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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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THE TOURISTS ARE BACK!

HOCKEY CLUB TOUR NETHERLANDS during EASTER WIN 5 - DRAW 2 - LOSE 1

The party of sixteen left the Union on Saturday March 26th feeling rather depressed at the prospect of not being present at the "Ceremonial Closing of the Bar" but such thoughts soon vanished and Rotterdam was reached on Sunday morning without loss of life. The day was spent in general sightseeing and liqueur tasting and in the late afternoon we travelled to Delft where our hosts were waiting to guide us to the "Societet Phoenix". Here, the serious business of drinking (Jenever) began but dinner interrupted before long to the accompaniment of beer only. Two short and reasonably coherent speeches were made during the Dinner after which coffee and more Jenever were taken. The team then departed with their hosts homeward and after several beers in the favourite "locals", retired to bed.

After some sightseeing the following morning we travelled by tram to the Sportsground, the other side of the Hague where I.C. A XI beat Delft 2nd XI by 5-0. After the match we saw something of the Hague including some exotic night clubs and finally we returned to the Phoenix for a last drink.

FUN IN DELFT

More wanderings round Delft on Tuesday morning and then by coach to the ground where I.C. 1st XI lost 3-4 to Delft 1st XI in a very close and exciting game. This was a very good result as Delft run seven regular Hockey sides and are considered one of the best clubs in Holland. The coming evening was to provide the most spectacular events during our stay in Delft. Serious drinking began at 5.30 p.m. and was taken so seriously by some members of I.C.H.C. that they did not last beyond 7.00 p.m. and thus missed the Dinner. At the Dinner, the Captain of I.C.H.C. is alleged to have delivered two semi-intelligible speeches; the only certain thing however was that Mr. J.W.C. Sherwood was duly congratulated on the attainment of his 5th birthday and he replied (although somewhat reluctantly). After the dinner, complete chaos set in and the details of what occurred thenceforth are clear to no-one.

The true magnitude of the event could only be judged from the scordid aftermath, visible the following morning. It was with very sad hearts and very many Alka-Seltzers that we departed from Delft the next day for Utrecht.

WIN IN UTRECHT

We played our match against Utrecht on arrival and considering the general physical condition of our players, we played with some spirit to win 1-0. After the game we returned to the Utrecht Student Society where a very large number of us drank Lemonade. At this stage of the tour, at least two members of the Party had sworn never to drink Jenever again neither did they for the rest of the tour. At the dinner, besides the usual speeches, the Utrecht President called upon Edwin Owen to explain how he had come to be the only goalscorer of the day; from the reply one could only conclude that it was a matter of pure chance that he had not scored at least five more goals! Because of the International Trade Fair then in progress in Utrecht, the night-life was somewhat brighter than usual.

WHO DONE IT ?

IF YOU LISTENED TO PROFESSOR A. E. RICHARDSON MAKING HIS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY DINNER NINE DAYS AGO, YOU WOULD REMEMBER THAT HE DID NOT RATE "MODERN ART" VERY HIGHLY. Perhaps the people who chose the colour scheme in the new Bar had some vague notion of "modern art".

We rate it even lower than Professor Richardson. On entering the Bar, we are now confronted with the billious contrast of rose-pink doors and lemon-yellow walls. Who chose the colour-scheme? The patrons disapprove vehemently and surely it is the patrons who matter.

Is it too much to ask for an attractive Bar? Is it too much to want to quaff our noggin in genial, not austere, surroundings?

The answer would seem to be YES

MUTUA FIDES IN GRONINGEN

The next day we moved on to Groningen where we had a comparatively quiet evening in MUTUA FIDES, their Student Society. We drank some beer and talked a-while with our hosts. The following morning we toured the city of Groningen and saw the University and other buildings. After lunching with our hosts we made towards the Sportsfield where I.C. A XI played extremely well to beat Forward 2nd XI 6-1. There followed in the evening another general orgy of drinking and eating with I.C. perhaps a trifle more restrained than on Tuesday in Delft. So enjoyable was the entertainment that all were oblivious of the fact that on the morrow, we were to have our most arduous day's hockey. The celebrations continued well into the morning and the I.C. Captain left Mutua Fides in disgust at 3.30 a.m. having been so intent on talking that he had missed a round of champagne: Jim Taylor did not have this misfortune. The following morning was taken up with shopping and general wanderings through the town. John Taylor tried very hard to make intelligent conversation with the Assistant Professor of Physics on the topic of Theoretical Metal-Physics and with some success considering the hour of the morning.

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AN ENEMY HATH DONE THIS THING BY VERE ATKINSON

There would appear to have been a certain amount of weeping and gnashing of teeth among the Union of late. "Who has perpetrated this outrage?" they cry, slavering visibly for blood. They refer, of course, to the temporary Bar.

How did this calamity occur? The original colour scheme was yellow walls and tan woodwork - bright, but reasonable. Unfortunately, while the woodwork was being painted, various dignitaries of the college strode onto the scene of the crime and, after an initial period of speechlessness, expounded at great length on the nasty things of which they were put in mind by the colour of the paint. The painters, all very sensitive men, could not help overhearing and were shortly reduced to a state of nervous twitch. This culminated in them bounding away with their paint pots and pouring lots of red and blue pigment into their tan paint. The result was the horrid clash we now have between puce-pink doors and lemon walls.

"Why", growl the affronted drinkers, unmoved by this tale of human perfidy. "Why could we not have had a temporary with soothing dull cream walls and a murky brown dadd like our old one?"

The calamity originated in the thought that as a new Union is in construction some guidance as to its internal colouring would be required. Hitherto the Union had been clad uniformly in a drab brown and cream. Was this institutional colouring really the students' idea of pleasant colouring? Or was it merely the result of a wartime shortage when only these colours were available? To ascertain the current student's taste we ventured to order brighter colours for those temporary rooms being repainted. They are the Registry Lounge and Games Hall in the Beit Building and the Noticeboard Room and Bar in the Union. People interested in colour should consider all four (with not too much emphasis on the Bar which is an horrible mistake (occasionally) by the upsetting of the painters' artistic temperament).

So far none of the colours employed has escaped criticism although the grey has been let down fairly lightly. There would seem to be some truth in the notion of a student preference for dull colours. However the main thing is that the Union has become vocal on the matter of colour and we shall not lack advice in the future. Whatever happens the painting of the new Union will not go by default.

MEDICATED WITH I*Z*L GERMICIDE

UNION FINALE

DEMOLITION SPIRIT PREVAILS IN BAR

At 11.45 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th, the old Union Bar was closed for the very last time. On its final evening the Bar and Union were filled with exuberant revellers, who refused to let their spirits be damaged by the shadow of sadness which hung over them. As closing time approached the company linked hands for "Auld Lang Syne" and, after giving three rousing cheers each for Ted and Tom, moved slowly from the Bar. Appropriately enough, last man to leave was Ted Smith, who has served behind that historic counter for twenty-eight years, and who has made hundreds of lasting friends among the many students he has met.

The "Bar Cooling Party" was preceded by a combined '22, Links and Chaps Clubs Dinner, at which Ted's health was proposed by one of his oldest customers and closest friends, Charles Bristow. The Dinner was illuminated by candle-light, and one of the diners discovered only just in time that someone had placed one of the candles directly beneath his seat during the meal.

Dr. K. E. Weale in an impromptu masterpiece, expressed everyone's sentiments when he pointed out that this was merely a discontinuity in the life of the Bar and our cry should be not a lament but, thinking of the future, "The Bar is dead. Long live the Bar."

After Dinner, the Union was the scene of some energetic sport, of which the most boisterous consisted of tobogganning down the staircase on upturned tables. There was also some disorganised scurramaging in the Lower Dining Hall, where, at Mr. Mooney's suggestion, a condemned wall was destroyed with battering rams in order to save the contractors some time.

The Upper Dining Hall was busy throughout its last week, and its real climax was reached on Wednesday, March 23rd, on the occasion of the Rugger Club Dinner. This was notable for the tremendous spirit and enthusiasm which permeated the entire proceedings. Even aged veterans of the club could not recall a more successful evening. Biggest cheer of the night went to the club's favourite Barman and guest - Ted Smith.

It is good to report that the two best-loved rooms in the old Union should have enjoyed such successful conclusions to their memorable history.

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY

ENG SOC VISITS BILLINGHAM

Tuesday, 29th March, saw 18 Mechanical Engineers fighting for seats on the "Northumbrian" Express at Kings Cross bound for Billingham-on-Tees near Middlesborough. This visit to end all visits was certainly the finest excursion ever organised by the Guilds Engineering Society.

Surprisingly enough everybody did get seats and the journey to York soon passed to the accompaniment of wine, song, and the usual pack of cards. The party changed trains at York, shepherded by Malcolm Deere, and at tea time we were greeted by our hosts, the I.C.I. at Stockton, who took us to one of the best hotels in the district.

Memories are rather dim about the magnificent dinner and subsequent film show; some can't even remember going to bed. The next morning saw 18 highly polished engineers arriving for breakfast, which was followed by a day of works touring. The early evening saw us downing cocktails at a local country club, when many tunes well known in South Ken. were introduced to Northumbria.

On returning to our hotels, we had another good dinner and then set out to paint the town red and silver. Some of us went to the pictures, while some went dancing, or so they said. At eleven-o'clock the fun started. Mr. Deere found his bed quite unusable and his night attire likewise, while Ian Bell found his shoes had sprouted high heels. Tea was ordered through the early hours and a Boomalaka rendered on the stairs. Most of the party did sleep a bit, although one group played cards until 3-o'clock and then turned Ian Bell and Derek Gotham out of bed. To crown it all, Messrs. Deere and Gotham found themselves well and truly screwed into their room, as a result of which Howard Panton and Mike Amsden went shoeless for some time.

The last day was spent touring the I.C.I.'s Wilton Works, followed by a splendid lunch. Then we were driven to Darlington Station to catch the homeward train. Here we made the acquaintance of two young ladies of Newcastle University who did not seem to mind playing poker at all.

At Kings Cross again, this memorable visit came to a close. But not quite. One of the afore-mentioned young ladies was escorted home - well done Mike. Trust a Guildsman

M.T.D.

EASTER CONCERT IS A SUCCESS

I.C. Musical Society, ably supported by the Jacques Orchestra, conducted by Doctor Brown, celebrated Easter with an ambitious programme of music at Q.A.H. on March 17th., which was, on the whole, successful. Two short pieces led to the main work; these were an Adagio and Gigue by Galuppi and "The Pharisee and the Publican" by Schütz. Tone and diction were very good in all the choral items but the choir is "bottom heavy" and so the tenors are almost drowned and the whole choir is pulled down. The main work was "Acis and Galatea" by Handel, in which the soloists were Norma Morgan, soprano, Maurice Wearmouth, tenor, and Ranken Bushby, bass - three lovely voices which were a pleasure to listen to. Good soloists have a considerable affect on the presentation of any work; the choir were most fortunate in their choice of soloists.

From Handel to Parry is a jump which made "Blest Pair of Sirens" even more exciting and exhilarating. It was very well sung indeed. I think the choir enjoyed it as much as we did.

The musical society are to be commended for trying to present something different but surely it is better to include the more unusual pieces in a programme of well known music. People who attend amateur concerts are not usually so much music lovers as friends of the performers and would enjoy the concert so much more if the music were familiar.

We look forward to another concert by the society in the near future.

S.R.G.

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MIXED DRINKS-MIXED HOCKEY

The afternoon saw the whole I.C. party congregated at the Groningen H.C. ground where a tournament (with two pools of three Teams) was to take place. The games were to be of 40 minutes duration each. In the first game we drew with Forward 0-0 and in the second we beat G.B.H.S. by 3-0. Then we again played Forward this time playing much better and we won 3-1. In the final, against Groningen H.C., we played the best Hockey seen from an I.C. Team for years, to draw 2-2; the strength of the Groningen team can be judged from the fact that they are this year the Champions of the North Netherlands Premier League. After all this exertion, we were confronted with a dance arranged for us in the evening: those with sufficient energy danced, while the majority could not do much more than raise glass to mouth. Sunday was to be our last day in the Netherlands and most people did not rise until noon or later. We had foolishly arranged to play a game of Mixed Hockey in the afternoon with the help of some of the local talent but when it came to the point of actually running about we were completely lost: all energy seemed to have left us. The game ended in a draw.

Having said our farewells we departed from Groningen and returned by the night-boat arriving back in England much too early on Monday morning.

SOCIAL & ATHLETIC SUCCESS

To summarise the results of our Hockey Matches: in eight days we played eight games of Hockey of which we WON 5, DREW 2 and LOST 1. We scored 23 goals and conceded 9. These results exclude the mixed game played on Sunday. Of the playing members of the party, none played in less than 3 games while the Captain sacrificed himself to the extent of playing in all 9. The Hon. Sec. of I.C.U. who came at the last moment to replace John Newell (who broke his collar bone) acquitted himself nobly and actually played in two of the games.

Both from the Social and Athletic point of view, this was a very fine Tour and there is no doubt that it will live very long in the minds of all those who participated.

THE PROF MAKES THEM LAUGH

Dr. Willis Jackson made both members and guests of the Radio Society rock with laughter at his anecdotes in one of the wittiest speeches heard for some time at the annual dinner in the Ayrton Hall. He especially warned the assembled company of the dangers of mixing two lumps of Plutonium in Christmas stockings, reciting an amusing little verse on the subject.

Mr. Urquhart-Pullen, the Honorary Secretary of the Society, thanked the doctor, and gave a short history of the Society during the past year. Other speakers were Dr. Lamb, P. Adorian Esq., S.G. Reece, and M.P. Beddoes. Apart from the anecdotes, the occasion was marked as one of Miss Bowling's last Dinners in the Ayrton Hall.

*See Nelson's Column.

Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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Like many people, the closing of the Union has brought home to us the shock of living in the kitchen whilst the builders are in the dining room. But there isn't really any excuse for the deplorable decoration in the temporary new Bar. In society circles it would be called the height of bad taste; in dockland it's a b----- eyesore.

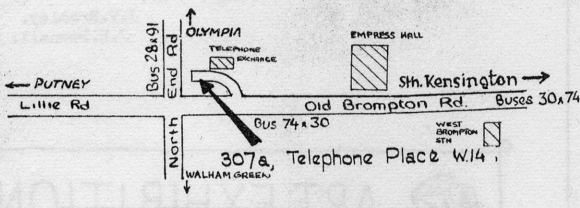
But quite apart from this travesty of art, this sacrilegious mockery of a university 'pub, it is impossible to place a dartboard anywhere without the risk of removing someone's eye as he enters the Bar, and yet again, the watering place has room for no more than three standing and one sitting - totally inadequate on crowded nights.

There is but a single word of praise. The designer has foreseen the need of ventilation - and a fan blows a soft breath through the Bar - perhaps to cool down the anger of its patrons in this inhospitable place.

The FELIX printer S'il Vous Plait Ltd. has now moved premises from South Kensington to 307A, Telephone Place, Fulham. 'Phone: FUL5179 (see sketch below)

We are indebted to them for providing FELIX with a new set of boards and various printed headlines which will give additional clarity to our college newspaper.

We should like to remind Clubs and Societies that S'il Vous Plait have printed many of our dance and carnival tickets in the past and are always pleased to receive your enquiries.



Nelson's Column Continued:-

I.C.W.A. DINNER AND DANCE: - in the Ayrton Hall last Friday. Both the food and the speeches were given a good reception. Toasts were proposed by the Rector and Dr. Owen. Peggy Taylor and 'Idz Hayton also spoke. The guest of honour was Dr. Penston, Principal of Bedford. Dancing lasted until 2 o'clock after which coffee and breakfast parties lasted until dawn.

EASTER BALL

Over 400 attended what must have been one of the most enjoyable functions of the College year. Claridge's certainly lived up to its name! The Buffet was a sight to be believed, much to the internal discomfort of those who had partaken of Mr Mooney's excellent Hall Dinner beforehand. The staff were working overtime serving delicious gateaux, fruit salad and literally gallons of iced orangeade, the latter to the pecuniary disadvantage of the waiters, one of whom was heard to remark "They come here all night and all they can do is drink ----- orangeade" --This was no doubt the outcome of end of term student finance rather than a mass signing of the pledge!

The Curzon Orchestra played non-stop dance music and a Piper provided Eightsoes and Gay Gordons. Mike Neale gave an address of welcome and bouquets were presented to Mrs. Linstead and Peggy Taylor by members of I.C.W.A.

There was no cabaret officially engaged but many enjoyed the antics of numerous painters on scaffolding and high ladders who could be seen decorating an adjacent lounge!

The only adverse criticism heard concerned the seating accommodation which was unfortunately limited until 12 o'clock. However for the rest of the night an extensive and luxurious lounge was made available and the grumbles were soon forgotten.

NELSON'S COLUMN



*** MINES TRACTION ENGINE: By now all at I.C. should be familiar with the R.S.M. mascot. At their last Union meeting, last term, the Mines tried to decide on a name for her. There were several suggestions, some of these being variations on the name of the only lady member of the Union, one being the name of a fossil and also "Clementine". The last was the most popular, and those who have done most work on the engine prefer it. There is a snag, however, the name "Clementine" was first suggested by an R.C.S. man, in print too. If only he had had the decency to keep quiet and let the slower thinking Miners arrive at this most appropriate appellation themselves.

*** R.C.S. MASCOT? Whilst on the subject of mascots that move, a fat little bird told Nelson that R.C.S. are acquiring an ancient fire engine from the regions of Warrington, but as the present owners will require the machine for a procession this summer, the scientists will have to walk for a while.

*** MINES PORNOGRAPHER: Another news item from the last Mines Union meeting - somebody had the nerve to propose the abolishment of this important post, and there was even some serious discussion on the subject. To show that only a few have been softened by female presence, "the boys" rejected the motion with contempt.

*** LORD MAYOR'S SHOW - A FLOAT FOR C & G: Martin Jacobs sub-committee met on the 22nd. of March and various ideas for a theme were discussed. The best was forwarded to the organisers of the show this year. The sub-committee hopes to have everything cut and dried before July, so that Guildsmen can start building the float as soon as possible in October. One of the chief difficulties has been the selection of a suitable site for the construction, and, as yet, no final decision has been made.

*** ELECTION - VOTING BY POST: At the last Council meeting I.C. was dissociated from all politics. An I.C. political society which wanted to circulate I.C. voters with information as to how they could vote (for any party) by post, cannot now do so. Details can, however be obtained from the Union Offices.

*** NEWS FLASH FROM CORNWALL: 'HAG' Slater just can't be kept out of this column. A second year metallurgist, living in Cornwall, was walking on a hillside with his sister when in the distance he perceived Hags, dark and stormy having just been on the wrong side of a rugby victory. He pointed out Hags to his sister who observed: "What a peculiar man, but he looks about forty."

*** STOCKPILING OF HOCK? There is to be no beer but wine at the next Hall Dinner on May 10th. Someone probably considers that this move will introduce the uncouth to the art of better living. We wonder whose taste everyone will have to endure.

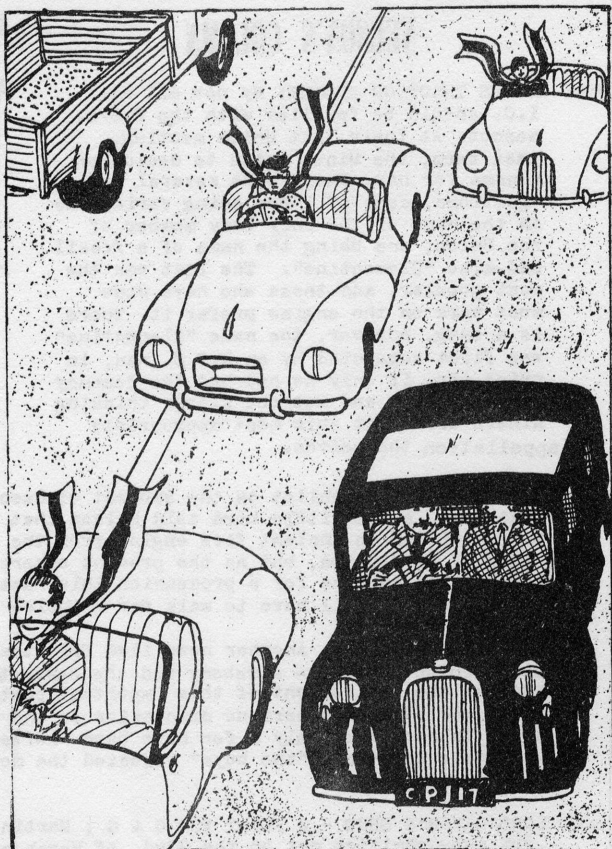
*** FEMALE MUSCLE AT HARLINGTON: Officials are urgently required for the first athletics match ever undertaken by I.C.W.A., at Harlington against King's tomorrow. Applicants should form a queue outside the door of Maureen Hawes' room, No.66 in the New Hostel.

*** OVERHEARD AT SILWOOD: At Sunday breakfast at the last Touchstone weekend, Mr. McDowall, our General Studies Administrator, was heard to say: "I want to be a sex maniac." He was in fact telling a story about a little boy, an avid reader of horror comics, who was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up.

*** NEWSPAPER STRIKE: We understand that a certain well known gentleman of I.C. made money during the stoppage by selling duplicated sheets of racing results for a spiv in the Strand. Helping to sell 2000 in one hour, he earned ten shillings.

*** YOU WILL BE ABLE TO QUENCH A RED HOT POKER IN YOUR GLASS OF STOUT in the new bar now being built in the Union. There should be a coal fire there - all being well.

*** TOLD BY DR. WILLIS JACKSON AT THE RADIO SOC. DINNER: "One of my colleagues", said the doctor, "made a glaring faux pas at a public school presentation. He came to the awards for cricket and said: 'I now present the Smith cricket cup to Jones Major for the best performance; and balls to the rest of the team.'"



"THAT'S MY SON — BIGGER GRANT, YOU KNOW....."

NEW GRANTS by JOHN COX

The recent news that University Grants were to be increased must have cheered many of us, but it would be premature to consider throwing a party to celebrate the event. It is possible that students living at home will not benefit at all. A 10% increase for board and lodgings is indicated and the means test on the State awards is to be made less exacting. Students in large families will benefit most.

The decision to allow students who have won extra awards to use up to £100 of it is welcome as extra ability has not been rewarded in the past. Nevertheless, it is clear that the reassessment is not intended to fully offset the increased cost of living as the following table will show.

	1949 Award	1949 awards + 32% to offset cost of living	New rate (Maxm. estimate)
Hostel & lodgings	£241	£319	£289
Home	£180	£235	£205

(The figure of 32% increase in the cost of living is taken from the Government's cost of living index)

The triennial reassessment of 1952 made bigger increases but the vacation allowances were made optional for local education authorities, and about one third do not now pay them.

Students receiving awards from their Local Education Authority may expect a bigger increase as the Government will ask them to pay an amount similar to that awarded by the State.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

8.3.55.

The Editor, Felix.

P.O. 841
Kitwe
N. Rhodesia

Dear Sir,

We are grateful to receive copies of Felix and to learn of the doings at South Ken. We are, however, shocked to read of the lack of good fellowship amongst the men of I.C. To our memory the destruction of decorations at carnivals and hurling of trifle (however grim it might be!) was not considered to be funny.

We would heartily support Mike Neale in his contention that there is a distinction between free and easy enjoyment and irresponsibility. One of the objects of Varsity life is to breed gentlemen in the fullest sense of the word. Whilst this does not preclude jocular high spirits the line is drawn at hooliganism.

Further, dishonesty, though disguised as cleverness is not "a good thing" (S. Potter). This has been an insidious development for some time but it now appears to have reached its zenith.

We sincerely hope to read that future carnivals will be a success both socially and financially.

Yours etc.

B.L. Fenoulhet (Ex R.S.M. Entert. Off.)
M.J. West (Ex R.S.M. Entert. Off.
Ex Chairman I.C.U.E.C.)

Imperial College Union,
Sunday, 1st May.

The Editor,
"FELIX".


Sir,

We sincerely hope that the views of Mr Cox, a declared Communist, on the subject of University Grants do not represent the views of "FELIX".

The large number of factors that must be considered in any appreciation of the subject make it extremely difficult to review the situation concisely within a small space.

Yours etc.,

J.V.Bramley.
J.H.Powmell.




ART EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture by Members of Imperial College will be held in Committee Room 'A' (Union Building) from:

May 23 to May 27 incl.

Sending in day, Friday 20th May.
3 works may be submitted by each person. Works must be clearly labelled with Name, Dept. of Exhibitor, and Title of Work and delivered to Committee Room 'A' during College hours on Fri. 20th May. ~



SPORTS DAY HOP

IN THE AYRTON HALL.

WED. MAY 18th. at 7.30.

in aid of

The British Universities Sports Board
brian spooner band

tickets 2/- & 3/6.

RELAX & ATTN	CHESS & BRIDGE	ICWA CHANGING ROOM	LABORATORIES				TABLE TENNIS	
Hostel	W	U	GAMES HALL				U	ICWA COMMITTEE
Hostel	U	U	Hostel				U	LOUNGE ROOM
Hostel	U	U	Hostel				U	RECTOR
PLANNING DEPARTMENT	U	U	Hostel				U	TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
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							U	MESSEN GER'S LOUNGE

UNION ACCOMODATION IN BIET BUILDING.

FELIX is still in danger of becoming short-staffed; if anyone feels inclined to write an article, draw a cartoon or come and help produce the paper, if only for an hour, they would be most welcome to drop a line to the Editor.

ROWING

THE HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE 1955

The "Head" was rowed this year once again in its "correct" direction; from Mortlake to Putney. The race was rowed in conditions which varied from one extreme to the other, the earlier crews starting in a near blizzard with snow, highwind and rough water, and the later crews rowing over in warm sunshine with a gentle breeze ruffling the surface of the Thames.

I.C. entered nine crews, thus tying with London and Thames for the largest entry out of a total of 227. The 1st. VIII surprised and disappointed by dropping in position from 8th. to 14th., a place which, though it fairly reflects the crew's performance on the day, is in no way an assessment of its potentiality.

For the rest the Club did very well. The 2nd. VIII did extremely well to finish 20th. (from 27th.), fulfilling a three year ambition to finish in the 1st. Division. The 3rd. VIII went up from 79th. place to 64th., and the 5th. and 6th. VIIIs rose respectively 35 and 63 places on last year's positions. All this helped to raise the Club's average by 15 places a crew!

The results show particularly a very keen and able bunch of Freshers, many of whom are rowing through the Summer Term; and the Club looks forward to an enjoyable regatta season.

W.U.S. CARNIVAL

The World University Service, in the University of London, are organising a Procession for tomorrow, Saturday May 7th. This Procession will start from Hyde Park and travel to Bedford College, via Trafalgar Square, WITH POLICE PERMISSION! The theme is to be: "Britain thro' the Ages". There will be no I.C. float in this Procession, although the Mines Traction Engine might make a good entry as a specimen of the Industrial Revolution?

A University Carnival will be held in Bedford College grounds during the afternoon and in the evening there will be a Grand Ball to close the day.

RUGBY

Sparkes Cup: R.C.S. 9 - Guilds 3.

R.C.S. won the Sparkes Cup for the fourth time in six years by following up their 8-5 win over Mines by a surprise victory over the Guilds.

Guilds played with a strong wind in the first half, but failed to use it. The score was 3-3 at half-time, and R.C.S. thereafter kept Guilds pegged back with kicks by Holman and Shepherd. They added to J.H. Jones' try with a penalty goal by Coates and, to general astonishment, a dropped goal (in-off) by J.M.L. Holman.

I.C. RUGGER CLUB DINNER:- photographs taken at this memorable function are displayed on the club notice board.

COME TO SPORTS DAY.

WED., MAY 18TH., MOTSPUR PARK.

Coach leaves Union at 1.30 p.m.

Coach tickets 2/6 ret., Tea 1/6.

Tickets available from Bookstall

Mon. 18th only, before 5.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY MAY 10TH

Anthony Hopkins - "The Enjoyment of Music".
1.00 p.m. in the Council Room C. & G.

THURSDAY MAY 12TH

I.C. Mus Soc. - Violin and Piano Recital.
Works by Mozart and Elgar. 1.15 p.m. in the
Council Room C. & G.

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

U.L. Athletics Championship Finals.
Motspur Park. 2.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH

Imperial College Sports Day at Motspur
Park.

Sports Day Hop in Ayrton Hall in the
evening.

FRIDAY MAY 20TH

I.C. International Relations Club Russian
evening, 7.30 p.m. in the Snack Bar.
(provisional notice)

TUESDAY MAY 24TH

Inaugural Lecture by Prof. R.M. BARRER on
his appointment to the Chair of Phys. Chem.
"Some Tasks and Perspectives in Physical Chem-
istry". 5.30 p.m. in the R.C.S. Main Chem.
Theatre.

CRICKET

The cricket season opened quietly, the first trials being held on the beach at Falmouth during the Rugger Club tour. Here K. Weale was seen to be in his usual form, but more talent was forthcoming from the later trials at Harlington.

The 1st XI played Reading University, who won the toss and batted first. They displayed considerable concentration, but little initiative, and I.C., despite poor fielding, had a good chance to win when Reading declared at 142 - 6 (Jordinson 4 - 27). By way of contrast the I.C. batsmen showed lack of concentration and occasional reckless initiative against indifferent bowling. They lost 4 quick wickets, after which the later batsmen did not experience much difficulty in forcing a draw at 82 - 7 (Whiddon 34).

The 2nd XI, thanks mainly to a fine 59 not out by Regan and 5 for 45 by Amatya, scored an exciting one wicket victory over Reading 2nd XI.

The Sunday XI began with a fine win over Lennox, who made 140 - 7 dec. I.C. passed this total with several wickets to spare, Kitchener (87 not out) astonishing those who had come solely to barrack, notably W.S. Robinson.

GOLF

The Golf Club has continued its successful season by defeating King's College Hospital 5-1 and Middlesex Hospital 4-2. As Middlesex are the present University champions I.C. should stand a good chance of winning the championship when it is played at Moor Park on May 25th.

An innovation at the end of last term was the dinner held in the Upper Dining Hall. The guests included the U.L. Captain, the Captain and Secretary of Highgate and Bill Cox, who, as one of the leading teachers of the game afterwards showed an extremely interesting film, several members taking the opportunity to discuss their failings and pet theories with him.

The standard of play at the Spring Meeting held at Walton Heath on March 25th was adversely affected by the hard winter, most members being out of practice. The scratch cup was won by M. Hampton with a 79 and D.D. Anderton won the Glover Cup for the best handicap round. The foursomes competition in the afternoon was won by K. Lewis and A.P. MacKenzie. Hampton followed up this success during the vacation in the Northern Open Championship at Murcar, when he had a 72 hole aggregate of 295 to finish second amateur in a field containing 58 amateurs with handicaps less than 4, and several professionals. He was 8th in the overall placings.

The term was given a good start when 12 members and ex-members opened the weekend of April 22nd at the Dorny House at Corden Beach, Bexhill. The golf gradually deteriorated as the week-end progressed. In fact, more than a few people had difficulty in driving straight on the Sunday morning! Those who had any energy left on Sunday evening used it up by pushing one of the cars up and down the road for an hour before it would start. The weekend was an outstanding success and it is to be hoped that many more will follow.

RUGGER CLUB TOUR OF CORNWALL

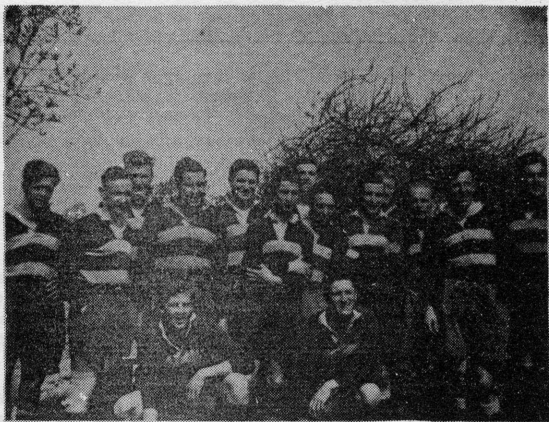
I.C. LOSE THREE HARD-FOUGHT MATCHES

As a conclusion to the season the Rugger club visited the West Country for three fixtures against opponents that promised to be the most formidable the college has yet encountered. It was therefore with some foreboding that the party left the crumbled union by coach but short sojourns at hostelrys en route previously well tried by members of other touring parties, fortified all for the following days match.

Brilliant sunshine greeted us in Cornwall and an inspection of the Falmouth ground found it to be bone hard in spite of the valiant attempts of the groundsmen with hose and water. I.C. had to make a number of changes in the team advertised on the programme, due to absence owing to injury of our more outstanding backs. From the whistle play was fast and open, with the I.C. forwards holding their own against the sturdy Falmouth pack. Our opponents fielded two guest players, with county cap Roy Harris behind the scrum, and international trialist Hosen at stand-off, the latter making many fine breaks for the home side. Hearn at stand-off half for I.C. played well both in attack and defence and made much ground with some fine kicking. The three quarters played well in attack but were unable to stop a Falmouth try in the corner after a cross kick. Later bad tackling allowed Hosen to put his centres over for another try in the middle but I.C. were now playing with only 14 men, look forward Toynbee having departed with a dislocated thumb. In the second half, I.C. retaliated with a try from full back Thomson who was always ready to come into the attack and Hearn kicked a penalty goal from far out. Time was against us however, and the final whistle saw us down by 11 pts. to 6.

FREE FOR ALL

Saturday afternoon one change was made in the side to meet Penryn the match being played before a moderate crowd on equally hard ground. Penryn have a record second only to that of Redruth in Cornwall and many a great touring side has fallen at their hands. In the first half I.C. maintained a territorial advantage throughout but failed to snap up two simple scoring chances. A break away attack from Penryn with a defensive mistake allowed the home side to put on five points before the interval. Later Hearn kicked a penalty goal for I.C. but the game now became scrappy with each side siezing on the other's mistakes. The Penryn backs scored again but their pack tired towards the end and I.C. were pressing hard when to cries of "Sport" from college supporters in the stand, a pitched battle developed on the field. This, a very nervous referee failed to quell completely, and the whistle for no side went short of time.



THE TOURISTS.

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In the "Fifteen Balls", the headquarters of the Penryn club amicable relations were restored after the match with winkles and cornish pasties.

A survey of the number of fit men left to take the field against the Camborne team was made and the shortage of good reserves caused the side to be weakened, but it was pleasing to see Peacocke playing in his first game since before Christmas, where he made a sensational appearance as wing three-quarter. Ten thousand gallons of water on the pitch in the morning had made it a little softer, but the ground still remained hard and it was perhaps this that accounted for the poor I.C. tackling. For the first time on the tour our pack failed to hold the opposing forwards and Camborne scored four times in the first half. After the interval I.C. retaliated with a dropped goal by Hearn and a try from Barnes, but weak tackling allowed Camborne to cross our line again.

Considering the strength of the opposition and the conditions, the results in the first two matches especially reflected credit on the club, and it is hoped that the tour will become a regular feature in the Rugby calendar.

ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletics season opened on the last Wednesday of last term when the I.C. 3 miles Championship was held in the Wimbledon Park track. Guilds had the first four men home to score an easy victory in the team race from R.C.S. and Mines. The individual winner was John Evans who beat the holder, T. Bailey, by half a lap in a time of 14-4.1.

Four members of the Club attended the University Training Week at Motspur Park during the last week of the vac. The energy expended on the track and in front of the dart board resulted in at least two cases of complete exhaustion and one pulled muscle.

The I.C. trials were held at Harlington on April 27th in the expected gale force wind which assisted the sprinters but greatly hampered the middle distance men. In the sprints, freshers Mantle and Regan both showed great promise and should strengthen the relay team. Of the other freshers, Colman has providentially arrived to replace John Davies in the pole vault and Hyslop should fill a long felt need in the hurdles and also take Mike Rickard's place in the high jump. Several field events men have yet to be seen in action and a further trial for them and the sprinters is being held.

As a result of the U.L. trials on Saturday, two I.C. runners will travel to Paris with the U.L. team next weekend. The outstanding performance came from John Evans who won the 880 yds. in the new I.C. record time of 1-56.8 and will run the 800 m. in Paris. In the 2 miles, Trevor Bailey was well below his last season's form in taking 3rd place, but will travel to Paris as 2nd string for the 3000 m. Of the other I.C. representatives, Gordon Stewart was 6th in the 880 yds. in a personal best time and Bunny Snellock cleared 5'4" in the high jump and was 6th in the triple jump.

On the same day a rather inexperienced I.C. team took part in a 4 x 3 miles road relay at Potters Bar and finished 14th. Roy Meiler recorded a promising time of 15-13 on the last leg.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB JOIN THE BEAGLES

On the Saturday before the term started a small band of I.C. cross country members, donned in tweeds and armed with shooting sticks, travelled down into the county of Sussex to partake in the open event at the annual Point to Point held by the Brighton and Storrington Foot Beagles. The cattle of Stuccles Farm had kindly vacated their stables for the afternoon, providing roomy but somewhat odiferous changing accommodation.

The afternoon started with the local Point to Point clubs going twice round a 1 mile specially prepared circuit, over obstacles and across a rather infuriating water jump with a steep landing bank. Rather more interest was aroused by the installation of a 1 lap ladies race, the ladies receiving encouraging support from the I.C. members.

The open event (of which I.C. were the holders) had been increased to four laps, and it was this plus a lack of fitness after the Easter recess that took heavy toll on the I.C. team. Many were the tales told afterwards of the water jump and of the spectators who assembled there. One country gentry was reported to have laughed so much at D. Inman's effort to extricate himself from the mud that he fell off his shooting stick into the stream.

Apart from I.C.'s rather poor showing, D.J. Pain running as an individual won the open event, with a fine run, and mention must be made of Oldfield who completed the last two miles barefooted having lost his shoes in the water jump.

