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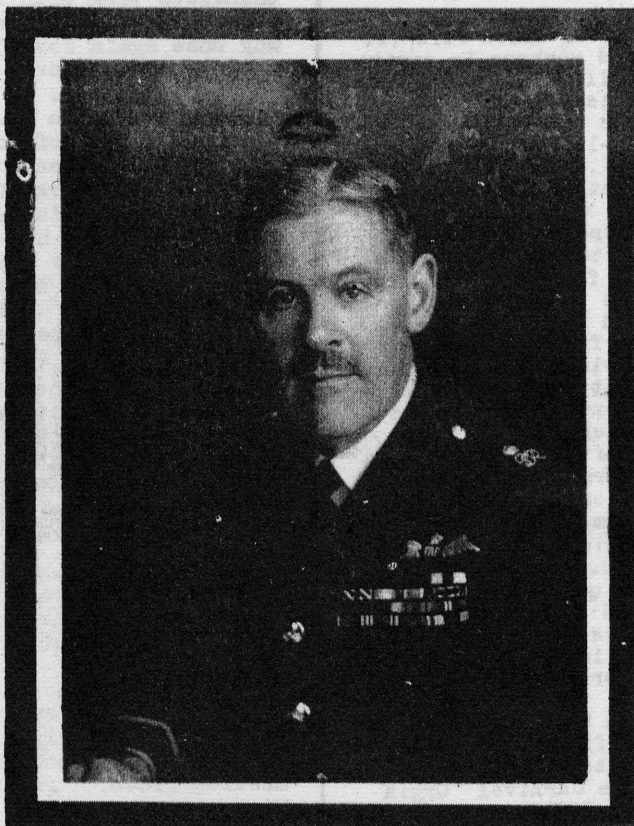
FELIX



No. 66

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

15 OCTOBER 1954



Air Chief Marshal Sir Roderic Hill, Rector of Imperial College and retiring Vice Chancellor of the University of London died suddenly on Wednesday, 6th October. Although he had not been well for some time, his death came as a great shock to all his friends.

Sir Roderic came as Rector to I.C. in 1948 in succession to Sir Richard Southwell, bringing to the task all the experience, energy and drive of his long and distinguished career in the technical branches of the R.A.F.

Exceptionally gifted in many directions, as an artist whose work will be remembered by all who visited the exhibition of drawings and paintings at the College last year; as an author; and as an engineer at Farnborough in the early days of R.A.E., it was as an administrator that the Rector excelled.

Having a strong academic background as the son of Prof. M. Hill, F.R.S. and a graduate of University College, the Rector had firm views on the purpose of a University life. He believed that the College was not merely a collection of lecture rooms and laboratories, but a club in the broadest sense where the student developed his character by meeting people and making lasting friends and impressions.

He realised that one essential to this ideal was a happy staff-student relationship. He fostered Dinner in Hall as a function at which staff and students could meet on informal and equal terms. Today that function is a very real part of College life. There as at all social gatherings Lady Hill and Sir Roderic were the perfect hosts, taking a warm and lively interest in all their guests.

The Rector was always most interested in the Union, he was always directly accessible to the Union Officers and in his clay pipe talks with them he consulted and advised them regularly on the conduct of affairs, from the smallest

details to the widest matters of policy in the running of the College in general.

The Rector was deeply concerned lest a purely scientific seat of learning should produce highly specialised graduates with little appreciation of the humanities in the widest and most practical sense. He instituted the Touchstone discussions at Silwood Park and the Ends and Means Lectures to which he himself contributed a notable series, and which grew into the present General Studies. He appointed first one and later three visiting lectures in various aspects of the Arts.

Ceremonial having played so much a part in his career it was natural that in a small way some should find a place in his view of our corporate life. Commemoration Day is one such function, followed by an "open house" in each of the individual Colleges in town. This year there will be no Commemoration Ceremony but instead a Memorial Service in Holy Trinity Church.

The proposed expansion of the Imperial College is certainly the most fitting memorial Sir Roderic could have. Without any doubt the selection of I.C. was due in large measure to the fact that during much of the post-war debate on Higher Technological Education he was our spokesman. In all the work and discussion involved never once did he forget the interests of the students. The Union Officers were consulted regularly throughout the planning of the College development.

In the death of the Rector Imperial College has lost a very gracious and charming friend, whose warmth and kindness will be sadly missed in South Kensington. To all who follow after, he leaves in Imperial College a lasting testimony to his hard work and personality. To those who knew him personally he leaves an inspiration and most happy memories of a dear friend.

PROFILE

VERE ATKINSON



Vere Atkinson, the runcible character, whose fainty calligraphy appears on your Union Card (if valid) is no ordinary type. Bred nowhere in particular (i.e. London) he is, intellectually, a Universal Man. An interest in Chemistry, which showed itself in early youth, produced a First in due course, followed by a happy-go-lucky P.G. career, which gave him time to become I.C. Union Secretary.

As an undergraduate, he started to play hockey in a desultory fashion, but eventually this gave place to Gliding as his chief sporting interest.

However he is best known to connoisseurs by his "Green Lady", an unclothed female figure, who has dominated many I.C. posters in the last two years. She has advertised, with notable success, Smoking Concerts and Carnivals for R.C.S. It is generally considered that she plays a part in Mr. Atkinson's life, similar to that played in Shakespeare's by the "dark lady". Reputedly modelled on a member of I.C.W.A. (on which subject there has been an irrational amount of speculation), an analysis of her, in Freudian terms, leads to some startling comments on her creator's character. (c.f. his lamented "Moral Deform Club")

One suspects that he would be more at home on the River Gauche than at I.C. He is deeply interested in painting (though quite incoherent in verbal expression of it) and is very much affected by bright colours. It seems particularly fortunate that he should be in a responsible Union position this Session, for it is certain that his views on decoration of the New Union will be heard and they may even be followed.

As an organizer, Vere is efficient. He was Chairman of R.C.S. Entertainments Committee last year, and produced the memorable Carnival "Orgia Romana", the celebrated Smoking Concert, and a new venture, the R.C.S. Country House Ball, which was outstandingly successful and which will, we hope be repeated. Perhaps his most successful enterprise has been his Ballet in the Carnival Cabaret, in which Mr. Kitchener, prima ballerina, made an unforgettable hit descending like Lohengrin from the roof, in the middle of the first act. Such was the flexibility of Mr. Atkinson's production that the audience never realised that Mr. Kitchener was not due to appear until the second act. This latter virtue of "flexibility" is desirable in connection with his Gliding activities.

Readers of the latest PHOENIX may have noticed that the hero of this screed holds the position of Art Editor (i.e. does all the drawings) He has also published a few short stories, which our critic did not rave over, but which were better than most.

The post of Union Secretary involves this year a number of extra jobs because of the expansion. Mr. Atkinson is responsible for the smooth transition of Union affairs from the Gymnasium block to the Beit Building and is at the moment negotiating with the University for use of the Imperial Institute for our Social purposes. It is anticipated that he will be successful.

In this, and in the many other tasks which make the life of a Union Secretary miserable, we wish him all the success we expect from him.

R.S.M. ASSOC. TEA

The R.S.M. Association gave a tea for new Mines Freshers on Tuesday, 5th October. One purpose was to give Freshers a chance of meeting members of the Association, the Staff and officers of the R.S.M. Union.

The usual crowd of Club Officers and Journal editors were seen trying to flog their wares and many actually report success in this direction.

The Mines has increased its strength this year by about thirty (nearly 10%) and this will doubtless be reflected in increased activity.

I.C. UNION MEETING

The first Union Meeting of the Session was held on Monday, Oct. 11th. in the R.C.S.

The President opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand in silence for one minute, as a mark of respect to the Rector. He then announced, as most of the College knew, that Commemoration Day and Commemoration Ball were cancelled for this year, but that full mourning for the Union would end that night (the day of the funeral). It was hoped that some kind of Union Ball would be held instead of the Commem. Ball, later in the Session.

The main business of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the arrangements for Nov. 5th. The discussion consisted mostly of remarks from the President, who performed his thankless task with remarkable diplomacy and tact. His object was to put over to the Union why once again Nov. 5th. must pass unheralded as an occasion for a Rag, at least as officially recognised. The reasons were strong; firstly the Union could not expect its elected and responsible officers to organise Rags, which should be essentially spontaneous; and secondly, as a result of last year's events the U.L. Senate had issued an ultimatum to all London students and had asked for the co-operation of U.L.U. The ultimatum was to the effect that any student in trouble with the Authorities on November 5th. would be sent down. The Union acknowledged these reasons and was then asked to consider what I.C. would do instead of a Rag on Nov. 5th. The President indicated that the reason for the date of the present meeting was that the Union would thus have plenty of time to consider what was to be done. Little arose from the floor on this matter so that most probably, as usual, I.C. will officially be at Harlington for Guy Fawkes Day.

Other business was the election of Basil Evans and Alec Fraser to the Entertainments Committee, and the selection of 'Hags' Slater as an 'ERB', the custodian of Herbert's key.

The attendance at the meeting was about 250, which was small considering the importance of the agenda. This is where the loss of the Gym becomes most marked, since there is now no central meeting-place. Possibly also Guildsmen and Miners are loth to go into the R.C.S.

The tone of the meeting was very subdued, one almost might say tame for a Union meeting, remembering the informality and blunt speaking in the Gym. It is to be hoped that the Union will keep the temper of its Meetings up to the old lively level, which does not mean the wholesale slinging of fireworks, but does mean participation, both in wit and in plain speaking, from the floor as well as from the Chair.



"RIGHT LADS - ON THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER REMEMBER - IF THEM THERE STUDENTS IS STANDING STILL, IT'S LOITERING WITH INTENT; AND IF THEY BE MOVING, IT'S FORMING A PROCESSION!"

Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Editor : J.S. SEELEY

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It was with surprise and profound shock that the College learned last week of the death of the Rector, Sir Roderic Hill. On Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Sir Roderic had lunched in the City and was walking along Great Trinity Lane when he collapsed.

The Union extends its deep sympathy to the bereaved family, Lady Hill, Prudence and Phoebe Ann, who many of us know so well.

Sir Roderic was an Air Chief Marshal, a wartime chief of Fighter Command, and the man responsible for the defeat of Hitler's Flying Bombs. A man of his accomplishments possesses many facets seen by the public eye, and these were reflected by the obituaries printed in the "Times", "Daily Telegraph", "Manchester Guardian", and other daily newspapers. The "Times" cutting has been pinned on the General Studies Board in the Union Entrance Hall, where everyone can read it. Our contemporary, SENNET, has printed an obituary based on Sir Roderic's services to the University of London. The tribute from FELIX, which is a tribute from the Union, is more personal.

Editorial Notes

The next FELIX will be out on Oct. 29th. Make-up will be on Oct. 24th. Contributions should be in by Friday Oct. 22nd., addressed to the Editor through the rack.

AGONY ANNOUNCEMENT :

Will Mr. Barter, or Bater, who sent us a subscription for FELIX, please send us his address again.

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

A rate of 6d. for 20 words is the nominal charge for plain personal advertisements and book-offers.

For Sale;

Enfield 250 cc motor bike.
Good condition.

Apply: M.R.W. Johnson,
200, Cromwell Rd.,
S.W.7.

Two charming R.C.S. postgraduates driven from home seek safe job in (preferably) Mines. or (at a pinch.) Guilds. Anxious to continue researches. Replies to Cassandra, I.C.Union.

Wanted;

Squash Racquet and balls in good condition.

R.W.Allen
Civil Eng. Dept.

1000 Classical gramophone records for sale. All 78 r.p.m. perfect condition. Reasonable prices. Operatic, Choral, Symphonic, Instrumental and Chamber music available.

Apply Angus McKenzie through Union Rack or Musical Society Gramophone Library on Friday Lunch Hours.

NEWS

Guildsman appeared in Court, Rye, I.O.W. on Monday 18th October on a charge of Larceny. Found at 4 a.m. during Vac. trying to remove Belisha Beacon, in a somewhat inebriated condition.

MOTOR CLUB RALLY

This Sunday, Oct. 17th., the Guilds' Motor Club are holding a rally. Called the "Freshers Rally" because it is intended for drivers with no previous experience of this kind of event, it is open to all members of I.C.

It is to be the most ambitious event that the Club has held recently - there will be sections to suit all tastes. Navigation, driving tests and a "surprise packet" to finish the day. It will be a test of driving skill and navigation, and will not be hard on the cars.

There will be a choice of driving tests; any five of seven tests must be performed. Five will be possible for any car or motorcycle, two will be more strenuous. Crash helmets will be compulsory for motorcyclists in the driving tests.

There will also be a short point-to-point, and finally a surprise test.

Awards for the outright winner and the first Freshman, and free drinks for the runners-up.

Entry lists are up in Guilds, R.C.S. and the Union, or entries can be made at the start.

Further details from the Captain, L.A. Holt, Guilds.

Date: Sunday October 17th.

Area: Moreton-Matching, near Epping, Essex

Map: O.S. 1" No. 161 London N.E.

Sign in: By 10.15a.m. at Rally H.Q.

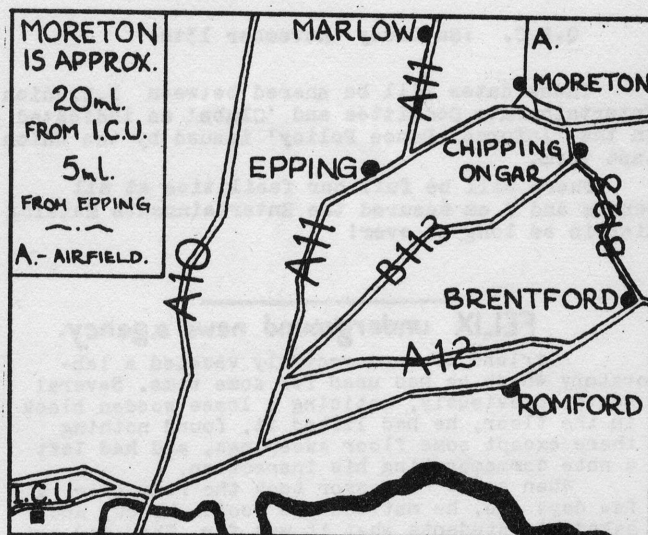
Start: 10.30a.m.

Rally H.Q. The White Hart, Moreton.

MR 534070.

Eligible: Cars and motorcycles.

Members and friends.



CASSANDRA SPEAKS AGAIN

Since we dipped our pen in vitriol the nib has rotted away. But mobilising our second best quill, we are going to tell you (in response to your many enquiries) about our personal taste in men. We consulted our list of eligible bachelors (nylon shirts and terylene socks essential) and what we found there set us thinking. This is what we thought.

Why is it that R.C.S. has such a monopoly of weedy brownbaggers, lacking in charm and culture?

Why is it that Guildsmen, though usually pleasant, charming and courteous, are often rather dull?

Why are the Miners so much better than the rest?

Miners are the sort of men a girl likes to meet; Engineers are the sort of men a girl's mother likes to meet; but who in her senses wants to meet the I.C. brand of scientist?

Cassandra.

R.C.S. men who feel exceptional should transfer to Mines immediately.

It is not unofficially denied that the I.C.W.S.C. pot will be in use this session. No details are known.

HOPPING 'TIL XMAS

The Union Hop will remain a memory dear to all of us, and we must sympathise with the freshers who see but the shell of our hallowed hall 'The Gym'

Until the new buildings are complete we of I.C. must travel - just a few yards - for our evening hop. In spite of demolition and construction I.C. hops, like the show, must go on!

They will be held in Q.A. (that venerable establishment overlooked by the Old Hostel), Q.E.C., and in the Jehangir Hall of the Imperial Institute. The first two will be joint functions with I.C. Union Entertainments Committee.

Ayrton Hall will be available for formal dances but the floor covering makes it unsuitable for the hundreds of happy feet which hammer the floor at a Saturday Night Hop.

There is a rumour that hops may be held in the Union later in the session. The New Lounge wired to the Upper Dining Hall - a long walk on a winter's evening but a rumour is only a rumour.

The dances this term are in the form of an experiment and it is hoped that although they are being held outside Union territory, the I.C. spirit will prevail!

DANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

JEHANGIR: This Saturday 16th & Saturday 30th

Q.A. : Saturdays October 23rd
November 6th, & 20th.
Fridays November 12th & 26th.
December 10th

Q.E.C. : Saturday November 13th.

These dates will be shared between I.C. Union Entertainments Committee and 'Clubs' as indicated in the 'Informal Dance Policy' issued by the Union last term.

There will be full bar facilities at all dances and I am assured the Entertainments Mailing List is as long as ever!

FELIX underground news agency.

A friend of ours recently vacated a laboratory which he had used for some time. Several months previously, noticing a loose wooden block in the floor, he had lifted it, found nothing there except some floor sweepings, and had left a note commemorating his inspection.

When a new Professor took the room over, a few days ago, he noticed the wooden block, and asked his students what it was for. They did not know, and one of them lifted it for him. He, and his Professor (who was watching with interest) were surprised to find staring up at them our friend's note, inscribed "NOSBY B-----".

The reaction of the Professor was most creditable, and illustrates vividly the ideal detachment of the successful scientist: he moved not a muscle, nor raised an eyebrow a millimetre. He asked his student to replace the block, with the note underneath.

HOW DO YOU EAT?

Judging by the state of the Refectory queues during the first days of term, eating lunch this session is going to be an even more lengthy operation than before.

FELIX proposes to conduct a survey into the use made of the Refectory, the Snack Bar, and que nie's at lunch times. An attempt will also be made to find the proportion of students eating in the college and outside.

A survey conducted last year on queues in the evening yielded some useful information, but the time factor is usually far more important at lunch than it is in the evening. The crowd at lunch is of an altogether different order, and the two studies are entirely separate.

If you are interested in the collection and interpretation of these figures, please drop a line to the Editor.

LIMERICK

There was a young man called a fresher
Who may or may not have some leisure
If he has a Brown Bag
Then his spirits will flag
From the moment he starts being a fresher.

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BODS

It is often confusing for the fresher, newly arrived at I.C., to recognise and distinguish between the various breeds of staff which haunt the precincts. It is hoped that these notes may be of some help to the naive.

Starting from the top and working downwards:-

Dean.

The novice may confuse this species with the Professors mentioned below, and students have been known to leave I.C. still under the impression that a Dean was a hole in the ground. Suffice it to say that a Dean is always a Professor but a Professor is not always a Dean.

(To make the matter more difficult Deans alter from time to time and so it is a case of Dean one day and gone the next.)

Professor.

The greatest difficulty is often experienced by freshers in identifying a Professor, and in fact they come in all shapes and sizes, the only common feature being that they are not often seen. As a solemn warning to the newcomer, if you see a portly figure dressed in overalls and carrying a bucket and a broom, be careful, it may be the Professor! Be friendly to your Professor, wish him good morning to put him at his ease, congratulate him on the efficiency of his department (if he shows faint surprise at this it is because he is so used to taking the efficiency of the department for granted that the idea may be a little strange), then ask him how the kids are and how the research is going. A few friendly remarks like these have made a big difference to the careers of many a student.

Lecturer.

Most abundant in the early morning, concentration decreasing exponentially with time after 3 p.m. Recognised by grey suit, white collar and general air of having nothing to do. Will answer questions if cornered but this may prove dangerous if persisted in.

Junior Lecturers.

An interesting study of a young man gone wrong; paradoxically they have much less to do than a lecturer. Since all possess an air of having the world on their shoulders, this may be due to the low salary or to secret vice.

Demonstrators.

A research student who has sold his soul for lucre. Can be found prowling around laboratories, identified by the fact that they are the only people not actually doing anything! They have a general spirit of non-cooperation and enjoy exercising a peculiar brand of sarcastic wit which is handed down from generation to generation. Can be disconcerted by an apparently guileless demand for the correct result.

Laboratory Stewards.

Often mistaken for Professors and vice-versa.

Research Students.

Again not strictly staff but sometimes confused with the latter by the newcomer. Easily recognised and often seen in the corridors, badly dressed and carrying things; this is because they work on the principle "if you see something lying about, pick it up, it may come in useful". They live in rooms crammed to the ceiling with bits and pieces gathered according to this dictum. The same creed serves them in good stead at the Hops, which explains why shorthand-typists are so rarely met on Saturday nights.

Many research students have a marked aversion to working between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., a neurosis conditioned by their undergraduate days. They have a strange little blue god of their own which they call "The Thesis" and to which they make a sacrifice of their results. Those who have no results can often be found sobbing in dark corners because their little blue god is angry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHO IS CASSANDRA, WHAT IS SHE?

Sir,

I must protest against the libelous accusations of "Cassandra", who, in the last FELIX, falsely divided the honourable male community at I.C. into six ignoble groups.

Such wicked propaganda is intolerable!

This Cassandra woman has sought to indoctrinate the young, pure, innocent fresherettes with false teachings. She has attempted to indoctrinate the female freshers when they are at their freshest. She has shown herself to be an enemy of our manly society, and to be guilty of making statements against the interest of the community.

Allow me to advise the fresherettes to pay no attention to this Cassandra, but to read these facts, which are free from all subjective motives:

The "Old and Battered" is a brigade of old-timers whose activities are:- avoiding the charming, cultured men at I.C.; dining together; clucking together; dancing together; sitting out together; and occasionally entertaining males from other lower-order Colleges. They are the most unco-operative section of our society, waging a continual cold-war. Their most treacherous acts are the twisting of facts for their own gain, and dangerous propaganda work with the fresherettes, against the wishes of the masses of I.C.

When next such subversive activity occurs, I shall insist that Cassandra be investigated by an experienced sub-committee.

May I, on behalf of the magnificent I.C. men, assure the new, splendid, charming, pretty fresherettes of our co-operating attentions at all convenient times.

Yours "faithfully",
Till Death Us do Part.

Dear Sir,

We feel it is incumbent upon ourselves to write a few words of reassurance to those who may feel concern for the tender susceptibilities of our new freshers.

In common with other librarians not yet purged by the Swindon magistrates we are naturally uneasy about the corroding effects on young minds of some of the books which we stock; but we feel that the danger may be easily exaggerated. It is true that (in the interests of Literature) we possess replicas of that same "Decameron" which has recently been advertised far beyond its original esoteric circle; but they are so seldom to be seen on our shelves that there is little danger of their falling into inexperienced hands. We also keep (in the interests of Science) the Kinsey Reports, but these are usually on loan to sociological researches (of whom there appear to be a large number in I.C.), and are very often held for months at a time while the masses of information in them are tabulated and digested.

We will not deny that we have purchased (in the interests of Classical Studies) Ovid's "Art of Love", and (in the interests of Everyman) A. Chandler's "Guide to Seduction"; but worried moralists may feel quite confident that all older students will exercise great vigilance in preventing these works from coming into the wrong hands.

The Union Library is in an out-of-the-way place (in an annexe of the C. & G. Library which is directly above Queenie's) and it may be that all our fears are unfounded, for the fresher may never come to hear of it, let alone find his way there. And in any case, it is in such a quiet, secluded corner that few would venture to leave the friendly, crowded noise of the refectories and lounges to seek it out, comfortable though it may be.

With which reflections, worried Sir, let us rest in the hope that the freshers will not fall by the wayside through any fault of ours.

We are, Sir,

Your Humble Servants,

P.N. Rowe A.R. Bray
G.J. Mills M.R. Pigott
G.B. Thomas D. Price

(Union Library Committee)

We apologise to Mr. Cox, and to Miss Dent for not including their letters; owing to their length and the shortage of space the letters will have to be left for the next issue. We would ask our correspondents to keep their letters short.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15th

1.10 p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre. S.C.M. meeting "The World, the Neighbours, God and You" from Evanston. Sandwiches will be on sale.

1.15 p.m. in the Chem. Techn. Meeting Room. I.C. Mountaineering Club General Meeting.

5.05 p.m. Room 15. General Meeting and Film Show "Endurance".

5.15 p.m. in the Upper Dining Hall. I.C. Literary and Debating Society and I.C. Political Society. Freshers' Tea. Address by Professor Levy on "The Science of Politics".

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

10.30 a.m. Rally. Moreton (Nr. Epping).

I.C. Mountaineering Club Meet at Harrison's Rocks. Train leaves Victoria at 8.50 a.m.

See Club notice-board for further details.

I.C. Film Society Film Show.

MONDAY OCTOBER 18th

1.10 p.m. Miss Muriel Crouch, F.R.C.S. "The Purpose of Life". Botany Lecture Theatre. Sandwiches on sale.

1.10 p.m. in Committee Room "A". An Extraordinary General Meeting of the I.C. Photographic Society.

5.15 p.m. in Committee Room "A". An Extraordinary General Meeting of the I.C. Dramatic Society.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 19th

1.30 p.m. in Committee Room "A". An Extraordinary Meeting of the I.C. Rifle Club.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20th

Cooper Car Company visit.

5.30 p.m. I.C. Chemical Society Lecture: "The Reactivity of Solids" by Professor J.A. Hedvall of Chalmers University, Gothenburg.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21st

1.00 p.m. Bible Study. Room 101 Chem.

Tech. St. John's Gospel.

1.15 p.m. in Committee Room "A". Annual General Meeting of the I.C. Contract Bridge Club.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd

7.00 p.m. at the Caledonian Hall, Caledonian Rd., N.1. U.L. Polke Dance Federation Ball. Music by Jack Armstrong and his Broadcasting Band. Dress optional. Tickets 6/- each, limited; obtainable from Alan D. Marsh, Students' Union, Northern Polytechnic, Holloway, N.7., or from Angela Davies, 75 Fellows Road, N.W.3.

MONDAY OCTOBER 25th

1.10 p.m. The Rev. Hon. Roland Lamb "Is Christianity Worn Out?" Botany Lecture Theatre. Sandwiches on sale.

5.15 p.m. I.C. Chemical Society Film Show.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26th

R.O.S. Mathematical and Physical Society with the C. & G. Radio Society present a lecture on "Radio Astronomy" by Dr. J.A. Glegg.

7.30 p.m., place of performance to be announced later. I.C. International Relations Club present an evening of films, songs and dances from the northern Mediterranean countries. Admission Free.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28th

Ditto.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th

Brighton Run. (Bo.)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19th

Engineers' Ball.

TO ALL SECRETARIES.

The 'Coming Events' Diary is open to all I.C. Clubs who desire publicity for future meetings and events. An actual Diary is now kept in the Union Porter's Office. The Coming Events column will cover events from the Friday of publication for the following fortnight. Club officials should enter their events in the Diary at least a week before FELIX is due to appear; alternatively details may be addressed through the rack to the Coming Events Editor.

Secretaries are also invited to submit some additional information concerning their events which MAY be printed if space permits. Bare details of all the entries submitted will be printed in any case.

SPORT'S PAGE

ROWING

Henley this year was as enjoyable as ever. Before the regatta the training was intensive and revelry was at a minimum, but once the racing was over the crew let down their "crew-outs" in the best I.C. tradition. (For an account of the racing see article in "Phoenix").

The second eight were at Henley, terrorising the river in a battered old motor cruiser, their wake strewn with empty Whitbread bottles, ostensibly to cheer on the I.C. crews.

On "Finals" night, the cruiser was involved in various fracas with King's, Leander, and the Temple Island, all of which were won with the exception of the Island which necessitated extensive repairs to the cruiser and to Keith Johnson.

THE SABIN TANKARD

For the past fortnight, a very business-like I.C. crew has been in training for the races for the Sabin Tankard, held last Saturday at Putney. I.C. won their first heat fairly comfortably but were narrowly beaten, by a canvas, in the final by a very good Thames Tradesmen crew.

I.C.A.F.C.

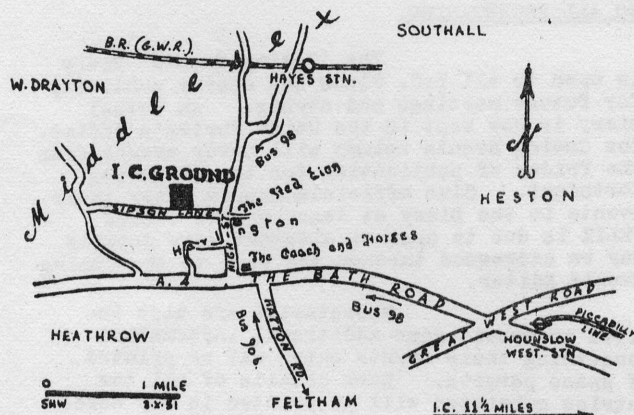
At the trials 30 freshers turned out and since most of the 1st. XI have returned to College competition will be high.

It is expected that 1st. and 2nd. XI's will be of near equal strength. The first matches of the season take place on Wednesday when four XI's will be fielded, and will mark the beginning of what we hope will be a very successful season.

TENNIS

This year the Club will try to do as well as in the three seasons, although most of our triumphant Cup team have left. Trials have shown some promising players and this season Mines need never field an undermined team. Guilds have not balanced for their outgoing players notably:- Fancy, Radford, Tsou, Forster, and Cross whilst R.C.S. fare even worse. Guilds are expected to retain the Brown Cup for a further year.

HARLINGTON



RUGGER.

Trials were held at Harlington on Wednesday and Saturday last week, and were well attended by Freshers and old members alike. There were ninety present on Wednesday, and over sixty on Saturday. The Rugby was well up to the standard of past years and there seems to be every prospect of a good season. U.L. held their trials on Saturday and ten members from I.C. were present. The final trial will be held next Wednesday, and after this there is a full fixture list, the opening match for the 1st XV being against Warps Vardale at home.

CROSS COUNTRY

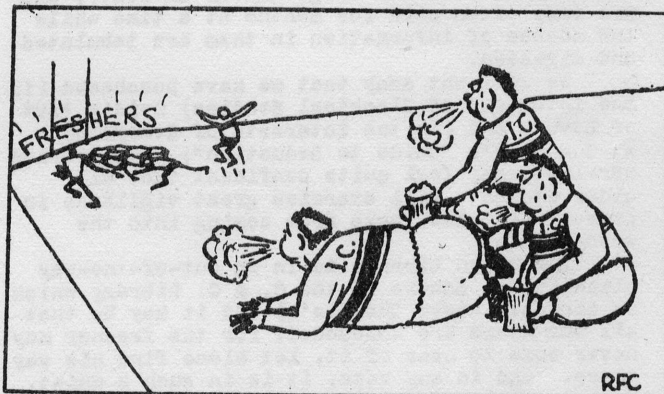
I.C. Cross Country Club, although weakened by the loss of two of their outstanding runners hope to be in the position to field a reasonably strong side this year.

Of the freshers, there is one notable athlete - John Evans - who is the U.L. Mile Champion and record holder, and recorded a time of 4 mins. 10 secs. in the inter-counties mile held at the White City last Whitsun.

The Club held a training run over the course in Richmond Park on the first Saturday of the term, which ended in a game of hide-and-seek as members - new and old - floundered along the many paths which are a feature of this Royal Park.

HARLINGTON TRIALS

The promise of a free trip to the ranches of Greater London and, according to one notice board at least, of a free tea at the other end brought the usual horde of earnest and athletic gentlemen to Harlington last Wednesday and Saturday to show their prowess at the sport of their choice. There was a pleasing number of Freshers present, which promises well for the coming season, and spirits were by no means dampened by the fact that the free tea never materialised. Almost without exception, everyone complained of a lack of fitness appropriate to the occasion, but thoughts of the approaching U.L. Cups should urge members to attain a higher degree of fitness.



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NEWS BRIEFS

I.C.'s representatives during the recent U.L. Athletic Club tour of Sweden, Trevor Bailey and Mike Rickard, justified their selection in the team, although it must be mentioned that Mike's beard was a far greater attraction than his below-form jumping abilities.