

I remember standing in the quad a year ago and being told by P.L. Jones that all critics, from Herbert Read down to the Editor of FELIX (myself, at the time) were parasites. This outburst was caused by the appearance of a FELIX containing my impressions of an R.C.S. Carnival. Thus you may imagine my joy on finding that, in the PHOENIX under review, Mr Jones has joined me among the fleas and tapeworms, and has criticised the recent Art exhibition. As he assures us in his article, he sees the world with the "privileged eye" of the Artist so he is fully competent for his unpleasant task, and his host, Art, will agree that he has done her a service.

English science fiction was born in PHOENIX (The Time Machine), so D.C. Kale takes a considerable risk in bringing it up again. However, he offers us a cute little story set in the usual period (late 1960's, after the 3rd World War), but I felt that his theme was too large to be developed in a few pages. It will make a good basis for his first science novel.

Admirers of the work of "A.R.B." will be surprised that the latest manifestation of his genius (rarely seen nowadays) is serious in nature. It takes the form of an autobiographical fragment, strung very poetically together, the principal effect being produced by excessive use of the word "and". However, as most readers will skim through it looking for the plot, we need consider it no more.

Mr de Reuck makes his usual brilliant job of the Dramatic Criticism. One point: he mentions the absence of the traditional bouquet from the Mines. This was because there was no traditional "Mines Night" on that occasion: what occurred was quite unofficial. Mr. Blackmore, admirable in many ways as Editor, made a mistake when he allowed A. Peacock to be the official PHOENIX historian of Social Activities. It would be a shame if Mr. Peacock's uninformed view of the work of college amateurs in art and music should pass to posterity as a general opinion.

With the Ackland Essay, and the important Commemoration Day speech of Dr. Logan this edition of PHOENIX is worth the bob they want for it

A.F.B.



# SPORT'S PAGE

## ICE YACHTING ON THE WELSH HARP

When the Harp froze over to a depth of several inches, sailing appeared to be impossible. However a few hardened members of the sailing club siezed the opportunity of realising a life-long ambition to build an ice yacht.

No plans or photographs were available but after long and careful consideration the craft was finally built in 2½ hours. It proved almost a complete failure: the helmsman being powerless to control its gyrations. By the time suitable modifications had been made the wind dropped and high speeds were not possible although control was improved.

It was found possible to travel at almost twice the speed of the wind. Just as the thaw was setting in, a North West-erly squall made it possible to sail up and down the Harp and one length was completed in 2 minutes at an average speed of just under 30 m.p.h.

A challenge was sent to Oxford University Y.C. for them to bring their ice yacht down for a match. They had to refuse because they had not discovered a means of steering it "in a predetermined manner".

### I.C.W.S.C.

The Women's Boat Club is now officially a part of I.C.W.S.C. They are in touch with the U.L. Boathouse about obtaining accommodation and equipment, and hope by next term to have a crew worthy of I.C. They are certainly willing to work hard, and we wish them the best of luck.

In the U.L. netball rally held at Furzedown Training College on Feb. 13th, a rather depleted I.C. team, playing together for the first time this term, started well by beating Westfield College. Their other three opponents, Royal Holloway College, Royal Free Hospital Medical School and Goldsmith's proved too much for them however, but it was felt on the whole that the I.C. team did not disgrace them.

J. I. Findlater  
(President)

### RUGGER

Last Saturday the first team beat London Transport by the handsome margin of 30 points to nil.

Given a good supply of the ball, particularly from loose scrums, the backs combined well and allowed the wings to show their paces. Spooner scored four times and Palmer one, all from Holman passes. Hykin also scored one try.

Lewis and Hearn kicked well, sharing two penalty goals and three conversions.

The second XV were overwhelmed by a fit team from St. John's College, Cambridge, by 36-0, after holding their opponents to 5-0 at half time. The 'A' XV, for whom Doncaster played well at stand-off half, beat Napier 8-0 and the Extra 'A' lost 9-0 to Staines.

In the evening the Club ran a successful Hop at the Union. All members of the Club showed great willingness to help in the work which this entailed before, during and after the event. It was rather disappointing that Bell's stalwarts did not have occasion to chuck anyone out, but otherwise a good time was had by all, especially Dan.

### BOXING

To the Editor of Felix.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to appeal for support for the I.C. Boxing Club, whose numbers have now reached the lowest ebb.

In the past this college has had very strong and good boxing teams, and in the last few years it has constantly been winners or runners-up in the U.A.U. Boxing Championships, and many of our members have boxed for the University.

I should like to think that students of this college are not lacking in the courage undoubtedly necessary to box; although from the support received this seems to be the reason. It is not my wish to force the Boxing Club upon you if you have no interest whatsoever in it, but I do appeal to those who have even a slight inclination for boxing to get in touch with me soon.

Thank you very much,

Fred Carr.

Captain Boxing Club.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

A printer's error made this a unique occasion in the history of I.C. for it was announced that the NATIONAL History Society would hold its Annual Dinner in the Upper Dining Hall on 11th February, 1954. The distinguished guest was Prof. G.E. Blackman who in his lecture on "Selective Phytotoxicity" (weedkillers) quickly dispelled any doubt that may have remained as to the biological nature of the gathering.

John Levy Proposed the toast of the Society coupled with the name of the President Owen Jewiss. In the President's reply (15 mins. 55 secs.) he thanked all his henchmen (and

women) and commented on how excellently the aims of the society had been upheld in the past year.

John Felton Vice President of the Society gave the toast to the guests and the distinguished guest replied. Asst. Prof. Hewer in proposing the toast to the ladies remarked on the admirable selection of young lady students by the interviewing Profs. He also urged I.C.W.A. to make more use of their opportunities at I.C. by adopting the "droop" or "wilt" technique. Miss Barbara Harris replied on behalf of the ladies.

### TECHNICAL TRENDS — No. 2.





Supplement to FELIX No.59.

FELIX gratefully acknowledges receipt of several accounts of last Tuesday's incidents. One or more reports were received from each of the Colleges of I.C. and the following account has been compiled from these.

There was a brief meeting of the R.C.S. Union at Tuesday lunchtime. Afterwards, about 200 of R.C.S., wearing black arm-bands, assembled outside to follow an 'object' painted in C. & G. colours but draped in black. The procession moved off up Exhibition Road and slowly passed Guilds, singing "We have got the Spanner, It is in our hands .." to the tune of 'Onward Christian Soldiers'.

This was the first that Guilds knew of the proceedings. In a matter of minutes, the Guilds Union Committee had rounded up support and set off after the procession. It had almost reached The Gore when a party of about 20 Guildsmen attacked the cortege. During the ensuing brawl, the Guildsmen discovered that the 'object' was not the Spanner, so took the R.C.S. President in preference to a bolt of square cross-section. The R.C.S. abandoned their President, regarding this as a suitable diversion to enable them to reach the bridge over the Serpentine.

The gathering were then addressed by 'The Rev. Robin Bray'. After a loud 'Kongela!', he threw the bolt into the water. Before this occurred, a solitary (and previously unsuspected) Guildsman, in the midst of the R.C.S. made a dive at the bolt but was inevitably overpowered. It seemed as if he might follow the bolt but was saved by the arrival of the main body of Guilds, who had been watching their vanguard debag the R.C.S. President. Wholesale debagging then took place.

The police arrived on his bicycle and to avoid further trouble, Guilds marched away, leaving a lamp-post decorated with a dozen or more pairs of R.C.S. trousers. During the skirmish, one Guildsman lost his trousers, but seeing a suitable pair on an R.C.S. man, re-equipped himself. When Guilds arrived outside their College, it was discovered that Derek Power had gained possession of the bolt. He was greeted with loud cheers which turned to hisses as the R.C.S. marched by. As soon as R.C.S. had gone, the Guilds President dismissed his forces with a resounding 'Doonalacka!'. Jim Anderson had now rejoined R.C.S. and led them into Ayrton Hall but wise council prevailed and they left without doing any damage. They returned to the main R.C.S. buildings and dispersed.

Whilst the Guildsmen had been busy with R.C.S. downstairs, the Mines had gained access to the roof of Guilds and began to toll the knell of a lost Spanner. On hearing this, Tony Gill and some of his hench-men ascended to the roof and brought the fire-hoses to play on the Miners. The water just wouldn't rise high enough to wet them but was sufficient to drive them away from the bells, and the Miners retreated over the roof to their own building. (At night, the Miners returned to the Guild's belfry. Their equipment was simple, their technique effective. When they left a little while later, the proud bells of The City and Guilds College were lowered in tone. They were painted in the colours of The Royal School of Mines.)

With the Mines engaging the attentions of the Guilds President, some Guildsmen manually transferred one of the derelict cars from the back of C. & G. to the R.C.S. doorstep. Their efforts were discouraged by similar unruly elements in the R.C.S. who turned the hosepipes on those outside. The crowd receded but two Guildsmen remained behind the door. As soon as the nozzle of the hose re-appeared, it was seized from the side and directed inside. By then the proceedings had become out of hand.

An eyewitness says: "The scene was terrible. A number of students were working like maniacs with hose-pipes, trying to keep C. & G. out of the building. Hoses were fired through broken windows and the main entrance. Fire extinguishers were being freely used. It was spectacular to see the dust of many years being washed off the highest parts of the walls. Nobody was trying to stop the carnage."

This witness, on returning to his laboratory, found that hoses had been directed through the open window and it took the rest of the afternoon to clean up although no apparatus was lost. One of the lecturers in the basement was less fortunate and found his books and papers floating about the floor. Three Guildsmen who were caught hosing down a professor have been sent down for one week.

Later, police (no one knows who called them) visited R.C.S. and took statements from students and academic staff; a newspaper reporter tried to get a statement from one of the non-academic staff in the basement but was evicted. The police took a very serious view of the afternoon's occurrences and will act more drastically in the event of further disturbances around the college.

Professor H.H. Read (the Pro-rector) has informed the Presidents of the College unions that the damage must be made good from student funds. In future, any students misbehaving in a similar way to this will be liable to severe disciplinary action, not excluding immediate suspension.