EXPLORATION BOARD DECISIONS

I.C. TEAMS FOR THE SUMMIT

On 15th. December last term, the Imperial College Exploration Board met to consider applications for grants for various projects. Four had been submitted, and three of these were officially approved and money granted to them according to their assessed needs. The fourth application was returned to the organisers for alteration, with several suggestions for making it eligible for support by the Board.

Two of the expeditions will take place this summer, while the third which has the greatest amount of money invested in it will take place in 1957. Just under one half of the Exploration Boards' current financial resources have thus been committed at the first meeting for project selection, so that adequate funds remain for further expeditions. It is hoped that the success of these will help the Board to gain financial support from industry, scientific societies or philanthropists.

ALLFÖT GLACIER, NORWAY

This project will be to investigate the area of the snow-cap and to determine its recent history of advance and recession. The weather conditions in the vicinity of the glacier will be studied by a meteorologist, and the rate of recolonisation of the area might also be worked upon by a botanist. A surveyor would go on this trip to map the area, which has not yet been done accurately, and a geologist to report upon the underlying rocks. The expedition will last six to eight weeks during July and August this year.

REYDARFJORD, EAST ICELAND

Reydarfjord is a volcanic region in western Iceland of unusual geological interest. Two second-year students will spend six weeks this summer studying an as yet un mapped part of this area, after a fortnights familiarisation with Icelandic geology under the supervision of a Staff Member of the Geology Dept.

KARAKORAM

This area of the Himalaya's was selected by the organisers since it is monsoon-free during the months of the summer vacation. The central area of this range (which includes the mountain II2) will provide the final location, but this cannot be decided definitely until a party leader has been found. The party will consist of six students, each of whom will have spent at least one year at Imperial College during 1955-57. Soon will be left for up to two students who may enter the College next October, but four will be among eight to be provisionally selected at the beginning of February. The leader will be a mountaineer with Himalayan experience. There will be intensive training during the two Easter vacations and the Christmas vacation, and a three weeks period in the French Alps this summer, so that the team may become familiar with each other and mountaineering techniques. The aim will be to survey an unexplored region using a phototheodolite, and to undertake scientific research in glaciology, geology, and meteorology. The cost of the expedition has been estimated at £2,000-£3,800 of which the Exploration Board will provide £2,500. The remaining money may be obtained from the Everest Trust, newspaper rights, photographs, and lectures.

TO BE RETURNED TO JON STEPHENSON.
Although no organised selection was used, we have decided that John Evans was the FELIX "Sportsman of the Year" for 1955. This is based upon his achievements in athletics and cross country running.

John, who is nearly twenty three, was educated at Westminster City School. He liked playing soccer, and wished to follow in Stanley Matthews footsteps, but he was usually in the reserves after the selection of teams had been made. He found he was a better natural runner than ball player, and for the last seven years has taken advantage of this. He left school when sixteen, to work with Boli Mechanics, Ltd., and was placed as a part timer at Northampton Engineering College for his intermediate examination.

Since he came to I.C. eighteen months ago, John has devoted a lot of time to touring Europe for race meetings. This has led him to joining the great rank of 1st year repeats (in Civil Engineering). As a married man, he is now more conscientious and hopes to do better this June by missing some of the race meetings.

**PREFERS TRACK RUNNING**

At present, John Evans is training for track events, the mile being his speciality, though an occasional two miles is not too tiring. He says it is incidental that this improves his cross country, in which he won the University of London Cross Country Club, so that his recreations have been skilfully chosen to suit the various actors. The colourful costumes were selected due to late changes in the cast.

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**THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING**

Still handicapped by the absence of suitable Union premises, the Dramatic Societies Christmas production was performed at the Chatsworth Theatre during the last week of last term. This small theatre ensured a packed house for the three nights, and the audience were given excellent value in entertainment.

The College Society normally selects a play which must be a great success or a miserable failure, and their ambitions were again fulfilled in tackling "The Ladies not for Burning". The practical aim of encouraging freshers to take the majority of parts was continued, so that seven players out of the eleven were new to the I.C. stage. They showed the society to be well endowed with fresh talent. The parts were excellently cast, though it would be unfair but much easier to pick out the few actors who were not quite so well selected due to late changes in the cast.

The acting of Judy Kornbluth and Les Allen was an excellent as would be expected by those who had seen them together in Antigone. Edna Thornton played her part as mother to a tiresome household extremely well, and will no doubt find a similar role in future productions. Dick Saunders gave us an amusing caricature of a Chaplins, while George Hartcup and David Griffen played their parts with great amusement to the audience.

It was possibly the compactness of the theatre that made the facial expressions of the actors more noticeable than in previous productions; this feature being outstanding. The colourful costumes were selected by the Drmatics Society to suit the various actors. The director, Ian Nuff, is to be congratulated upon another fine production, towards which his stage staff contributed considerably in making a success of the theatre at hand in such short time at their disposal for preparation.

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**A SCENE FROM THE LADIES NOT FOR BURNING.**

**I.C. Union General Meeting**

An I.C.,Union General Meeting was held in guilds on December 8th. The lengthy business of approving the accounts of the Union, the basketball committee, the athletics clubs committee and the athletics grounds committee was dispatched efficiently, a motion to the effect that Council should look into the question of discrepancies in grants granted and do what they could about it, was pressed by Mike Walpole and seconded by Brian Davies, Mr. Walpole presented his case very forcibly and clearly.

The President then said that Council was opposed to the motion and, with Keith Miller's help, gave its reasons including the facts that the Union was still handicapped by the absence of suitable Union premises, the Dramatic Societies Christmas production being outstanding. The colourful costumes enabled him to produce times such as 3min 48.2secs. for the mile against the R.A.F. He was second in the County Championships (Middlesex) last Saturday. John's track results have not been startling victories, since he races against far more developed athletes, but this fiercer competition has enabled him to produce times such as 3min 48.2secs. for 1500 metres at Stockholm, and 4min. 8.2secs. for the mile against the R.A.F. He was second in the University of London Cross Country Championships in December, and came sixth in his events, the mile being his speciality, though an occasional two miles is not too tiring. He says it is incidental that this improves his cross country, in which he won the University of London Cross Country Club, so that his recreations have been skilfully chosen to suit the various actors. The colourful costumes were selected due to late changes in the cast.

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The Exploration Board has met, and a large sum of money has been committed to various ventures that they have approved. These expeditions will bring more publicity to our College, and show that we remain pioneers of ideas designed to produce industrial and scientific leaders.

The Narakoram expedition is the most spectacular, and the initial organisation has been done by three students experienced in mountain-climbing. The proposed investigation of behavior of a melting ice-cap in Norway was made by an undergraduate freshener, D. Bridgewafcer, of the R.C.S. This is the kind of student participation that we want, and the acceptance and cooperation of the Board in this is such as will show that it is giving opportunities to the student body that we can otherwise provide. Let us hope that when the Board next meets to consider proposed schemes it will have a larger number offered, and that these can all be given support.

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Viewpoint

by Vere Atkinson

I must pay tribute to the literary powers of my friend and predecessor as Editor of Phoenix, W. J. Cox. The editorial produced in the latest edition demonstrates sufficiently the wealth of his imagination. Seldom have I observed suchfacets in a confused version of the situation. Doubtless there are some truth somewhere in the denunciation of the S.C.C. The trouble is finding them.

One of the more amusing fairy tales he we have believe is in the formation of all new clubs is opposed on principle by the S.C.C. executive. And if he forgotten that the wine tasting society was formed barely six months ago? How did he come under this and misapprehension?

For the unformed the Social Clubs Committee exists to control, coordinate and develop the social activities of I.C. The details of these activities are managed by the various clubs with a non-athletic bias. The formation of new clubs and coordination of finance is controlled by the S.C.C., on whose basis it is the executive committee. At the end of last session a Methodist Society was proposed and it was intimated that an Anglican Society was likely to follow. With two interdenominational Protestant Societies already in existence the matter was naturally asked would a cutting of the Protestant Christian cake on sectarian lines constitute the blow to the growth of the existing societies? Did not those societies provide for the sectarian needs of their members? The point was not the intrinsic value of the sectarian splitting but the need for it.

A resolution from this Council was caused to contemplate the possible proliferation of religious societies. Mr. Heath put forward the tentative suggestion that a certain amount of decentralisation would be vital to the S.C.C. and in accord with the spirit of a university. In his university one should be a place where one met and conversed with others, in order that the mind should be broadened and one's own interests seen in perspective. Could not the religious societies cooperate to form a Religious Association which would coordinate all lectures, study programmes, social functions and, arranged by individual societies, and provide members some insight into the variety of religious beliefs.

For completeness it was also suggested that the Social Clubs Committee, if opposed to their former union as subsidiaries of the old Union, considered if the formation of a forum for development of a club for W. Cox's 'friends the anarchists'.

This proposed decentralisation of the S.C.C. had the merits of providing for the further development and coordination of activity of the religious, nationalist and political societies while decreasing the size of the S.C.C. itself. The desert, as was soon eloquently pointed out, was the blow to the pride of the individual clubs and their mutual distrust (except the Christians?) of the thought of possibly leaving their representation on the S.C.C. to persons with the interests of another group at heart. Nobody recalled that the Marxist literary group has flourished for years with unabated vigour as a subsidiary of the Literary and Debating Society, or that there had once been Social, Conservative, Free and Liberal groups in the Political Society without anyone dying of appoplexy.

Mr. Cox ended his harangue by asserting that the S.C.C. has outlived its efficiency and avering that his criticism is constructive only through his stimulating if involved peroration one concludes he does not like the proposal for decentralisation; his stimulating if involved peroration one concludes that his criticism is constructive. Looking through the size of the S.C.C. itself. The merit, as was passed by an overwhelming majority at the last Union general meeting:

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Yours faithfully,
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President, I.C. Union.

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MEMOIRS:
CARNIVAL

The city and wild's went quite berserk for their red Indian carnival, and through a clouded memo.

Kohan Boy and Min Andrews hit their best (or worst) with songs in the "Mexican" style relating to the more "serious" aspects of modern life. The Millers' classic act. To what extent it was re-memory one recalls only the outstanding moments of a moat enjoyable night.

BOOK REVIEW

Imperial College has produced yet another little booklet for the guidance of its members; we have the pleasure in reviewing the "Wine List" 1955-56. Whether we should criticise this book for its literary merits or the wine selection committee for its failure to satisfy the correct answer is to be congratulated. People who pointed this out are to be commended, and the anonymous donor of the correct clue in addition to the correct answer is to be congratulated.

SMOKING CONCERT

The Smoking Concert was held for all and by the R.C.O. Union in Queenie at the end of last term. It suffered from an uncomfortable companion due to the mixed nature of the audience.

WINE TASTING

Between Christmas and the New Year, the College Vintners moved from their cellar near Connon Street Station to a much more extensive series of caves in Southwark. To assist in the transfer of stock they asked fifteen students to help them for three days. Unfortunately these students worked or drunk so prodigiously that there were no full bottles left in the old cellar, and the second paragraph advises us that burgundy is a good wine to drink with oysters.

Typewriters?

Christopher Sholcs was the first to produce a really workable typewriter. In 1873 he contracted the firm of E. Remington & Sons for its manufacture, and now the name is a household word. We buy, loan and repair not only Remingtons, but also many other workable typewriters. In 1873 he contracted the firm of E. Remington & Sons for its manufacture.

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INVADERS TOUR by DELFT R.F.C.

Last week the traditional peace and quiet of Imperial College was shattered somewhat by the arrival of seventeen High-Spirited rugby-playing Dutchmen who came from the notorious Societee Phoenix of Delft University. They soon established friendly relations with the Bowden by asking whether they could climb up the hostel walls; his manual labourer which greeted this request evi­
dently impressed the visitors, as no mountaineering was undertaken.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, Harlington was the scene of another encounter between I.C. and the Delftse Studenten Rugby Club. The enthusiasm of the Dutchmen playing rugby is rivalled only by their enthusiasm for drinking "Genever". However, although the Delft team might very hardy, they are not ac­
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The Harlington beer made a tepid start to the evening, in which the drinking was restrained and the Dutch relations, although at one stage the very existence of the pavilion seemed to be threatened. The pavilion and its contents both survived with only a few cuts, and left as a fitting end to the dinner which I.C. had arranged for the ladies of the host­
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MATCH RESULTS AUTUMN 1953.

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During the Michaelmas term the standard of the 1st XI games varied from poor to very good.

The main trouble has been the lack of goal scoring forwards as shown by the average of two goals per game.

The last two games, against Kingston Grammar School and Leedon University, were 3-2 and 3-1 respectively, and the forward play was distinctly better than in past games.

The second and third teams have been troubled by the lack of a stable side, this is partly due to the fact that the second team has to run on a rota system to provide as many people as possible with a game.

The mixed Sunday XI has been very successful both on and off the field. Several good freshmen have strengthened the side and the standard of games has been unexpectedly high.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

**Hockey**: 14 Jan. Old Creightonians (H) 3-2 16 Jan. Eton College (H) 4-1 18 Jan. University College (H) 3-1 21 Jan. Harrow (A) 2-0 26 Jan. City College (A) 5-3

**Mixed**: 15 Jan. Ashford (A) 5-3 19 Jan. Marlborough (H) 4-1

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