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SHIPTON TO LEAD KARAKORAM  
EXPEDITION

## JIM ANDERSON IN GERMANY

This Easter, Jim Anderson, the President of I. C., paid a brief visit to the Technical University, Berlin, the German equivalent to I.C. As the guest of the Student's Union, he and representatives from other European Universities were shown the sights of student life in Berlin; the highlights being a visit to a power station, brewery and a gin factory.

The Free University in Berlin is of interest. Students of the Eastern sector, after having suffered much at the hands of the Russians, moved to west Berlin where they have now established their own University. This University is run by the students body to the extent of appointing the lecturers and Professors.

The visit was one of good will, the Technical University being interested in establishing a friendly relationship with I.C. They have offered a scholarship for an I.C. student to study for a year at their University, starting November next. The student will receive the generous sum of 250 D. Marks per month and will be provided with accommodation in their Hostel (holds only 30 people). It is hoped that I.C. will be able to reciprocate in a similar manner.

Another outcome of the visit was the suggestion that I.C. and German students should exchange hospitality during the summer vacations, and there is the possibility that tours to Berlin at reduced rates may be organised. Students interested should contact the I.C. Union office. The I.C. Sports teams will also be welcome visitors.

## Budget Strikes Students

The Chancellor struck a sorry blow for the well being of students in the budget. We are not interested in Premium Bonds because after great economy more is spent in a week than earned, the remainder being taken from National Savings.

We are, however, very interested in the laws concerning food and drink, and are distressed to find that the potent fluid called Merrydown, a type of Cider, has now been included with Wines as a source of revenue to the exchequer. The price rises by 42% from 8/6 a flagon to 12/-.

This drink has for some time been in favour as a cheap substitute for gin, and has been used extensively on unsuspecting ladies requesting cider. It has a disturbing effect on the equilibrium, which is not noticed until the victim attempts to reach a vertical position. Thus maidens fall completely into the hands (or arms) of the male and are at the latter's mercy - a dastardly trick.

A young Bedford lady, who, after a party at which large quantities of this drink were on hand, fled to rush back to her abode before closing time. She ran thrice round the ticket office at Euston Station before finding the window.

Smokers are also very distressed, it will mean that they will have to walk now to save enough for a packet, unless they do this already since bus and train fares went up last term. Some will have vowed to give up the weed - the success of their revolution has still to be tested.

## R. S. M. ELECTIONS

The R.S.M. held their elections at the end of last term. This enabled the Union Officers to be selected before a large number of miners left for field courses during the summer term.

Mike Rutter and John Nicholls were elected President and Secretary respectively. Both are active members of the rowing club, and members of the FELIX Board. Mike also arranges for young ladies to attend the Saturday night hops.

Gordon Green, Founder of SPORT, was elected Vice-President.

*Most experienced person possible*

ERIC SHIPTON USING A PHOTOTHERODOLITE.

The students who go to the Karakoram in summer 1957, will have Eric Shipton as their leader. There is no doubt that Mr. Shipton is the most experienced explorer who could be obtained for this region, and his knowledge will benefit his team considerably.

Eric Shipton gave a popular lecture in General Studies, commanding the second largest audience recorded (it would have been the largest if held in the Royal Geographical Society Building instead of the Huxley). He is essentially an explorer, and has established a reputation for his work done in the Karakoram while others have concentrated on climbing peaks, although he has led several major attempts on Everest.

Since the members of the Exploration Board are anxious to get the team training together to make up for its lack of experience, they have been keen to get a leader who will help them. Mr. Shipton says this is the longest in advance that he has committed himself on an expedition. At present he is busy sailing a boat up the East Coast of England, so he was unable to attend the Mountaineering Club dinner last Friday.

The Exploration Board will now start looking for a doctor to accompany the team on the trip to make up the full crew.

R.C.S. Union presents

The Formal  
COUNTRY HOUSE  
BALL

STIMWOOD PARK

Friday, May 11th.

Tickets on sale to R.C.S. members only until May 4th.



## PROFILE

### "KITCH"



S.A.K. CELEBRATING HIS TWENTYFIRST BIRTHDAY.

In spite of the physical resemblances of the distinguished trio, the President's right hand man is actually much younger than Eisenhower and Krushchev. As recently as 1953 he fled, clutching a first, from the Physics department to Chem. Tech., where he studies crystal growth. No man for blinkered academicism, Kitchener has been rugby club secretary, cricket captain, secretary of the A.C.C. and secretary of the Union; and none of these offices will ever be quite the same again. Shorn of various fictional embellishments, (originated by himself) it must be said that Kitch's performances as wing threequarter and goal-kicker have been something less than brilliant; but none can deny (or explain) his successes at cricket. He picked up the rudiments of this game in 1951, from the great college players of that time, and last season made two tedious centuries among other innings of lesser length—some, indeed, of ludicrous brevity.

Those tired of hearing him on Surrey's cricketing predominance may usefully recall that he is a native of Essex, but it was at school in Epsom that Kitchener gained his encyclopedic knowledge of the classics, and the ability to recite a list of Derby winners, jockeys, owners and trainers. On Epsom golf course, too, he claims to have gone round in 99. A veteran hostel-dweller, (Room 28 has had to be reconstructed at enormous expense), and former carnival cabaret star, 'The Gnome' waxes most sociable and eloquent over a jar of ale, and has done so in many places from the Turk's Head in Exeter to the Prinsen Kelder in Delft. Thus was developed the formidable vehemence of speech which enlivens Council meetings and committees, and stirs procrastinating planners to speed completion of the Union building. As secretary, man of sport and international convivialist Kitchener serves the Union well, while contributing to its gaiety by his taste for bizarre headgear, ancient shoes and impromptu Morris dancing. For the record, he is allergic to triumphant Welshmen, good bowling, the ginger cat, the quiet life and Green Chartreuse, but may yet overcome this last antipathy.



During one of the "tedious" centuries the writer of this profile came into bat with a purposeful air, intent on running me out, but became the laughing stock of the team by being out first ball.

S.A.K.

"Kitch", unable to face the world, has been out of the country this past week. Ed.

## Bridge Players Move

Members of the I.C. Bridge Club first team have survived their bridge-playing tour of northern Europe. Their victories are confined to the moral field, but those mathematicians who follow the pools may devote themselves to computing the odds on four draws in seven matches.

Those who prefer to follow form may consider such factors as the Leidam Club's crafty provision of two bridge teams. One team kept the air ringing for two hours with cries of 'Kellner! Acht Pils!' and then generously assisted the visitors to the tables where more sober adversaries lay in wait.

In view of the excellence of the German cigars and beer the team felt inclined to forgive Cologne for fielding a team which consisted of one German and three inscrutable orientals from Peking.

The hospitality extended by Universities from Brussels to Gothenberg included a remarkable collection of beverages ranging from near beer to beer, schnapps, snaps and aquavit. In addition the delights of smorgasbord will ever brighten the thoughts of the participants as they trudge with leaden feet to Mooney's Ptomaine Palace.

Other continental refinements encountered included a lady lavatory attendant in Brussels, who solicitously assisted the startled travellers to select the appropriate utensil.

In conclusion it can be stated that the length of time this trip will remain in the player's memories will be equalled only by the memories of the staff of the TEMPERANCE HOTEL in Copenhagen, who had to assist the belated team to their rooms after a night on the town.

## Exploration ( Rehearsal )

The main section of the party arrived in Lakeland on Sunday to be greeted with the fact that two of the group had had bad weather the previous 3 days and nights and had to retire to lower ground to dry out all their equipment, replace guys ropes and repair broken tent poles.

Bad weather on Sunday allowed only two students to make the rendezvous whilst one student pitched his solitary tent on a site near camp one but to date has no idea where he was that lonely night.

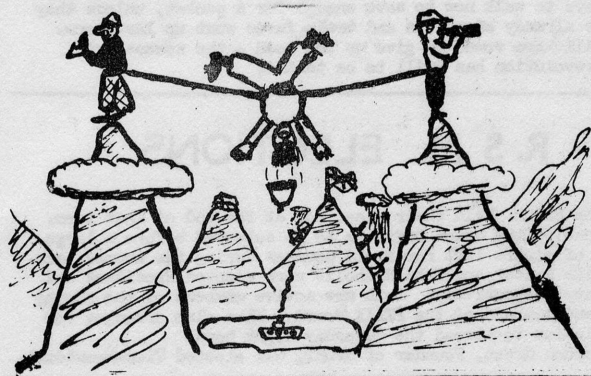
Five attempted to make camp one from Langdale but in bad weather camp was set up at 2000', under the Bowfell crags. That night every camp suffered under bad conditions, high gusty winds, a little rain, and the tents enveloped in cloud.

The following day at camp one, 5 of the group decided should bad weather continue a retreat to lower ground in Borrowdale should be made. Two of the group under Bowfell moved down into Langdale straightways and camped among the glacial moraines to link up with 3 more who had come back up valley for more punishment. The following morning found the remaining three who stayed another night under Bowfell slowly coming down Rossett Gill. It appeared as if they had overnight taken both their tents and sleeping bags for a swim in Angle tarn. Nothing was dry. Our poor tents would not stay the pace, we were the only ones in all Lakeland who had defied the elements for so long, in fact too long.

The rest of the tour was successful much training being done. The most noteworthy was the feat of 3 men at camp one climbing all the Lakeland 3000' mountains in 23 hours. Also another group of 3 spent one comfortable night in a Conistown Hotel. Several severe climbs were done by other groups as we well as much walking and peak "bagging".

The personnel in each group combined well and many friendships were founded and every hour used to advantage, returns to camp being made in complete darkness.

By Friday all our equipment had dried out and most of us had covered large areas of Lakeland.





# Felix

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Editor: BILL HUDSON

This is the term of peace in the South Kensington block. Peace that is only broken on the few occasions when the students really run wild.

The change in weather, the extra hour of sunlight, and seasonal change of athletic pursuits brings relaxation to the student body. The threat of examinations has little deterrent effect on the undergraduate, and the rowing and putting facilities kindly provided close by will be used to maximum advantage.

Queensies will no longer be such a meeting place for the followers of the good life. Friends will be absent for whole days, or take the 74 'bus to Lords after a nominal appearance in their department. Others will forever be on the District Line between South Kensington and Wimbledon. These people will open their books at ten o'clock each night, and the hour at which they close them will slowly progress from midnight, until by mid-June, when they will finally fall asleep at dawn for a few hours.

This is the life of people who enjoy themselves to the full. They are assessed by examiners in the same manner as those who have worked diligently throughout the hot days and long evenings. Mercy will be shown on the latter if the examination results are doubtful, but not on the former. This is fair, to prevent abuse of the examination system. The person who can assimilate knowledge rapidly, assess its value, and apply it will succeed quite as well as his counterpart when confronted by a novel problem. The social success of the two also tends to differ.

To the people in fear of impending examinations, take heart, and invest in the future. The World University Service has a fund which people may borrow from if for some reason they forfeit their grants. The number of people who have to repeat a year is quite high - half the people profiled in *FELIX* do. They have often had to borrow money from relatives, get married, or wash floors in South Kensington restaurants. Perhaps making the grade in spite of this has benefited them, but it is still useful to have a source of the necessary evil in the background.

Imperial College Union is supporting W.U.S. at the Carnival at Bedford College (Regents Park) and is holding a hop in Queensies on the evening of the same Saturday. Don't forget you may need its help next year.

## VACATION WORKERS please note

It is hoped that a series of unofficial embassies will be opened abroad this Summer by vacation workers. The idea is that itinerant students will be able to look up their fellow students in remote places for a matter over a glass of the local drink. The resident student will perhaps be able to recommend good lodgings or eating places and will welcome the company of a fellow traveller, if only for a short while.

Would anyone who will be working abroad and is interested, please send their name, overseas address and dates of stay, to Felix for publication.

SWEDEN. J. Eklund (Phys II), Bruks Hotel GRIMS.  
July 9th. for 8 weeks.

## TOUCHSTONE WEEKEND

Mr. Cecil Ralph Hewitt, who is Guest speaker at Silwood this weekend, left the police force in 1945 to become a professional writer.

He has the following identities:

- 1) Chief Inspector C.R. Hewitt of the City of London Police. "Twenty years in the force"
- 2) Mr. C.R. Ralph, writer in the New Statesman and Nation on penal reform and criminal law.
- 3) Mr. R.H. Cecil, writer in the Spectator on sociological subjects.

It is expected that this apparent schizophrenic will stimulate some interesting discussions, and will possibly draw attention to this Touchstone in the Sunday paper which has made an extensive study of the mental derangements of murderers.

## NELSON'S COLUMN

It's here again - the exam term, and question spotting sessions are well under way already. I suspect that quite a number of students would rather play cards for degrees. Just think of it -

"Well, you've got your first Charlie" (quietly) "Pass the aces into my turnups now, I'll see if the Prof's game for a Ph.D."

You'll have to wait, Miss Jones is taking him on for an upper second

"Undo another blouse button, Miss Jones, and keep the old boy's eye while I deal."

"Well, there you are Sir - two deuces, two sixes and a four to you; five Kings to Miss Jones."

PROF: "But we're only playing with one pack"

"Sorry sir, that one's a Queen - it should be with a chewed edge like that."

## THE BURGESS AND MACLEAN AFFAIR - GREATEST EXPOSURE YET:

"It does seem that life in the Universities encourages riotous living, a social life and parties, and they come into the Civil Service infected with their experiences as undergraduates." (Mr. Douglas Houghton M.P.)

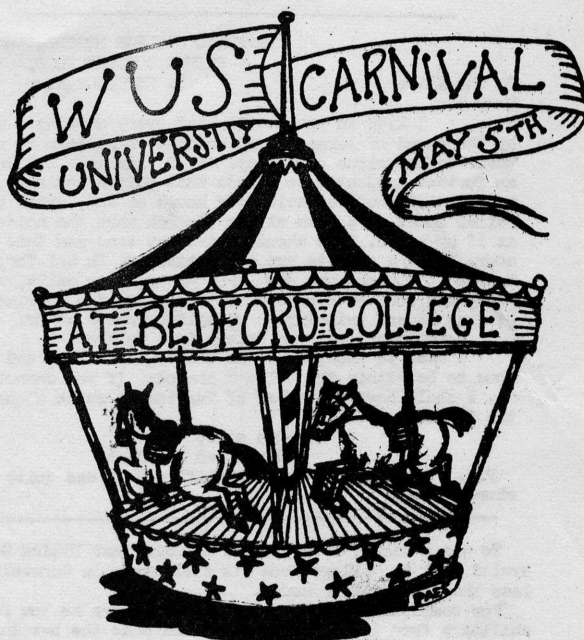
SOMEBODY LOVES US: Cynics who think that industrial concerns are throwing away money rather than pay up Excess Profits tax in order to spite the Exchequer, will discover in their third year that this is not so. Most of it seems to be going back via the tax on spirit, so liberally poured down the throats of possible technical staff. Even if you don't approve of this you will probably find yourself helping to keep British Railways on its feet by having a nice travelling Easter holiday at the expense of firms which you carefully select for their Geographical position.

WIPE YOUR FEET: The small piece of 'red carpet' just inside the lower dining hall door of the New Union is not for an important guest but on trial for the colour scheme of this building. Silwood residents would probably have marked this as a test strip with a request to keep off.

PRINTING DISPUTE: The sport's page this week is being typed on a toy portable, following an extended dispute with the people whose typewriter we used to advertise, on the condition of lease of one of their machines. The arbitration is still proceeding.

BUDGET FOOTNOTE: Mines and Civils, in particular, should note that money earned abroad may be subject to income tax, even if no residence in Britain is maintained while working abroad - Macmillan M.P. Budget.

REVEREND HENRY, the Security Officer, recently brought to justice two felons who were delaying the construction of the Sir Roderick Hill building by stealing the builders' materials. We hope to see more of him inside the quadrangle from now on.





## VIEWPOINT

of K. B. DESHPANDE

The talk on "Military Planning and Atomic Weapons" given recently in our College by Prof. Blackett was very stimulating. I consider that the following points are very important for us to think about.

1. The overcrowding of the hall indicated that the students were eager to know the views of the Professor on this important topic in relation to the prospects of war and peace.

2. The whole idea behind military planning and consequent military parts organised by the Western Powers seems to be based on the assumption that the Soviet Union is the arch-enemy and is going to attack them at any time, and so they should be prepared for instantaneous retaliation or even preventative war.

3. There is a very powerful section of Westerners who think that atomic weapons should be used for tactical purposes.

4. There is a general feeling that in any future world war atomic weapons will be used and will lead to extermination of the human race.

5. There is less likelihood of another world war; if it comes, Westerners imagine that it would be only with the Soviet Union.

6. In the advent of war, the fate of the British people would be the gloomiest because two or three H-bombs will be sufficient to destroy all life on this tiny and densely populated island.

7. The technological superiority of the West in atomic weapons and their carriers no longer exists and hence the tone of talks for disarmament is now milder and more conciliatory than it was some years ago. Hence there is now more possibility of some agreement on disarmament.

8. In answer to the question: what can ordinary people do to ensure peace? The Professor explained that the whole aim of his talk was to stimulate thought on this and related problems, and to induce men and women to act in their own interests.

9. The last point which struck me was whether talks like these would increase the complacency among people to allow their rulers to continue the production of weapons of mass destruction as deterrents or for tactical weapons and to spend a huge amount of public money, or would it disillusion the people and cause them to persuade their rulers to spend the money on improving the standard of living, in particular in underdeveloped countries.

These are important issues which require close consideration, particularly by those concerned with science and technology.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

R.C.S. Union.  
5th March, 1956.

Dear Editor,

A word of warning to those who leave their motor-cycles unlocked in the region of I.C.

Recently, my motor-cycle was stolen from outside the R.C.S. by a couple of youths, who, later abandoned it in a hedge, ten miles from here, in a damaged condition.

I know another chap who lost his machine from this locality; there are probably others who have suffered similarly.

A small padlock may well transfer attention from your machine.

Yours etc.,  
G.N. Spokes.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE HOSTEL,  
PRINCE CONSORT ROAD,  
S. KENSINGTON.

To the Editor  
Dear Sir,

I live in the hostel, and every morning I am woken by the sound of large Diesel engines which seem to revel in their unharmonious cacophony. As if this were not enough, I am further subjected to sounds that only a sadistic and warped mind could conceive for hours on end, until blessed relief comes as a balm at six o'clock when the noise stops as if by magic. This should drive any sane man into Broadmoor, but the sadists are not satisfied. Oh no! They have trained torturers who drop iron pipes, bang walls, and even go up and down on a rope contrivance outside my window, peering in and grinning in ghastly humour at me.

Sometimes I am even driven into College.

I want to know, Sir, who these people are, and how they come to be within the College grounds. If you cannot answer me, I shall have my Member of Parliament raise a question in the House.

Yours etc.,  
Harrassed Resident

P.S. Why has the Bar been shifted? It was quite alright where it was.

To win a wager, Pete Hooper, a third year Mining Geologist, cycled back to College from his field trip in Cornwall in less than twenty-four hours.

For completing the 236 miles in 23½ hours he won forty-five shillings from his colleagues who had made the bet during a high spirited drinking session the previous evening.

## Inside Story

An authoritative source, the milkman, revealed at a recent press conference that "the College has bought three sides of Princes Gardens".

No one in the College has been induced to confirm this, and past experience shows this source of information to be reliable. (e.g. 1954 Derby Winner, Kensington road sweepers strike, and the Onslow Square murder.)

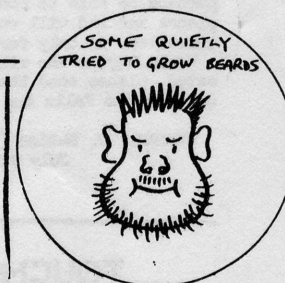
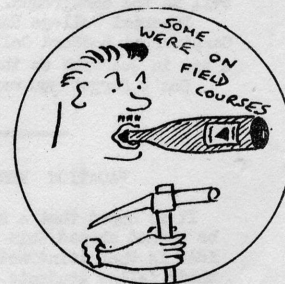
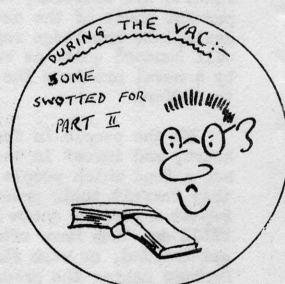
It appears that the Rector's aim of a thousand residential students is going to be achieved even sooner than he had anticipated.

## UNION RECONSTRUCTION

With Spring there is less likelihood of bad weather delaying the construction of the Union Extension, and the skeleton should be completed shortly. It will then be up to the sub-contractors to make the building useable at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

The I.C. Dramatic Society are planning to have a joint production with the Comus Club of "Loftur", an Icelandic version of the legend of Faust. This play has been a great success in Scandinavia, but the translation into English has had little support in two previous Provincial productions. By bringing the play to London, Mr King, the producer, hopes to bring it to the notice of critics at I.C. and get a West-End production of it.

This joint production will be the first performance in the new Union Building next term, and should take place at the end of November.

LANDLADY TYPE II  
(WATCH OUT!)

## Personal Advertisement.

WANTED: A receptacle with a capacity of 10 gallons.

Write Editor, FELIX.

## Forthcoming Diversions

## MOTOR RALLY

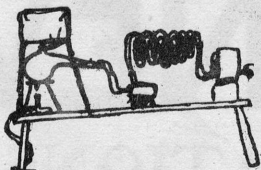
R.C.S. Motor Club Inaugural Rally.

On Sunday May 6th. R.C.S. Motor Club is running an Inaugural Rally. Competition will start from the Shack Bar at 12 noon (sign in between 11.15 and 11.45 a.m. please). Total distance will be about 140 miles finishing at the Union and will involve road sections without special tests. All members of I.C. are eligible and further details are given on notices around the College.

For those who have not taken part in a Rally before or who would like some hints from an experienced rallyist, a short talk is being arranged. Details will be posted as soon as possible.



## BREW IT YOURSELF



The following recipe is published to bring some financial relief to the drinking classes. It is the only information retained from a recent works visit of the G.E.C. laboratories. It works out that a pint of beer costs threepence if materials, and the taste can be adjusted by varying the hops and malt content. The claim that the beer made is three times as strong as ordinary beer awaits confirmation, since some drinkers allege that other factors than alcoholic content must be considered..

Required: 9lb. dark brown sugar  
4lb. malt extract. } From Timothy Whites  
4-6oz. dried hops } or Boots.  
3oz. granulated yeast. From Herb shop.  
1oz. gelatine.

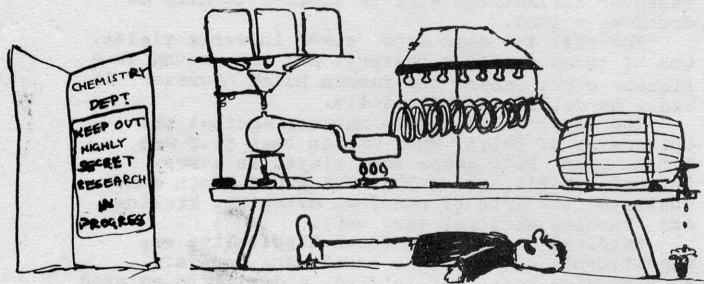
Simmer the hops in a half gallon of water for half an hour. Place the malt and sugar in an enamel or copper vessel of 10 gallons capacity, and filter the water from the hops into it. Dissolve the sugar and malt in the hot solution, and dilute to obtain 10 gallons at about blood heat.

Dissolve the yeast in a little tepid water (100°F.), and add to the solution. Cover, and leave for 6-7 days, when bubbling should have ceased and the beer no longer taste sweet. (The froth can be removed after twenty-four hours, since it contains most of the sediment.)

The powdered gelatine should be dissolved in water and added, and after a further 12 hours, the beer should be siphoned out directly into bottles containing a half teaspoon of sugar. These should be screwed down tightly, and left until clear. It is then ready for drinking, but care should be taken not to disturb the mud when pouring. A week should be sufficient, but longer enhances the quality of the beer.

If the beer is bottled too soon, or too much sugar is added to the bottles, it will be too gaseous.

Golden syrup is 'invert sugar' and is considered by some to be a more satisfactory way of brewing than using a brown sugar supplied locally. In this case, one pound of sugar is equivalent to 1½ lb. of golden syrup.



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## COMING EVENTS

### Boat Club

Saturday May 5th. Hammersmith Regatta.  
Wednesday and Thursday May 9th. & 10th. Vesta Dashes.  
Saturday May 12th. Putney Regatta.

### Cricket- 1st. XI.

Saturday May 5th. Reading Univ. A.  
Wednesday May 9th. R.A.E. Farnboro' H.  
Saturday May 12th. Old Sinjuns H.  
Wednesday May 16th. Q.M.C. H.

### Tennis - 1st. Team

Saturday May 5th. Wye H.  
Sunday May 6th. C.E.M. H.  
Wednesday May 9th. Reading H.  
Saturday May 12th. Caius Coll., Camb. A.  
Sunday May 13th. Southampton A.  
Wednesday May 16th. Q.M.C. A.

### Athletics

Saturday May 5th. Guy's & Westminster (at Chobham)  
Tuesday & Thursday May 8th. & 10th. U.L. Championship Heats (at Motpur Park)  
Saturday May 12th. U.L. Championship Finals (at Motpur Park)  
Monday May 14th. (Evening) L.S.E. & Royal Vets. (at Parliament Hill)

### Rifle Club

Thursday May 10th. Annual Dinner (15/-) arrive 7.00p.m. dinner 7.30p.m..

### Dancing Classes

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

## HEAD OF THE RIVER

This year, the Boat Club entered ten crews for "the Head" which was on Saturday, March 24. The 1st. VIII started 14th., and finished 23rd., beating the 2nd., VIII by only one second in a time of 20.56. 259 crews were entered in the race in all, and I.C. placings were as follows:

VIII:	1	2	3	Winter	A	B	C	D	E	F
Starting:	14	19	61	110	112	120	176	183	186	257
Finishing:	23	24	103	76	131	141	211	242	251	259

The First Eight started very well and passed No. 15, Reading, at Chiswick Steps. No. 15, Gladstone Rowing Club, chased I.C., beating them by a quarter of a length at the finishing mark. We are told that from Barnes Bridge onwards the Eight lacked decisiveness and cohesion.

The Second Eight, rather a light crew, rowed well up to the standard set by last year's Second Eight, and finished 24th. Thus again we had two crews in the first division.

The Winter Eight, otherwise known as the "Old Lags" crew, had a good sporting row. The passed six crews who they claimed moved out of the way with great rapidity on being threatened.

The rest of the crews rowed their utmost, but the standard was higher this year than normal so that all the crews, except the Winter Eight, lowered their placings. Moreover, the standard of the Club's lower crews last year was exceptionally high, and it was inevitable that most of them would drop. A word of warning to old oarsmen. Four who turned up to watch were persuaded to row in the F VIII. This crew only lost two places- from 257th to 259, th last place.

## WELSH HARP

### I.C. BOAT THIRD in COACH CUP RACE

The I.C. boat "Tomulus", helmed by Mike Collyer and crewed by Tony Bispham came 3rd out of 47 boats entered for the Coach Cup the Sunday before last. This race is open to all boat that sail on the Welsh Harp, and the Cup was presented by a nearby coach firm that polluted the Harp with oil some years ago.

The record entry sailed in light winds.



# SPORTS NEWS

## ANGLO-DUTCH RELATIONS STRENGTHENED

### Gronigen Gin Greeting

The arrival at Liverpool Street Station on March 20th of thirteen Dutch hockey players from Groningen University, each carrying a litre bottle of Genever Gin, marked the beginning of a festive week for the Hockey Club. The Old Hostel echoed once more to the sound of Dutch voices and "Sodom eta opp's" (spelling open to correction).

Three games were played by Groningen and three by I.C. in the Hockey Festival held over the Easter Weekend at the National Physical Laboratories' ground at Teddington. The visitors won one and lost two, and we won two and lost one. A special match was arranged on Easter Sunday between I.C. and Groningen which I.C. won undeservedly by 2 goals to 1. The Dutch style of hockey is considerably more delicate than ours, being modelled on the Indian rather than the English type of game. However, the sides were evenly matched, and a really enjoyable game resulted.

From the first day, when three Dutchmen disappeared in pursuit of three obviously well informed Swedish damsels, to the farewell party held on their last night in England, considerable interest was shown in matters other than those pertaining to hockey. Soho in general, and the Club Tabu in particular were frequented. Some amusement was caused by an article in a Sunday newspaper, well known for its uncovering of vice in the West-End, dealing with a midnight "Orgy of Jazz" at which several of the "Nederlandern" were present.

Undoubtedly, the most memorable part of the visit was the previously mentioned farewell party in the Old Hostel. The Warden was informed well in advance, and he abandoned ship several days before the revels began. Liquor, food and nurses were imported in quantity to cater for all tastes. Beer flowed freely, mainly over the floor of the captain's room which served as the bar. After two hours sleep on Wednesday morning, thirteen tired but happy Dutchmen returned to their native heath with pleasant if somewhat hazy recollections of their stay at I.C.

### GREAT GAME GOLF...

Last weekend a group of I.C. golfers left their cares behind them for the annual outing to Cooden Beach. The more fortunate ones travelled by train while the remainder of the party who had left in a covered jeep arrived in an open jeep, having had a slight argument involving a ditch and a hedge on the way. Golf was taken seriously on the Saturday, a Medal Competition being won by K.B.Walker. In the evening entertainment was provided by T.Mc. Veigh on guitar and various people on piano.

The Golfing Association's President, a local resident, was accompanied home by several members and, after a little liquid refreshment, a short cut was taken for the return trip. This involved several fields, ditches and barbed wire fences so that most people were ready for bed on return to the Dorny House. A. Kitchener, however, was reported to have been seen wandering about some hours later clutching a pint pot of beer.

Golf didn't appear to suffer too much, for G.Parkinson returned forty points in a Stableford competition on the Sunday morning and was almost caught in the afternoon by D.Butters with 39 points.

The return trip was made after tea, the missing parts of the jeep being retrieved from the ditch and secured with rope. Altogether a most successful meeting which oneshopes will be repeated many times.

In the Spring Meeting on March 22nd, at Wentworth the President's Prize was won by M.G.Hampton and the Glover Cup by K.B.Walker. Exceptionally bad weather was responsible for many high scores.

The eve of this combined R.C.S. and C.&G. tour was marked by sensation, the dilatory D.M. Thomas losing all the tickets, whilst searchers padded about the Union in pyjamas and macintoshes, the booming voice of Thomas reassured everyone that it probable didn't really matter and, indeed, this same voice succeeded in persuading dubious Dutch officials that all was well.

Early on the day of departure all were awakened by alarm clocks: all that is except B.Hearn, inside whose head a ringing noise breaks out whatever time he wishes to get up, thus making the use of an alarm unnecessary. The team enjoyed a perfect crossing, which was marred only by an unexpected closing of the bar by the captain, who it was rumoured, feared for the safety of the ship.

The first match was R.C.S. versus Amsterdam, and it attracted a reasonable crowd, who no doubt anticipated an exhibition of the finer points of the game by the brilliant British exponents. Although the team took some time to settle down, they eventually produced some very good passing movements and won 17-11.

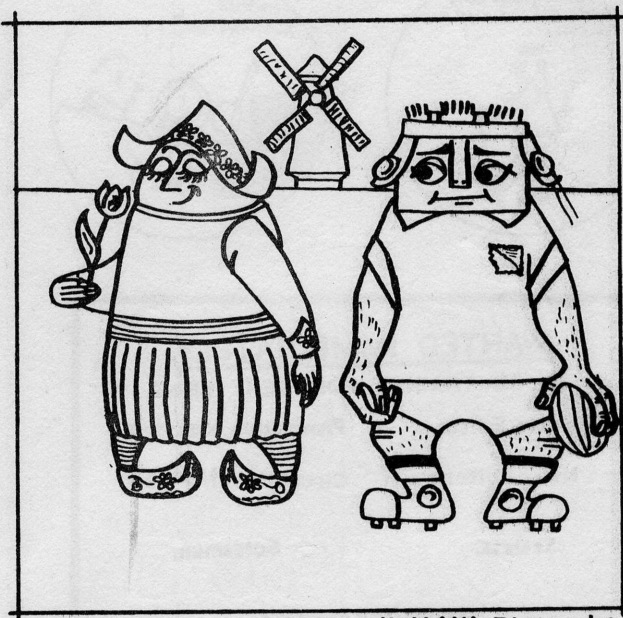
The following day the Guilds met Weuve, the Shell Oil Company team, which consists mainly of Englishmen, some of them old students of I.C. The match was close throughout, and Guilds were unlucky to lose 8-6. At one stage B.Hearn, despite a multiplicity of muscular and ligamentary defects, forced himself across the Shell line, but unluckily dropped the ball without grounding it properly. The large crowd was very appreciative of the excellent play, and the Shell team entertained us royally after the game. Those who remember K.F.Patrick will be shocked to hear he drunk as a lord.

The next two days were spent in works visits. One of these was to a brewery, and the second to a liqueur works, where the famous Dutch 'Genever' is made. No details are available.

The tour finished with matches against the University of Delft, whom Guilds beat 31-0 and R.C.S. 23-0. Both games were played in a very friendly spirit, and Guilds and R.C.S. both demonstrated the arts of passing, catching, kicking, and running straight very well.

Needless to add, the Dutch hospitality was magnificent, occasionally continuing to 5 a.m. Many stories have been related, and will be related in the bar: to print them here would be to rob them of their flavour.

Thank you, D.S.R.F.C. for a memorable visit.



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