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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.

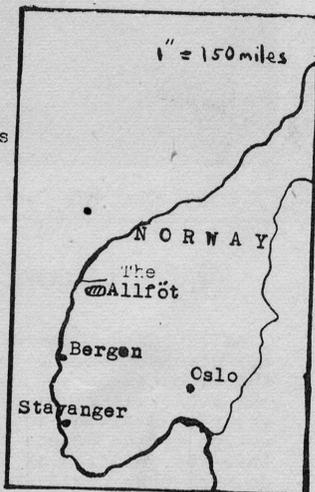
Two of the expeditions will take place this summer, while the third which has the greatest amount of money invested in it will take place in 1957. Just under one half of the Exploration Boards' current financial resources has thus been committed at the first meeting for project selection, so that adequate 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 meteorologists, 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.

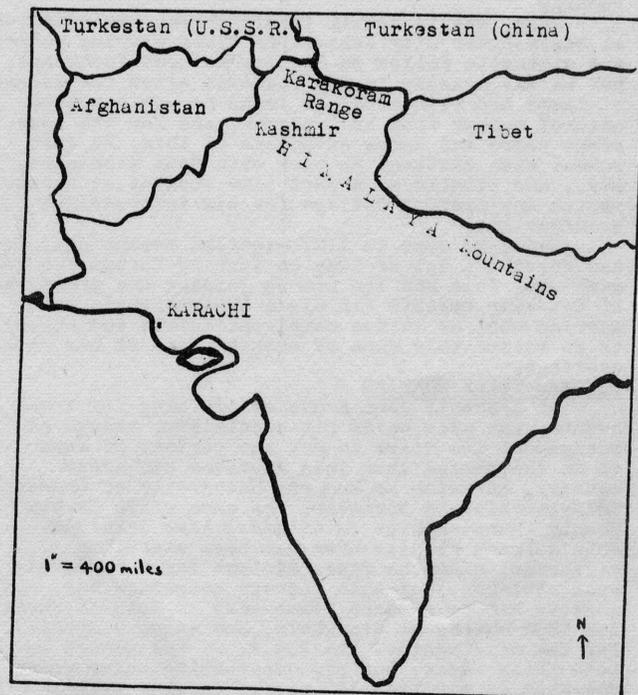


REYDARFJORD. EAST ICELAND

ICELAND



Reydarfjord is a volcanic region in eastern Iceland of unusual geological interest. Two second-year students will spend six weeks this summer studying an as yet unmapped 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 K2) 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. Room 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 aims 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 £5,000-2,5,000 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 BY MONDAY, 6th. FEB. TO JON STEPHENSON.

APPLICATION FORMS

People who are interested in participating in the Karakoram Expedition (Summer, 1957) may obtain application forms from:

- J. Stephenson, P.C. Geology & New Hostel
- M. Turner, Civil Eng. III & New Hostel
- K. Miller, Mech. Eng. III & New Hostel



Profile :

JOHN EVANS



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 Mathews 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 Soil Mechanics, Ltd., and studied as a part time student 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 Championships in December, and came sixth in his 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 both these races, but his outstanding major victory was when he won the 1500 metres for the British Universities at San Sebastian last summer. John actually considers club running to be far more important than individual achievement.

Training for racing takes two hours each day (usually lunch hour) for six days a week. John spends more time as secretary of the University Cross Country Club, so that his recreations have to be fitted into odd moments to suit his marital, athletic and academic commitments. He is fond of fiction stories, which he reads extensively with no preference for any particular author, and likes listening to choral and piano music.

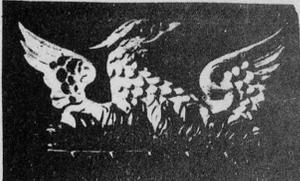
When asked his dislikes, John could only think of poached eggs and "The Archers".

His ambitions, to pass his exams this summer, and to do well in the A.A.A. Championships this July, have changed considerably from his soccer aspirations seven years ago.

PHENIX

THE MAGAZINE OF THE
IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WILL BE ON SALE AGAIN NEXT TUESDAY
FOR THOSE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH NOT
TO HAVE PURCHASED A COPY ALREADY



"THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING"

Still handicapped by the absence of suitable Union premises, the Dramatic Societies Christmas production was performed at the Chanticleer 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 practice 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 as 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 Chaplain, while George Hartnup 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 skilfully chosen to suit the various actors.

The director, Ian Duff, 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.



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 bookstall 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 and do what they could about it, was proposed 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 constituted only for the social, cultural and athletic needs of the students, that I.C. should not be acting alone in the matter and that a similar motion asking for opposition to the extradition of Iraqi students had been rejected a year before. Mr Walpole replied that this had resulted in a number of students being shot. At this a voice from the direction of the bench-smashing element at the back remarked "Oh dear". Council's case was heatedly opposed from the floor, an amendment to the effect that the matter should be pressed at the level of the U.L. Presidents' Council misfired and the vote came down heavily in favour of the motion.

Of the Any Other Business, a gentleman who wished to wear a black blazer received little sympathy and sat down frustrated and John Nicholl wanted us to rejoin N.U.S.

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The Imperial College Newspaper

Circulation 1200



Editor: **BILL HUDSON**

The Exploration Board has met, and a large sum of money has now 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.

It is now our responsibility to see that the support is given to these schemes. In this way many people will gain experience from the organisation of an expedition, and at the same time take some of the burden that the actual teams will carry.

The Karakoram expedition is the most spectacular, and the initial organisation has been done by three students experienced in mountaineering. The proposed investigation of behavior of a melting ice-cap in Norway was made by an undergraduate fresher, D. Bridgewater, of the R.C.S. This is the kind of student participation that we want, and the acceptance and co-operation of the Board in this suggestion shows that it is giving opportunities to the student body that we hardly thought possible. 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.

LE PREMIER TOUR DE SOUTH KENSINGTON.

The South Kensington Treasure Hunt organised by FELIX for its final issue last term did gather some support despite the rival attractions of carnival preparations, meals and the Post Office.

The first people to find the Editor, who had the prize carefully guarded, were Messrs J.L. Saunders and J.J. Sheldon, of the Electrical Engineering department. Ten minutes later, Messrs Boley, Stephens Styan and Webber appeared, also 2nd year electricals followed by John Bronson and Clive Pearse from the Physics department.

No sabotaging of the notices occurred by irate members of the public who were as bewildered by the cipher as some of the students, and no cases of obstruction of other uses of initiative were reported.

The prize of whisky was opened and sampled. Consolation prizes were drunk by many of the people who finished the Treasure Hunt, and the success of this venture was celebrated throughout the weekend.

Queen Mother replies to Rector

Students will be pleased to read the following message that the Rector received in reply to the telegram he sent the Queen Mother upon her installation as Chancellor of the University.

Whitehall 3141

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1.
28th November, 1955.

Dear Mr. Linstead,

I am bidden by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to request that you will convey to the Chairman and Governing Body, the Professors, Staff and students of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, Her Majesty's very sincere appreciation of the dutiful message which has been offered on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's Installation as Chancellor of the University of London.

This message from the Imperial College, which plays such an important part in the life of London University, is very much valued by Her Majesty as Chancellor.

Yours sincerely,

M.J.GILLIAT

Assistant Private Secretary to
Queen Elizabeth The Queen mother

R.P. Linstead, Esq., C.B.E., F.R.S.

Nelson's Column

MOONEY'S CHRISTMAS DINNER The dignity of a formal dinner in Hall was tempered most delightfully with the Christmas Spirit to provide one of the most pleasant (and best value for money) events of last term. The I.C. choir, led by Miss Imogen Holst, gave a programme of carols in which everyone joined later.

MORE SINGING After the R.C.S. Smoking Concert, the bar was packed tight with the tight. After closing time, one party set to work to take down the stage which had to be removed before the next day, while a choir of about fifty voices went round to Q.A., Robert House and Q.E.C.A. A large number of maidens enjoyed the entertainment from the safety of high windows but offered no performance in return. "It may be rare in Berkeley Square but it's not on the Rio Grand".

RECENT PUBLICATION: "Careers for Graduates" - edited by the U.L. Appointments Board and published by the Athlone Press at 5s. Of course for 200 pages it devotes 10 to Science, 15 to Engineering and 8 to Mining and Metallurgy. Strictly speaking, every I.C. man ought to have already known all it has to say about his particular line before he came here, but as this is regrettably not the case with so many, the booklet may still have something of value for quite a number. It is well laid out and, for its size, remarkably comprehensive; there is little or no mention of salaries - an unfortunate omission, but a useful bibliography is included. It will be of greater value to arts students whose field of opportunities is wide but sparse while it should be a "must" for schools. For my part I found it interesting just to leisurely browse through it, reflecting on what is happening to So-and-so and what might have happened to me, had I taken So-and-so's advice.

THAT MAN AGAIN: The day after Pawnee Potlatch, the Evening Standard reported that Brian O'Gy had been taken to St George's Hospital with a scalp wound, received from someone's tomahawk. However, interviewed by our reporter he stated: "I picked up a really hot bit of nurse from St. George's at the Hop last week and heard during the cabaret that she was on casualties that night so I shoved my nut through the nearest pane of glass".

THE ANTI-INFLATION CAMPAIGN: The Physical Society are co-operating by reducing the student subscription by half a crown. Landladies and Brewers show little enthusiasm but Grants Committees are remarkably keen.

PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL: At their last debate before Christmas, the Debating Society passed by 180 votes to 10 "That this house is in favour of the abolition of capital punishment".

Despite the Northern Daily Telegraph, we have been assured that the method of selecting the team for the Karakoram expedition has not yet been decided, so that their choice of one member was purely journalistic prevision.

I.C. Union,

Dear Sir,

The student of manners will have been appalled by the behaviour of some students during last term. There were incidents when students were bad mannered and thoughtless, but, on occasions a few people behaved like hooligans. It seems that the power to distinguish between fun and games and hooliganism has been temporarily lost.

To quote the incidents already referred would be imprudent but I feel that the attention of the students should be drawn to the damage done in the Guilds after the last I.C. Union Meeting. Several benches in the lecture room were found to have been wantonly damaged. The cost to the Union for the repair to the seats amounted to £15. Such behaviour by students of this College is very disquieting.

In a few months a brand new building will be available to the Union and several thousands of pounds will have been spent on the decoration of the interior. Will I.C. students still continue to behave in a disorderly fashion when the new building is open? The future leaders of industry will have to improve their behaviour unless they want to be treated like schoolboys with distasteful rules and regulations.

Yours etc.,

Jim Anderson.

THE CLUBMEN DANCE BAND. Book early to avoid disappointment, through Peter Goldberg c/o Union rack.

CARS FOR SALE: Apply Peter Goldberg, c/o Union Rack.
1927 7 h.p. Jewett Open Tourer. Good running order. 250 o.n.o.

1933 Humber Pullman 7 seater. Good all round condition. 285 o.n.o.

Viewpoint- by Vere Atkinson

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

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

For the uninformed 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 which a representative of each social club sits. At the end of last session a Methodist Society was proposed and it was intimated that a Anglican Society was likely to follow. With two interdenominational Protestant Societies already in existence the question was naturally asked would a cutting of the Protestant Christian cake on sectarian lines cause a diminution in the strength of the existing societies? Did not those societies provide for the sectarian demands of their members? The point was not the intrinsic value of the sectarian splitting but the need for it.

Arising from this Council was caused to contemplate the possible proliferation of religious societies. Mike Neale put forward the tentative suggestion that a certain amount of decentralisation would be of value to the S.C.C. and in accord with the spirit of a university. In his view a university should be a place where one met and conversed with offering views in order that the mind should be broadened and one's own interests seen in perspective. Could not the religious societies amalgamate to form a Religious Association which would coordinate all lectures, prayer-meetings, brain trusts etc., arranged by individual societies, and provide members some insight into the variety of religious beliefs.

Similarly an International Forum might coordinate the activities of the Nationalist and Internationalist Clubs. The Nationalist Clubs, although they are by nature virtually exclusive in membership (if you are born and brought up a Jew you cannot suddenly turn into a Arab) do an excellent job in introducing their various students to their various cultures. A similar more general job is undertaken by the International Relations Club. Might not the insularity of the nationalist clubs be ameliorated and the development of further groups facilitated by decentralising the S.C.C. in this manner?

For completeness it was also suggested that the Socialist and Conservative Societies returned to their former union as subsidiaries of the old Political Society (thereby offering facilities for development of a club for Mr. Cox' 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 demerit, 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 interest 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 Socialist, Conservative and Liberal groups in the Political Society without anyone dying of apoplexy.

Mr. Cox ended his harangue by asserting that the S.C.C. has outlived its efficiency and avering that his criticism is constructive. Looking through his stimulating if involved peroration one concludes he does not like the proposal for decentralisation; constructive suggestions of an alternative organisation for the social clubs are conspicuous in their absence. Doubtless in a few months time he will have some brainwave (such as chopping the S.C.C. in half) which will have us all gasping with admiration. Until then we might reflect that all important S.C.C. decisions are taken by the full committee and not by the executive. And it cannot be such a useless committee if every club is so determined to remain a member of it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 13th 1955.

Dear Sir,

As you know the following motion was passed by an overwhelming majority at the last Union General Meeting:

"That, in the opinion of this Union, the location of a student's home should not affect the quantity of his grant and, that such Local Education Authorities which do not subscribe to this opinion should have the opportunity of hearing the views of I.C. Union on this matter.

In order to further this end, the Union recommends that the Union Council endeavours (sic) to discover whether the L.E.A.s which previously refused to pay the State Scale for student's (sic) grants, are carrying out the latest recommendations of the Ministry of Education."

It would be of great assistance if any member of the Union who receives a grant from a Local Education Authority which does not follow the Ministry of Education scale, would contact me in writing, giving the following information:-

- (1) The name of the Authority concerned.
- (2) The value of his (or her) grant and the value which it would be if assessed by the Ministry of Education scale.

All letters will be regarded as strictly confidential. Any facts and figures quoted must be accurate.

Yours faithfully,
J. Anderson.

President, I.C. Union.

Meteorology Dept.

Dear Sir,

CHAIR OF UNION OCTAVE

The intention of this week is that it should be a week of spiritual, intellectual, and social activities for the reunification of Christendom. It was initiated by a group of Episcopalians who founded a community in New York in 1893. Some years later they started a magazine called 'The Lamb' which dealt with church unity, and after a further five years the Unity Octave of Prayer first began. Since then it has been adopted by many Christian denominations, and upon the reception of the community into the Catholic Church, by them also.

The Octave lies between the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, that is to say, from Wed. 18th Jan. to Wed. 25th Jan.

It has only recently been carried into the universities and this year marks the first 'Octave' organised at university level in London. It is not a pretence at union or a time when differences are forgotten but an effort to further mutual understanding and, most important, a week of intensified prayer that we may apprehend St. Paul's "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism".

Programmes of I.C.'s contribution will be put up on the notice boards, and it is hoped that all Christians in I.C. will support it. It should be emphasised that all meetings are open to Christians and non-Christians alike.

Yours faithfully,
E.J. Langham.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Monday 16th Jan. I.C. Christian Union. At 1.15p.m.
Metallurgy Lecture Theatre.
Speaker: Rev. John Lefroy.
'Can the Christmas Spirit Last.'

A freshman at San Diego would like to have a pen friend with whom to correspond and exchange information regarding life and culture in England. His major field is Chemistry and he is interested in other branches of science. Anyone interested please contact Hon-Secretary I.C. Union.

MEMOIRS: CARNIVAL

The City and Guild's went quite berserk for their red indian carnival, and through a clouded memory one recalls only the outstanding moments of a most enjoyable night.

The cabaret will be long remembered for Mr Millers classic act. To what extent it was rehearsed, premeditated or spontaneous has still not been decided, but the audience had rarely had such a treat as this by any goon. The I.C. jazz band with a few friends kept going until 7 a.m., by which time they had triplicated their more popular numbers.

The system of hiring commissionaires to guard the entrances to the dance halls payed dividends, making the floor relatively void of those regulars who get in on the strength of beer exchange with enebriated student doorkeepers.

SMOKING CONCERT

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

Robin Bray and Jim Anderson did their best (or worst) with songs in the Western Brothers style relating to the more sordid aspects of London life. The Mines' President's guest item was a delightful little song about the incontinence of his canine friends. Mr. Miller who was also billed must have lost his nerve as he did not show up. A group of chemists successfully parodied Uncle Tom Cobley to Uncle Bugs Guthrie.

All the songs were well received but with the sketches a much sadder tale is to be told, for when they penetrated the alcohol-laden atmosphere and finally reached the audience, they were hurled back with groans towards the stage.

One item which stands out brightly among the mists of that evening was the I.C. Jazz Band. They both introduced the show and played during the interval and were repeatedly cheered for their fine performance. A small divergence was caused by some Guildsmen planting a totem pole in the room.

WINE TASTING

Between Christmas and the New Year, the College Vintners moved from their cellars near Cannon Street Station to a much more extensive series of caves in Southwark. To assist in transference 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 by the third day, so it was pointless for them to stay there any longer.

Pythagoram

We apologise for the error in the pythagoram in the Christmas issue which made it insoluble. 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.

FELIX wishes to congratulate one of its Editors Emeriti, Robin Bray, upon his marriage during the vacation. It will not be the general policy to announce such events, or engagements during the current leap year.

Typewriters?

Christopher Sholes was the first man to produce a really workable typewriter. In 1873 he contracted the firm of E. Remington and Sons for its manufacture, and now the name is a household word. We buy, sell loan and repair not only Remingtons, but also many other makes. We have special terms for students and our name is



TUCKER OF 118c, CROMWELL ROAD, S.W.7.
MACHINES HIRED WEEKLY OR MONTHLY

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 upon its taste is a moot point, and our wine correspondent has passed the sixteen pages on to us with a few observations in the hope that a more general representation of the student body would not indulge in 'Connoisseurmanship'.

The book is as lavishly filled with maps as the front page of this edition of FELIX (the Wine List has red print as well as black). Fifty one wines and liquors are numbered, in some cases simplicity of remembering just one number is hindered by various vintages being available for that type, so that the 'O.K. Year' has to be written on ones cuff as well.

It is interesting to note that the first paragraph of the booklet tells us that burgundy with oysters would probably give rise to allergies and the second paragraph advises us that burgundy is a good wine to drink with oysters. Fortunately this sabotaging of our health is not undermined elsewhere nearly so much as the undermining of our pockets. The prices are reasonable for what we are given, being in general those of the retail price. But few wine drinkers on the continent have Chateau bottled or even Appellation Controllee wines with their meals, since these are for very special occasions, which have to recur in I.C. with monotonous regularity. Besides the actual expense of having these types of wines, no half bottles are mentioned as being available making drinking quite an ambitious event for only two people.

It has been rumoured that wines will be available by the carafe when we return to a dining hall with service next October. Perhaps cheaper wines will be available: Italian wines (not mentioned in the list) many people know to be available very cheaply in Old Compton Street: French wines from Languedoc and Spanish. Portuguese wines are mentioned at prices of 5/6 and 6/6. These wines have less export tariff than French wines.

The layout of the wine list is commendable, and the odd items of information are as instructive as the odd quiz. This concerns the Duke of Clarences' strange fate in 1473. No answer is supplied, so that discussion may proceed through out the desert.

The wine list on the back cover gives a good indication of the economic situation in various parts of Europe for the years 1932-53.

Finally, we know now not to be put off by the choice of three wines at Hall Dinner when the list contains 36 table wines. Since some of these need ordering forty eight hours in advance, perhaps we will be told what the menu at formal dinners is at least forty eight hours in advance so that we may order the most appropriate wine. The Wine List can certainly help students to cultivate taste, for the College Vintners' products.

R.C.S. WINTER DANCE

* SATURDAY 14th JANUARY, 7'30-11'30

TICKETS 2/- Single

3/6 Double

On sale in I.C.U. Entrance Hall lunchtime today.



morning coffee • lunch • tea
JANE BROWN
7, EXHIBITION ROAD.

9 to 6

INVASION

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 had come from the notorious Societeit Phoenix of Delft University. They soon established friendly relations with the warden by asking him whether they could climb up the Hostel walls: his maniacal laughter which greeted this request evidently impressed the visitors, as no mountaineering was undertaken.

On Tuesday, January 3rd., Harlington was the scene of another encounter between I.C. and the Delftsche Studenten Rugby Club. The enthusiasm of the Dutchmen playing rugby is rivalled only their enthusiasm for drinking "Genever". However, although the Delft team fought very hard, they are not accustomed to playing against such skilful opposition and they lost by 30 points to 6. The I.C. three-quarters gave a fine exhibition of passing and running in which the forwards frequently joined: one scissors movement between Weale and Kitchener completely bewildered our opponents. We can be sure that the Delft players will have learned much from their matches with I.C., King's, and Kingston,

and they possess several talented individuals who should be able to blend their fifteen into a worthy fifteen.

The Harlington beer made a tepid start to the evening, but the Harlington whisky restored Anglo-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 Delft were able to attend the dinner which I.C. had arranged for them the following evening. As one Mr Jannierk said, "Tonight I think we make a great beer-feast". We certainly did make a great beer-feast, and the Dinner included some amazing speeches from Dutchmen and Englishmen alike. An I.C. crest was presented to Delft, who returned the compliment with a magnificent tankard in Delft china. I.C. now have a good collection of Delft china trophies, which it is hoped will be displayed suitably in the new bar.

On and off the field, the men of Delft revealed themselves as sportsmen of the highest calibre. They admired certain British institutions - notably rigger songs, whisky and St. Pauls Cathedral, but of others, especially the weather, they were rightly critical. Once again we found their company most stimulating, and we can only hope that they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed entertaining them.

I.C. MOUNTAINEERS

SCRAMBLES IN GLENCOE.

Three days before New Year's eve, members of I.C. Mountaineering Club started gathering at the Youth Hostel in Glencoe, in preparation for the Christmas meet.

In appearance Glencoe must be one of the wildest glens in Scotland, bounded on its two sides by magnificent mountain scenery, and gives some of the best rock and snow climbing in Britain.

It was unfortunate that winter had not yet come in force to this part of Scotland, and it was necessary to climb to about 2000 ft before the snow line was reached. However some excellent sport was to be found on the high summit ridges and also in the long gullies stretching from the corries up to the ridges. Here the snow was hard packed and in places ice was present both these conditions necessitating the use of an ice axe. The rocks were heavily iced making rock climbing almost impossible.

Twice a day a small National Trust notice board reminded people of the bastardly massacre that had taken place in this very spot many years ago, yet this did not prevent all present from taking part in a slightly less bloody massacre on New Year's eve. This was celebrated in the traditional Scottish style, whilst the Sassenach quickly realised that a toast to the 'Creag Dhu' produced a wee drap from his more inebriated Scotsman.

The heavy rain of New Year's eve washed away much of the snow, and the rain and strong winds continued throughout the day. Not dismayed by the frivolity of the night before, several parties ventured out on New Year's day, most of them returning in the reverse conditions of the Hogmanay celebrations - extremely wet outside and regrettably dry inside. The weather remained bad and it was impossible to do any serious climbing. The snow was slowly washed away, whilst the ice covered rocks were turned into a mixture of running water and melting ice.

Evans wins U.L. Championships

I.C. BEATEN BY U.C.

On Saturday, Dec. 10th, last year the University Cross-Country Championships were held over 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles at Rochampton.

I.C. also held their inter-college championships simultaneously. The final result of this could have been easily forecast before the race (1) Guilds, (11) R.C.S., (111) Mines.

In the University match, however, things were different. U.C. were very strong, and the I.C. team was the strongest for many years.

We had 5 teams in the race, altogether, which was the largest entry from any college.

A fall of rain the night before had made the horse-rides firmer, but there was quite a strong, cold wind blowing. This did not deter John Evans, of I.C. from winning the race in 37 seconds under the previous record time, for which he must be heartily congratulated. Bill Pain was our next man home, in 7th position, and the other of the scoring five were Conway (12th), Barber (15th) and Webster (19). Chas Cotterill must be thanked for his efforts for, although he did not score, he rose from a sick-bed to run.

The second team did extremely well to finish in 4th position, being beaten only by U.C., I.C. 1st. and L.S.E. Mention must be made of John Collins, whose beautifully timed spurt half-way through the race gained him many positions and made him first man home for the 2nd team, in 27th position.

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MATCH RESULTS AUTUMN 1955.

HOCKEY	Date	Opponent	Result
	Oct. 15th	Chelsea Poly	Won 3-2
	22nd	Q.E.C.	Drew 3-3
	29th	Royal Holloway II	Drew 0-0
	Nov. 5th	U.C. II	Won 6-1
	19th	School of Pharmacy	Drew 3-3

The two matches in December were cancelled.

SQUASH	Date	Opponent	Result
	Nov. 2nd	Westfield	Won 4-1
	9th	L.S.E.	Won 3-2
	12th	Bristol	Lost 5-0
	16th	Bedford	Won 3-2
	30th	St. Mary's	Lost 4-1

Three games were cancelled.

NETBALL	Date	Opponent	Result
	Nov. 19th	Kings II	Lost
	26th	U.C. II	Won

Other matches have been cancelled or postponed.

HOCKEY

During the Michaelmas term the standard of the 1st XI games varied from good to very bad. 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 Leeds University, were won 3-2 and 2-1 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 third team has to be 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 freshwomen have strengthened the side and the standard of games has been unexpectedly high.

	P	W	L	D	For	Against
1st XI	15	5	8	2	30	29
2nd XI	9	1	6	2	13	21
3rd XI	8	2	5	1	7	18
Mixed	4	3	1	0	9	6

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Hockey;	14 Jan.	Old Creightonians	(H)
	15 Jan.	Epsom Gypsies	(A)
	18 Jan.	University College	(H)
	21 Jan.	Harrow	(A)
	25 Jan.	King's College	(H)
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Hockey	15 Jan.	Ashford	(A)