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STOOL → PIGEONS

On Friday last at 8.02p.m., an avid reader of Sherlock Holmes saw a procession of coloured sweaters entering the bar and deduced that something was amiss. He approached silently and to his horror and dismay observed invaders from the upper regions removing the bar furniture.

In haste he summoned help from the lower refectory. Two men dashed off and were joined by one more on the way up. Both doors to the I.C.W.A. lounge were found to be barred; when called upon to surrender, the President of I.C.W.A. replied, "Come in and get us."

Four men forced an entry through an open window. They were met by a horde of young women who attempted to incapacitate them. Later, one feminine voice said, "Vogues are very useful, you don't have to use any force, just lift it and let it drop."

In the fray, one man was nearly deprived of his trousers!

Reinforcements from the New Hostel were summoned by phone and after a long and bitter battle, all the stools were taken back to their rightful home. Several comfortable armchairs, almost indistinguishable from the bar stools, have found new homes in various parts of the Union and hostels.

The President of I.C.W.A. was missing on Saturday and it is generally believed that she has fled from the wrath to come.

I.C.W.A. must be congratulated on a well planned raid which produced the best sport your reporter has taken part in this term.

AMBUSH

Forty Guildsmen invited themselves to Phineas' birthday party on Thursday. On arrival they found the majority of the U.C.'s in a drunken stupor, Phineas bound down by many stout chains, and Reggie displayed on the floor of their lounge.

As the only way out was through 300 bodies packed tight around the bar, Reggie's immediate removal was impracticable. However, around 11 p.m. twelve hefty King's men called for Reggie and the President of U.C. declared a truce.

When Reggie reached U.C.'s gate the Guildsmen swooped, relieving Kings of their burden, and transported it halfway down Malet Street, where, to quote one of the daily newspapers, "A midnight free-for-all between 200 students from London University Colleges - Kings, City and Guilds and University - was broken up by the police after 20 minutes last night".

Four squad cars, one Black Maria, four motor cycle patrol men and a dozen foot were required to quell the riot.

ROYAL VISIT

HOSTEL TO BE A GRANDSTAND

DURING THE LAST WEEK OF MAY, THE COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF THE GRANTING OF THE ROYAL CHARTER, THE ACTUAL DATE OF WHICH WAS JULY 8th. 1907:-



There are many difficulties besetting the would-be formers of a college jazz band. However, after initial struggles, I.C. now has a Traditional Jazz group. Their first real break came on Wednesday 20th. Feb. when they appeared at the U.L.U. Jazz Hop supporting the professional group admirably. During their performance they were offered a job playing for the rest of the evening in a coffee bar. This they did with great success.

There were some misgivings when it was seen they were performing at the College Saturday Hop, but they showed themselves to be exceptionally good for a newly-formed amateur group.

A new innovation to the Jazz Club's activities was the holding of a session in the "Nucleus" coffee bar last Sunday afternoon. Although a new enterprise, it was quite well attended by I.C. men, girls from Royal Holloway College and several outsiders, who enjoyed the session. Led by President and Clarinettist Tony Hodgson, they are appearing regularly at this time every Sunday. Why not make a regular Sunday afternoon date and enjoy a few hours uninhibited music? The charge will be 2/6 in future but this includes a free coffee, tea or soup etc. and a free membership of the Nucleus Club which entitles one to attend special jazz sessions there.

The celebrations will be as follows.

On the 28th of May, H.M. the Queen Mother, as Chancellor, will arrive at the Imperial College Union at 3 p.m. There will be a short ceremony in the Concert Hall, during which the Chancellor will declare the Roderic Hill Building open and she will then proceed by way of the Beit Garden (as the Quadrangle will then be) across Prince Consort Road to the Roderic Hill Building.

Here she will unveil a plaque in memory of the late Sir Roderic Hill, and will inspect the new building. She will return to the Union for tea in the Dining Hall, and will leave at about 5 p.m.

A committee of the Governing Body has been set up to consider the arrangements. The committee has approved the following proposals, which is hoped will enable as many people as possible to participate in one way or another.

- 1) Places in the Concert Hall will be allocated to Governors and to present and past members of the College. The five Student Presidents will be on the platform, and a considerable number of places in the Concert Hall will be allotted to Students.
- 2) A closed circuit television unit may be installed so that many people will be able to see and hear the proceedings in the Concert Hall and at the Roderic Hill Building.
- 3) About 250 places will be available for students in the Union. Residents in the New Hostel will be able to invite about 150 other students as their guests in their rooms and on the balcony. Senior students of Aeronautics and Chemical Engineering will be accommodated in the Roderic Hill building. In addition, it is hoped that large crowds of students will assemble at various key points.
- 4) The Student body will be invited to provide about 270 stewards, 100 to control the traffic at all doors of the buildings, and about 170 others to line the route from the Union to the Roderic Hill building. These will all wear undergraduate gowns, or graduate gowns for those who have graduated. Tickets will be issued admitting to the various buildings or precincts.

On Monday 27th May there will be a dinner at the Mansion House, to which the five student Presidents will be invited to represent the present students.

A Jubilee Ball will be held in the Union on Friday 31st May.





THE BARBER OF CIVIL

ENGINEERING NOTES ON BEARDS

"If the beard were all, the goat would preach".- Old Proverb.

The beard is at once the most noticeable, obvious, egotistical, exhibitionist adornment possible - and the most natural thing in the world.

Historically, beards have been revered, saved by their unfortunate owners from the block (albeit at the expense of their necks) - and singed. They have been used to disguise many intentions from the anarchic to the amorous; used to conceal disfigured skins, receding chins and the identities of their owners. Indeed, the beard is usually regarded as a particularly close form of camouflage, which is the greatest fundamental error in the 'lay' public's beardwise thinking. For whilst concealing the lower half of the face, it renders the whole of it immediately recognisable. Far from being the gesture of the recluse and the hermit, abandoning the razor is an act calling for the strongest of characters, the bravest of men. Thus to step out of line, to leave the common herd, is to nail colours to the mast and stand by one's every deed. No more can the bearded one disappear into the crowd - his reputation will stay with him - the regretted deed can no more be escaped. Imagine the copper's wry smile as the maiden says "... and officer, this man had brown hair and blue eyes ..." BUT - picture the frenzy of file-searching at the Yard as the incriminating fact is revealed - "The police are believed to be looking for a bearded man".

And we are not without distinguished support - the fabulous 'Bean' Holbein (Hon. Sec. of the Old Centralians) sports a growth that is an excellent example of this sort of tonsorial art. Dr. Toombs - late of the Electrical Department and now moved wisely to be a vacuum cleaner tycoon - frightened would-be engineers with his aggressive hirsute appendage (endless euphemisms have been devised for this natural phenomenon). And we are not without our Royal Patronage.....

Practical hints to those intending to follow the present trend might not come amiss. There is no known fertiliser. Washing is not something to worry about unduly - the frequent application of hot soup, black coffee and beer is usually sufficient to keep the number of fauna down to comfortable figures. Assymetry in the trim should be suffered rather than corrected as the latter is likely to lead to the gradual depletion (known as "whisker whittle" - a trouble often encountered in ambitious barbers). And NEVER let a woman "tidy it up" - remember Solomon.

Talking of women (subject normal) - the incidence of whisker has been statistically proved to depend on a favourable attitude on the part of the opposite sex. At the moment, there is still a novelty value to the man with a taz; an approach known as the "I've always wanted to try....." At any rate - it is fair proof of the girl's depth of feeling (?).

On the question of style - those who object to the wide range of shapes and sizes should take comfort from Bottom in "Midsummer Night's Dream":-

"I will discharge it in either your straw-coloured beard, your orange tawny beard, your purple in grain beard or your French-crown colour beard, your perfect yellow".

.....anyway, Anne likes mine, Jack.

BEARD COMPETITION



So far nine entries have been received - but it is not too late to start; remember, the beards are not judged on length alone. Give your entries to the member of the Editorial Board lounging near the Council Notice-board.

UNION COMMENT

Continued from last week.

13. Illumination. The lights are going out all over the Union. Not only do we eat in perpetual gloom in Mooney's, but about 20% of the new light bulbs in other parts of the building seem to have resigned. This is suitable for Carnivals and similar orgies, but not for general usage.

14. Contractors. Winter snows are on the way, and Marples and Ridgway are hibernating in the Gym and the Upper Refectory. Unkind people are saying that the landscape gardeners were responsible for removing Marples' huts.

15. More Errors. The Grid ventilation in the Dining Hall was found to be too coarse, exposing brickwork to the diners' view. This is to be replaced. The Notice-Board material is of a cardboard like consistency instead of the better quality ordered. This is to be replaced.

16. Windows. Are the windows going to be cleaned?

17. The Bar. Many long cracks have developed in the plaster of the bar. Is it possible that the designer of the pavement also designed the bar and failed to take into account the resonant effect of carousing voices.

ICWA

Following Mr. Griffin's correspondence it was decided at the I.C.W.A. meeting last Tuesday that it might be advisable to have matters of general interest reported in 'Felix'. It was thought, however, that the presence of Mr. Griffin himself would be quite superfluous, since the secretary of 'Felix' is, in general, a member of I.C.W.A. The meeting finally decided that nothing should be reported without the previous consent of the President.

Anyone who suggests that we come to College to get a degree and to have a bit of sport is really little short of a public enemy. We come here to complete our education, to develop our personality and to acquire a little of what is freely referred to in FELIX as Kulture.

Unfortunately I.C. lacks one of the most important attributes that a modern University College should have. Our College, whether we like it or not, is a rather one-sided affair, one-sided in academic subjects, one-sided in the sex of its students and one-sided in the attitude of its Union elite. As a college, we lack the properly integrated balance of departments, staff, and students that we should have, and our social life reflects this.

Perhaps it is not surprising that there is a growing number of heretics at I.C. who wend there weary way to Bloomsbury for something better. Geographically you would not expect I.C. to be a very significant college in U.L.U. affairs, and from a Union government point of view it isn't, but anyone who has anything to do with U.L.U. activities is staggered by the number of I.C. men who hold leading and influential positions in U.L.U.

The best known of these was probably Wally Goss whose work for the University Athletic Committee will long be remembered. At present we have Brian Smith as Vice-President of U.L.U. and Social Chairman, a hard worker and a wonderful organizer, who was driven away from I.C. by the coldness of the Union towards residents of Silwood. Many will remember "Danny" Kale who was a founder-member of Sennet and the second editor; Bill Hudson, who built up the sales of Sennet from nothing to several thousand in two terms.

Music lovers at I.C. will be found at U.L.U. by the score, players in the orchestra, singers in the choir and listeners in the Concert Society. A host of other Societies have felt the I.C. influence for years.

It must be admitted that there are exceptions. So long as the I.C. first eight manages to lead the "purple" eight in the "Head" we are unlikely to be represented in that boat, and this applies to most other sports clubs. But in sporting activities, the chief function of U.L.U. is to organise inter-college sport, and in this I.C. does tolerably well. But we could do a lot better by raising a little more University spirit. Only last week I.C. could have walked the University Boxing Championships if more had entered.

Two questions arise out of all this: Firstly, should I.C. Union government have a more active voice in U.L.U. affairs; and secondly, is I.C. Union losing many of its best potential leaders by its restrictive attitude? The man who is after a real University education and a full social life will find the Union dice loaded against him, he will be swept aside as of no consequence, as the Union elite - heralded by a shower of milk bottles - topples on the edge of the abyss.

Colin J. Dixon.

INTERNATIONAL

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social evening
march 15
admission free

RELATIONS CLUB

THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT. No 1





The topic of Hall Dinner was raised several times last term, chiefly in connection with block bookings, which were deplored by many people as being contrary to the idea of Hall Dinner; consequently, block bookings were prohibited, and prospective diners were limited to one guest each. This term, the popularity of Hall Dinner seems to have declined, and attendances have been unusually low; at the time of going to press, even the Wine Dinner on February 26th. is not fully booked up!

However, it appears that even with small attendance, the attitude of some people to Hall Dinner leaves much to be desired. At the Dinner last week, two young ladies, in keeping with the spirit of Hall Dinner, decided to place themselves next to people they did not know, but from whom they would have the opportunity of gaining fresh ideas; for Hall Dinner is primarily a social function - the excellent dinner is merely a delightful incidental. So the ladies placed their cards in appropriate positions and retired to have sherry. On returning after the dinner gong had been sounded, they found that their cards had been moved, and that a party of eight were now seated in and around the places. Throughout the evening the group made no attempt to converse outside themselves. Apart from the bad manners of these "gentlemen" in moving the cards without having asked the ladies, this cliquish attitude is entirely at variance with the Hall Dinner principle, which is to provide an opportunity for staff and students and their guests to meet on a social footing, and a place where one can meet people with whom one would not normally come into contact.

We wonder whether it was the same people who provoked the writing of the letter published on this page.

The idea of stopping block-booking was that socially-minded individuals should not be excluded. Surely I.C. does not consist of recluses and cliques? The only way to obtain a full University education is to mix with people - the more people, the better - and Dinner in Hall provides an excellent opportunity for this.

BEAUTY COMPETITION?

Dear Sir,

I was shocked to read in the last issue that 'Felix' is actively encouraging the cultivation of unsightly fungus on our scientists.

Let us please keep our sense of proportion and position. Such mystical rites belong over the way in the R.C.A.

Surely a far better idea would have been to have a beard shaving race with cut-throat razors.

However, I suppose it is too late to call it off now. Is it too much to hope that, since I.C.W.A. is having a show of manliness, we might have a 'Felix' bathing beauty competition in the new gardens for our edification?

Yours sincerely,
D.F. Butters.

Editor's note: Felix would welcome suggestions and comments about Mr. Butters' last proposition.

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent Mr. J.L. Sellars obviously has not seen our petition, which was worded, "We, the undersigned, hereby request that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Imperial College Union be called to discuss the following motion, "That the beer be transferred to Messrs. Flowers Ltd." This hardly bears out Mr. Sellars' insinuation that one member of the Union is taking it upon himself to name the brew required in the bar. We believe that this matter, which affects the whole Union, should be decided by the Union, and not, as your correspondent suggests "by a small committee of bar regulars".

We chose Flowers' beer since, in our opinion, it is the best available, and we wish to express our thanks to our venerable President for making it possible for members of I.C. Union who have never been fortunate enough to taste this beer to do so now.

Yours faithfully,
B.G. Donnell
J. Thurston
P.R.C. Standeven

WHAT ARE THE REASONS? WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE?

Dear Sir,

Criticisms upon criticisms are piled in your columns against the new Union. I think that if the reasons for the most provocative features are given, then perhaps the volume of complaints will be suppressed.

Very often a criticism of bad taste does not arise if the underlying functional need is understood. For example, how many know that the neurotic yellow in the Lower Dining Hall was an idea in order to supplement the light that does not come through the small windows.

To my mind, three things may be happening;

1. The designers of the new building have left college and are nowhere to be found.
2. Nobody designed anything.
3. The geni (or geniuses) responsible for the shape of things that came are either afraid or could not care to defend their designs.

This boils down to voices shouting in the desert and it is quite pathetic - except of course if treated as a big joke.

So let those who have had a finger in it defend their brightest ideas, as now, as in any case, it is too late to do anything else.

Such explanations will make instructive reading and, if nothing else will change 'Felix's' appearance.

Yours Extraordinarily,
B. Mantzouranis. (Chem. Eng. B.)

"BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT"

Dear Sir,

May I offer my most sincere congratulations upon the successful maintenance of 'Felix' in its familiar dog-eared and highly picturesque state of semi-dilapidation.

In the last edition, however, I experienced more difficulty than usual in gleaned coherent information from the closely printed pages. In spite of the surprising rarity of the dust-marks, smudges and typing errors - the difficulty I refer to, of course is the completely incomprehensible verbosity which you libeled liberally into the editorial account of your correspondence with the President of I.C.W.A.: one sentence consisted of 70 words!

No doubt, a subject such as 'The Freedom of the Press' deserves a somewhat elevated treatment in keeping with its importance, but the defence of such freedom would appear to be superfluous, when the press, if heard, cannot be understood.

Should it be considered desirable for the present state of incomprehensibility to continue, I would suggest that the utility of 'Felix' be maintained in other ways. E.g. by medication with Izal.

Yours sincerely,
E.R.N.

Dear Sir,

It is difficult to find any justification for the publication of the article in your last issue entitled "Touchstone Weekends". The few facts which it contained hardly needed "unearthing" since they are permanently displayed on almost every notice board in the college. The rest of the article seemed to be a misrepresentation designed to encourage the "sex-beer-sp-o-art" fraternity to invade Silwood park and degrade one of I.C.'s few civilized activities into a pursuit of that curiously student mixture of the primitive and the decadent.

Yours faithfully,
W.B. Statham

Editor's Note:

Last week's article was an attempt to publicise Touchstone in a quasi-humorous manner. We apologise if anything derogatory was read into the article; certainly nothing derogatory was intended. It is felt that if any "sex-beer-sp-o-art" morons are persuaded to go to Silwood Park, it will do them the world of good; Touchstone is surely too well established to come to any harm.

DINNER IN HALL

Dear Sir,

At a recent Hall Dinner we noticed several people who were more informally dressed than is usual; in blazers, coloured shirts, and polo-necked sweaters.

It is no sin to leak a lounge suit, but surely for the more formal of the college functions every endeavour should be made to be suitably dressed.

Yours truly,
J.O. Warwick
J. Wendon
R. Wood

A similar letter has been received from Mr. J.D. Chadwick (also, see Editorial)

DARK DEEDS

The Mines' Carnival held on the 15th. was a great success. The R.S.M. Entertainment Committee under Gil Street had made good several of the shortcomings of the first New Union Carnival held at the beginning of the term. The 'Sin-bin' in the middle of the Concert Hall floor certainly broke up the previous impersonal atmosphere and the displacement of one of the 'snoggeries' by a convenient corner bar made drinking cosier.

One noticeable improvement was in the dress; well over half those attending took the trouble to come in the appropriate apparel. Many colourful costumes were displayed in the 'Regalia Revue'; the prize went to a witchdoctor whose complex head-dress and make-up showed great ingenuity.

The appreciation of the cabaret, 'Kraal Kapers', depended to a large extent on the audience's knowledge of those taking part. Doug Owen excelled as a delightful Fairy Queen and 'Cork' Green acted naturally in the guise of a gorilla. Notman managed to add about the correct percentage of inebriation to the acts. Perhaps those not up to date with Union affairs and personalities did not enjoy it as much as those who were better informed.

Some £100 worth of refreshments were consumed by the 300 attending.

Criticism might be levelled at the rather rushed painting of the flats, however the lack of art and anatomical knowledge might be excused in the Mines. The flats deposited a lurid green hue on all those who were foolish enough to lean on them.

However, all in all the Mines deserve congratulations on a very successful carnival. How will the Engineers do?

BERLIN VISIT

GATHERING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN STUDENTS

The International Meeting of students representing university and national unions from Western Europe was organized, as in the past, by The Technische Universität, Berlin. There were no political, national or student ideas behind this meeting, only the exchange of contacts and ideas on life in other universities.

Considering the economic and political position of West Berlin, an interest in the political situation was inevitable. The West Berliners are very conscious of their position in the East-West relations and are eager that as many people as possible from a large range of activities and countries should have the opportunity of becoming familiar with the unique city and country of West Berlin.

We stayed in a Red Cross Hostel in a S. Western suburb of the city with five students of the Aussenreferat, the Council of the Technische Universität. English was the official meeting language but I was somewhat dismayed to find with my meagre knowledge of German, I was the only Englishman there. The N.U.S. had not even bothered to reply to the invitation and made explanations somewhat difficult.

The programme that had been prepared struck a fine balance between the serious and the distinctly social.

The day after we arrived we toured the T.U., which had been destroyed during the war and is now refitted with the best equipment that the Germans can obtain. A first impression is one of quiet and space. Students move about quietly and although there are some 6000 students at the T.U., there is none of the noise that characterises the corridors in I.C.

Next day after a lecture on the political situation in East Germany, (in German) we visited the finest equipped brewery in Europe with surely the most generous management. The last intelligible comment heard was "Well, some Finnish student drank 31 of these bottles".

A tour of the Grüne Woche show, which is an agricultural exhibition in West Berlin, gave us our first glimpse of Eastern Berliners who were conspicuous with their inferior clothes and poor shoes. The Easterners are eager to keep up to date with progress in agriculture and this show gives them adequate opportunity

I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIUMPH

The 2nd. Annual Photographic Exhibition was held in U.L.U. from February 18-24th. The entry was both larger and better than last year, 287 prints and 140 colour slides were hung. Sponsored by the Daily Mirror, 60% of the prize money was won by I.C. members. The Exhibition was opened by Mr. A.L.M. Sowerby, President of the R.P.S. and Editor of the Amateur Photographer, who spoke of the high standard of the work.

I.C. prize winners were:-
Portraiture. 1st. A. J. Eycott (P.G. Metallurgy); 2nd. A. Levy (P.G. Chem. Eng.)
Record. 1st. B. R. F. Cook (3 Mech.)
Colour. 1st., 2nd., 3rd. B. R. F. Cook.
Pictorial. Highly commended.
 F. Peacock (P.G. Chem. Eng.)

The work of Brian Cook was very highly praised, and his photographs of racing cars were particularly admired. Mr. Clyne, Art Editor of the Mirror showed particular interest in Tony Eycott's portrait (1st.) of Elizabeth. Tony Levy's character study 'Anybody's Friend' of a woman of the street was excellent. It is hoped that all the prize winners will be hung at the I.C. Photographic Society's own Exhibition which is being opened on Monday by Mr. R. H. Mason, Art Editor of the Amateur Photographer.

J. K. T.

A detailed account of every event in the packed ten days in Berlin would be tedious and, for me, perhaps inadvisable, but many visits such as one to the Refugee Camp can never be forgotten. It was surely one of the saddest days when we saw the camp used to house the refugees who are even now arriving at the rate of 300 a day from Eastern Zone. To see them in such circumstances, with no more belongings than the clothes they stand in can mean only one thing! But there were smiles on most faces which meant hope and relief for many of those poor people.

A visit to the Eastern Sector of the city made it abundantly apparent why the seven professors and 100 students that started the Free University came to the West in 1947. Now there are 9000 students studying the Arts and allied subjects in truly magnificent buildings helped by the Americans initially. It is an example of what university conditions can be like if only

There are no restrictions of travel into the Eastern Sector and it is strange that in a matter of three underground stations the whole nature of life changes. State owned shops, poor clothes, very few motorcars, many policemen, and very little rebuilding are the first sights that characterise the East. There is an unusual contrast in the city, in that the Stalin Allée, a high street lined with Russian type flats and shops, filled with the best products that the Russian bloc can produce, is flanked with shattered and patched buildings. Due to the exchange rate, goods in the shops are very cheap but Westerners are only allowed books and records which are considered to have a propaganda value. The British passport always gathered an interested crowd of shop assistants who then tried in French, German or English to question me about life in the West.

After seeing a publicity film produced by the Free German Youth it was encouraging to see that the storm of propaganda and incidental pressures that are being applied to the youth of East Germany is having little effect. Soon, young Germans who have never known life in the normal sense of the word, in a family, with freedom of speech and thought, will become the leaders of these communist inspired organisations.

At this stage the position of Eastern Germany will become critical and the West Berliners believe that, by the promotion of international contacts and exchange, there will be better understanding. There can be no doubt that an international meeting of students does much to promote this understanding and should continue to be given our whole hearted support. J. Chadwick

Personal Advertisements

FOR SALE. B.S.A. 250c.c., 1948 in good condition with coupons, helmet, panniers, panniers, leggings, gloves, tools etc. £45 or nearest offer. Ring KEN 4309 evenings 5-7.
 FOR SALE. Judo jacket and trousers - almost new. £9 - L.E. Palmer.
 FOR SALE. 1938 Riley 'Victor' 12 H.P. Saloon 1496c.c. with overdrive, new seat covers, plastic car cover etc. 30m.p.g. £170 L.E. Palmer Old Hostel.
 WANTED. Stand ticket for England v. Scotland at Twickenham. A. Kitchener I.C. Hostel.
 WANTED. Songs for I.C.M.S. song book Room 99 New Hostel.
 WANTED. Cheap car in running order. Details and price please to:- J. Kosky (ex R.C.S.) Phone GRE 3291 Extn. 166 during working hours or contact via Union Rack Saturday evening!

If any member of I.C.W.A. is without a partner for the formal dinner and dance on March 8th. they may be interested to know that the following persons will be willing to act as escorts.

John Dell Graham Matthews
 Ray Stone Ken Notman

All at the New Hostel.



To liberate a little steam from several chests, let me say the dirty word of the week - Steps! Beautiful, solid, new, well-made steps - made from nice, solid, well-seasoned timber imported at fabulous expense from dollar area countries to the detriment of our national economy - constructed by the hands of highly paid carpenters who might just conceivably have been employed in fitting doors to a drafty Union - nice, steady, practical, PERMANENT steps. Where? From the floor of the Concert Hall up to the centre of the stage - very handy for something or other. But save the praise until you've heard the purpose - THEY ARE ONLY TO SERVE AS A PRELIMINARY "MOCK-UP" FOR THE FINAL MODEL. The ultimate reason is that a set of steps must be installed for the Queen Mother's visit - but have we no-one capable of approving a design without having it built TWICE?

The battle of the billiard rooms is on - enterprising privateer students secured the cues from the staff table and brought them safely home to the Union without skirmish. H.M.S. Sparkes has since seen action and the prize has been conveyed back to staff waters - it is thought that a commando action may be fought any time (they'll probably take their cue from a tip-off).

Good to see the libidos being aired at the last carnival - a moral (probably the only one) to be drawn is that darkness and a confined space don't necessarily make for privacy! And a well-deserved ape-call to the Mines for breaking up the shoe-box outline of the present system of standardised carnival 'flats'. Memories of the days when the Hall could be 'taken to pieces' for a carnival make the present decor seem a little tame - but anyone watching the teams at work, in a couple of days, to work a transformation should be moved to admiration - or, better still, to help.

I.C.W.A. are apparently having a great desire full-filled - don't quite know the implications but they are getting a gold-fish bowl in their common room (battle ground of the suffragette class) - it is to be hoped that this is being installed at a suitable height.

Nasty, subversive, dirty-minded R.C.S. type writing to ask our ladies to strip for male scrutiny on a competitive basis - just how base can you get? The very idea it shows a general downward trend in student morals to be deplored

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Editor's last words, (before disappearing into the bar), "FELIX is trash-" (translated by Ed. as "ittsy wittsy bits of stuffies.")

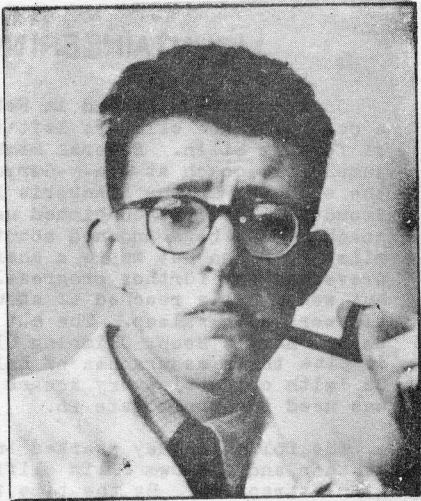
BREWERY VISIT

Last week a party of I.C. men visited the brewery of Messrs. Flowers in Luton. Much free beer was imbibed.

BEDFORD THINKS

"Bedford News", the publication of that notorious college, are running a feature on "What is right or wrong with Bedford College." Felix readers are asked to submit their views to either "Bedford News" or Felix, as the former wishes to obtain outside views-----and who more capable of providing them than I.C.? Please send your views in by next Monday, March 4th. Felix will publish or report on the survey when it is available.

Profile : JOHN BRAMLEY



We have received the following letter:-

Dear Long-Suffering Editor,
I can think of no reason why you should wish to "profile" the last Editor of your paper. He would have advised you to "avoid printing the conventional but defend our paper against dishonest writing". A "Profile" of "Muggins" Branley either would only be unconventional because it would be as the majority of I.C. men - or it would be dishonest.

Yours truthfully,
Hubert. E. Smith.

Despite the modesty of Mr. Smith - or, as he is otherwise known, John Bramley, - the following is what we know about him:- A P.G. miner, he has been Secretary of both Conservative Society and the Mines' Tennis Club. But his main activities have always been with FELIX. One of his "potted profiles" as a member of the Editorial Board describes him as smoking an indescribable mixture; at one time he was called "Nelson" because he had to stand on top of a tall column to smoke his pipe. No longer now on such a pedestal, he has retired from public life. His only interest, apart from Felix, appears to be his fiancée, Sylvia.

Not many people know that, on taking on the Editorship, he was faced with the problem of producing the Freshers' issue of FELIX almost single-handed. This he successfully did, and the result was read avidly by (we hope) every fresher.

He has done much to improve the quality of Felix, and cut down production time on Sundays to a record figure. The appearance of the present Felix is chiefly a result of his successful business negotiation.

He still takes an active interest in the paper, and his comments are much appreciated by the Board. Let us then leave our Mining Editor Emeritus to smoke his pipe in peace.

I.C. DRAMATIC & MUSICAL SOCIETIES
present
a Double Bill
"SGANARELLE" by Molière
and
Gilbert & Sullivan's "TRIAL BY JURY"
in the Concert Hall
March 12th & 13th
at 8.00 p.m.
Tickets: 2/6 & 5/-
on sale in the Union and at the door

COUNCIL MEETING OR SOMETHING
TO FILL UP THIS SPACE MATE!
BUT IT ONLY FILLS UP HALF OF IT.

The last meeting of Council took place on February 11th. and lasted for about 2½ hours. The following items of general interest arose from the meeting.

Dates of Terms

At a previous meeting it had been decided to protest to the Board of Studies about the sudden changes in term times which had occurred this session, causing considerable confusion in the fixture arrangements of some athletic clubs. The Board of Studies has since produced a set system for fixing these dates which are now known for many years ahead. It was noted with satisfaction that the Christmas term will not extend so nearly to Christmas Day as it did this year, and Post Office work should be possible without taking unofficial leave of absence.

Position of Senior Common Room in Union

It was unanimously agreed that the present position of the S.C.R. is a definite hindrance and a deterrent to the full use of the building in its intended function as a students' Union. The S.C.R. in the old Union had caused no trouble owing to its remote position at one end of the building. The S.C.R. committee have accordingly been asked to consider moving the S.C.R. up to the small lounge of the top floor. This would enable the present S.C.R. and Reading Room to be linked as a considerable increase in student lounge accommodation. The top floor lounge is comparatively remote, and far fewer students would need to use the room as a right-of-way, owing to the existence of a lift, the S.C.R. would be easily accessible from the Dining Hall. It was

also pointed out that in view of the excellent S.C.R. in the Unwin Building, and the great difference in staff and student members, the S.C.R. committee might consider moving out of the Union altogether. Any member of staff who wishes to use the Union can do so by paying the subscription of three guineas.

There the matter rests until the next meeting of the S.C.R. committee. (It is, of course, realised that the present S.C.R. would continue to be used for pre-Dinner sherry in the evenings, but there is no objection to that).

Jubilee Ball, May 31st, 9 p.m.-6 a.m.

Four hundred double tickets, £1 each, will be on sale before the end of term. Elaborate security measures will be employed to avoid gate-crashers. The relative merits of Club hops and Entertainments Committee hops were discussed. The Chairman of Entertainments is to put forward proposals for altering the Hopping to the next Council meeting, and the matter will be referred to a Union meeting before being enforced.

Furniture

It was agreed to press the college authorities to furnish the entrance hall of the Unwin-building as a lounge, for use by people who lunch in Ayrton Hall, and who have nowhere to relax afterwards.

The lack of comfort and quality of the new lounge furniture gave rise to considerable dismay, as the Union is financially responsible for its upkeep.

The President was asked to press the Union Decoration Committee to devote part of its remaining funds to the purchase of strong and comfortable furniture for the lounge, the present chairs to be moved elsewhere.

Exploration Board

The Exploration Board reported that arrangements were well under way for the Karakoram Expedition to take place this summer; the long-delayed permit to enter Kashmir was expected soon. Places to be visited in the near future include the Gold Coast and The Outer Hebrides; in any case, one major expedition would be arranged every five years to encourage smaller expeditions.

New Hostels

It was reported that plans for Princes Gardens were progressing as well and quickly as red tape would allow, but the College wished the details to remain confidential for the time being.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, 1st. March

PHOTO SOC. Portrait Group Meeting.
I.C.S.C.M. I. 10p.m., Room I28 C & G.
Disestablishment: Canon C.H. Carpenter.
Study Weekend, Haywards Heath, with Bedford, Q.E.C. & R.C.M.
Subject:- Prayer

Monday, 4th. March

PHOTO SOC. Annual Dinner 7.30p.m.
Opening of Annual Exhibition.
MIN. & MET. SOC. Meeting, 5.30p.m.
Mining Lect. Th. 'Soil Mechanics'
Speaker; Mr. Glossop.

Tuesday, 5th. March

JEWISH SOC. & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB Israeli Evening, 7.30p.m., Ayrton Hall. Film, Speaker; National Songs & Dances.

Wednesday, 6th. March

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOC. Annual Dinner, Tickets 8/6.
Guest of Honour - Peter Scott.

Thursday, 7th. March

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOC.
'Hornets and Honeybees,' G. Nixon
Botany Lect. Th. 5.30p.m.
ENG. SOC. Presidential Address, Sir Allan Quartermain. 6.0p.m. Room I5.
Annual Dinner, 7.30p.m. Ayrton Hall

Friday, 8th. March

S.C.M. I. 10p.m. Room I28, C & G.
'Is Sunday Worship Necessary?'
Derrick Greeves.

FILM SOC. 6.45p.m. Chem. Lect. Th.

'Umberto D'
PHOTO.SOC. Last Day of Exhibition.
MOUNTAINBEEFING CLUB. Coach Leaves for North Wales at 6.30p.m.

Sunday, 10th. March

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOC. Outing to Chilterns.

Monday, 11th. March

I.C.C.U. I. 15p.m. Met. Lect. Th.
'The Life of Jesus Christ,'
Rev. R. Turvey.

Tuesday, 12th. March

MIN. & MET. SOC. Film Show I. 15p.m.
Mining Lect. Th. 'The Kent Oil Refinery, and Australian Adventure.'
MUS. & DRAM. SOC. Combined Production, 'Trial by Jury' and 'Sganarelle.'

Wednesday, 13th. March

RIDING CLUB U.L. Inter-College Riding Competitions, Wimbledon Common 2.30p.m.
MUS. & DRAM. SOC. Combined Production, 'Trial by Jury' and 'Sganarelle'

Thursday, 14th. March

R.C.S. NATURAL HISTORY SOC. 5.30p.m.
Botany Lect. Th.
'Myxomatosis', H.V. Thompson.

Solution to Puzzle in last issue.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Union General Meeting, Next Thurs.
March 7th. Concert Hall.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB
AND

JEWISH SOCIETY
AYRTON HALL —
—MARCH 5TH 7.30
FILM TALK SONGS
DANCES EXHIBITION
WINES ETC.
ADMISSION FREE



SPORT



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wed. Feb. 13th. a team took part in the SWETC 'London College Trophy' race, and came fourth to UC., Kings and LSE. out of about a dozen teams. D. Briggs ran well to take 4th. place.

On Sat. Feb. 16th., an A team lost narrowly to Brentwood School C.C.C. by 34pts. to 47. C. Wood is to be congratulated on a fairly easy win and recording a personal best time round our home course.

On the same day three members of the Club were in the UL. team which came 2nd. to Cambridge in the UAU. Cross Country Championships over 7½ miles at Birmingham. They were John Evans who came 10th., John Collins, 29th., and Dave Briggs, 34th.

On Wed. Feb. 20th. six members of the club took part in a trial round Hyde Park to decide places in the College Team for the Hyde Park Road Relay. The team will be selected from, J. Evans, L. Locke, K. Wall, J. Collins, D. Briggs, C. Wood, and D. Thomas.

ROWING

On Wed. 13th., Feb. the first four eights of I.C.B.C. visited Reading University. Conditions were such that the flood water made a fast running stream down the 1½ mile course. The second eights raced first and at the start the IC. eight leapt into a 1-length lead off the first ten strokes. With this psychological advantage the crew settled down to a pleasant row keeping the Reading crew at a safe distance.

The third eight racing next were not troubled either by conditions or by their opponents, and won their race by an easy distance. However the first eight were faced by a crew of more equal standing. At Caversham Bridge the Reading crew were leading by a canvas. I.C. put in a spurt however and crossed the finishing line level.

The fourth eight in their maiden race pulled what seemed to be a lost race out of the bag and snatched a canvas win after being ½-length down 20 strokes from the finish.

On Sat. 16th. Feb. ICBC. first two eights visited Clare College Cambridge. The second eights went out first, the other oarsmen remaining on the bank pushing bicycles. Rowing on the Cam was a new and pleasant experience but the IC. boat soon showed their pace. In a miniature 'bumping race' the second eight soon caught and bumped the Clare second eight. In a 4½-minute side-by-side race the IC. eight took a good two lengths from the home crew.

The first eight in their outing also had better pace than the Clare first boat. Although these two eights did not race in the true sense of the word, the IC. eight won a moral victory by keeping in front of the Clare boat and building up a lead.

On Fri. 22nd. Feb. the first two eights embarked on the annual Staines Trip. Leaving the Boat House, Putney at 2.30 they arrived at Lensbury Club, Teddington at 5.00 pm. having had a good row up through Richmond. The trip continues and the crews row on to Staines on Saturday returning on Sunday evening.

RUGBY

Against Harlequins A XV. at Harlington IC. played a superior brand of open rugby to win by eight points to nil. In the first half IC. threequarters were continually pressing the visitors' line, and only a lack of finish prevented a number of tries being scored. Eventually, Lanz threw himself over the line for a try following a loose maul and Stone converted. In the second half IC. pressed home their advantage on the slippery pitch and Banks added a try after a fine dribble up the field.

Playing Saracens Ex. 1st. XV for the second time in a fortnight IC. again lost by an odd three points. The performance on this occasion however, was more notable when one considers that IC. lost Hearn playing at stand-off after ten minutes, due to a leg injury. The ground was reduced to a quagmire by drizzling rain throughout the match and the conditions seemed to suit the Saracens' tactics better. Our opponents took the lead after five minutes with a penalty goal following an off-side infringement round the scrum. After Hearn left the field, Stone deputised at stand-off and playing seven forwards against eight the IC. pack acquitted itself very well. Just before the interval the score was equalised when Crozier touched down for a try following a forward rush. In the second half IC. continued to keep a territorial advantage but the slippery ball prevented the IC. backs from taking the initiative. Just before time a disappointing defensive lapse allowed the opposing half backs to scramble over for a try which was unconverted.

The I.C. B XV who took over the R.S.M.'s fixture against Exeter College Oxford, 1st. XV are to be congratulated on being defeated by only 11 points to 5. Indeed the B XV, captain has been heard to state that a fairer score would have been 8-8 to I.C. though listeners are left in doubt as to just how he arrived at these figures.

SOCCER

We are now approaching the part of the season when the final positions in the University Leagues will be decided.

After its first league defeat by UC. in the premier division, the 1st. XI has gone on to gain two convincing victories over Sir John Cass and Goldsmiths College. These victories were most encouraging, not only from the point of view of the goals scored, but also in the improvement of coordination within the team with wing-halves Leadbetter and Judd providing a continual and intelligent link between defence and forwards.

The 2nd. XI, with one league game to play, should win promotion to the first division from which they were relegated last season. The 3rd XI, already assured of promotion, play Woolwich Polytechnic on Wednesday; the result of this game may well decide whether they are champions or runners-up of division 3.

The preliminary rounds of the Inter-College Technology Cup have been played. City and Guilds beat RGS, and RSM, and R.C.S. beat R.S.M. giving a final tie on March 13th. between C. and G. and R.S.M.

MOUNTAINEERING

On the second weekend in February, a coach load of climbers left the Hostel for Cwm Silin. Several members jumped the coach at Pen-y-Gwryd to brave the elements in the Llanberis Pass and Snowdon. The rest continued until the coach had to be abandoned about three miles from the hut where a sharp corner prevented any further progress. The hut was finally reached at about 4 am; all were soon asleep. The hut belongs to St. Mary's Hosp. Climbing Club and, despite their assurances of holding 35 'with comfort,' every square inch was used to accommodate 25.

The following day started in glorious weather, and the Cwm Silin cliff was the main attraction. By the time the base of the cliff was reached, the clouds were down to our feet. The imposing 'Great Slab' possesses a number of fine routes all over 400 ft. in length - long climbs for Wales. The following day was spent in better weather exploring further the new area.

Of the others in Llanberis, all got very wet. Some wandered about Snowdon and our ex-Cambridge Himalayan member showed us what real rock-climbing was like.

JUDO

The Club held its Annual Dinner on Monday 11th. Feb. at the Asiatique Restaurant, Leicester Square.

Two days later, the club, with memories of chopsticks and oriental food lingering in their minds, visited Sandhurst and beat their hosts without conceding a point. The memories faded, and the same afternoon Oxford beat IC. just as convincingly by 7 points to 1. Oxford also beat Sandhurst by 10 points to 1.

BOXING

IC. with a team of three managed to gain second place in the Championships' 4th Preston Cup, scoring 15 as compared to the 19 pts. of the winning Vets' team. P. Pierre (RGS) won a walk over at fly-weight. Len Palmer (RGS), after two rounds rather dull movement in the ring, threw out a wild haymaking right and knocked out his opponent in the third round to win the feather-weight title. G. Halsey (RSM) boxed stylishly for three rounds to make sure of the light-welter-weight title.

