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# FELIX



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## REOCCUPATION OF THE UNION

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure and relief that I am able to welcome the freshmen and present students back after the vacation to a building that is ready to receive them. All work that was planned for the vacation has been completed, excepting the Gymnasium which suffered the setback of seemingly inevitable administrative procrastination. New sofas have been installed in the Lounge, and the excess furniture has been distributed around the Union building. The session begins with the advantage over the last few years of being more than ever suitable for our activities.

Now that the building is complete it is its use that merits mention. The now extinct House Committee, in a report presented to the Union last year, put forward various recommendations for the conduct of those using the building. These were adopted with acclamation and a copy appeared on the Union notice board. Some students, one hopes from ignorance rather than malice, did not follow the Union decisions. Union officers are not policemen, and do not

wish to appear so; the responsibility rests on each and every Union member to obey the rules his Union has made.

It is very important to realise that the Union and all its facilities are not just another of the amenities that are provided for students at Imperial College. The Union is provided by the members for the members. Anyone with useful suggestions or criticisms should approach the appropriate student officer either personally or in writing. He will be failing in his duty if the serious suggestions are not fully investigated.

The Union is for the members and I urge you to take all advantage of it and use it.

J.D.C.

### I.C. IN NORWAY

On July 1st. four members of Imperial College, Dave Barter, Pat Farkes, Mike Gorb and Tony Hodgson, left London for Arctic Norway to carry out mountaineering exploration round Altevaten, close to the Swedish border. Although the area had been surveyed during the war, its mountaineering possibilities were still unknown.

Within a week the party had set up a base camp at the western end of the lake, and by July 11th. it was within striking distance of the mountains. After only a few days climbing and surveying it was clear from the views seen while on Kirkestund (5120ft) and Maddanipa (4900ft) that the neighbouring mountains had not much to offer to the mountaineer; the few rock faces that were in evidence were badly weathered. It was decided, therefore, to move base camp further westwards to just north of Bardu, where the country looked more promising.

However, the part was deprived of the opportunity of exploring this region as, on July 16th. Tony Hodgson fell some 50ft. while abseiling and was seriously injured. 30 hours later he was admitted to Narvik hospital. With the number thus depleted it was decided that further surveying in the area would not be possible, and so a fortnight later another base camp had been established near the Storsteinsfjell massif 25 miles from Narvik, with a high camp on a glacier to the south. A further disappointment was then experienced due to the bad weather which kept the party tent-bound for several days.

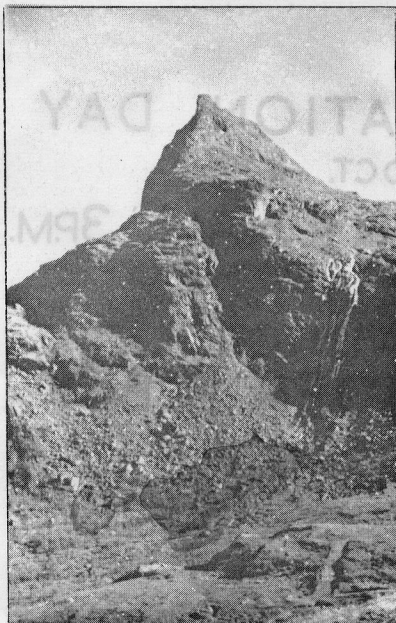
Nevertheless, during the remaining 3 weeks some good climbing was had on both rock and ice, with an adventurous crossing of an icefall on Kuinacokka. Two probable first ascents were made; the Stortund Ridge and an unmarked "bump" marked 1367 m, while other climbs included Ippovarre, Kuinacokka and Nikkiocokka. The last two days were spent on Storsteinsfjell where the three members of the party were confined to their two-man tent while a blizzard raged outside.

It was with mixed feelings that on the 22nd. August the party retreated from Storsteinsfjell; disappointment in that little had been achieved in 6 weeks, but a sense of well-being after such a long period among the mountains away from civilization.

### KARAKORAM EXPEDITION

A letter has been received from Karakoram Expedition now in the Himalayas, reporting that all is going well. Initially the party suffered from a series of headaches induced by the altitude, but this has not hampered their work in surveying the Siachen Glacier. In July the Expedition was delayed seventeen days due to shipping difficulties. To compensate for this members of the expedition will leave later than had been planned. In fact, they have only one quarter of the time needed to make a complete survey of this area. Apart from the somewhat monotonous diet during their stay in India everyone is now contented.

It is worth mentioning that the bulletin came one hundred and sixty miles across fairly difficult country to the Post Office at Skardu, which gives some indication of the vastness of the area in which they are working. A fuller report will be appearing in FELIX when the expedition returns.



THE MILLERHORN





# PROFILE



John Donald Chadwick, President,  
Imperial College.

Particularly appropriate for a year in which the average age of Union members reaches a new low, this year's President, John Chadwick, is the youngest to fill this office for many years. He was born in Bolton in 1935 and was educated at Bolton School.

'Chad' entered Guilds in October '53. He is now a post-graduate in the lubrication laboratories of the Mech. Eng. department. In his last academic year he was Vice-President of Guilds. 'Chad', unlike the last three presidents, is a Boat Club man; he stroked the First VIII in '56. His popularity, however, unlike so many Union officials in the past, is not based upon his sporting prowess. Newcomers to the College will find a readily approachable and unassuming friend who has the interests of the Union members at heart.

As a guide to Presidential policy in the coming session, it is worth noting that Chad says he feels somewhat worried about the situation which has arisen through the self-deception of Imperial College students into thinking that they and their contemporaries at this mecca of technology should not take part in any extramural activities that may be classed as creative. He considers that this is all too apparent in the number that actively contribute to those aspects of Union affairs which are not directly recreative. Chad is a man who practices what he preaches.

## I.C.W.A.'S POINT OF VIEW

Who brightens up a dull and rainy day with a warm smile? Who is well-dressed? Who does not come into lectures with a growth of beard on the face, varying in length from a day to a week? Who pours water on certain unarmed but deserving heads? - but, who is NOT willing to brew coffee at all hours of day and night?

Yes, you're right every time it is I.C.W.A. - that small band of unspoiled womanhood who understands, mothers and tends all those lost sheep (including navy black ones) who come to them for shelter. I.C.W.A. are those virtuous young ladies whom you can see from time to time, gracing the precincts of the College. How often have you spurned them and turned to less worthy females? When the awakening comes to you you will realise that nowhere else perfection lies except in I.C.W.A.

## FRESHERS WELCOME

Welcome fresher, welcome all,  
For once again loud feet do fall  
Upon our noble college floors  
And once again you bang the doors.

Today at last we do return  
After this our long sojourn  
Of Summer Vac, and journeys far,  
And visit soon the friendly bar.

A couple here, a small group there,  
Recount the tales they cannot bear  
To leave untold another day;  
The stories of their latest fray.

Amidst this crowd the fresher moves  
And thinks at last of many loves,  
Of Soccer, Rugger, Jive and Squash  
With which he hopes to cut a dash.

Now of the many there will be a few  
Who think that everything is new  
And so they blaze some fresh new ways  
With which to fill their leisure days.

But soon, alas, they often find  
That all the pleasures of the mind  
Can force outside the time to learn  
Into the hours when candles burn.

Do not forget, O readers all,  
Those shimmerings in the crystal ball;  
That once a year you must defend  
The rights you have to comprehend.

## THE SPANNER TRAIL

A Fable by D.F. Batters.

Happening on a large wooden spanner a few weeks ago, the R.C.S. man realised that it was not properly looked after and, as he was a good natured chap he removed it for safekeeping and deposited it in the left-luggage office of a London terminus. However, finding himself in possession of an incriminating document, to wit, the ticket, he decided that this should also be looked after carefully, so he put it in a parcel which he left at another London terminus. But inevitably he found himself in the unenviable position of having yet another ticket, just as dangerous as the first. Have you ever tried to get rid of a fly-paper inadvertently grasped instead of a light card? I doubt it, but perhaps you get an inkling of his panic. He rushed wildly from terminus to terminus trying to rid himself of the parasitic ticket. His good nature left him. Cynical and embittered, the parcels became more and more lethal. Instead of a bottle of beer and a packet of crisps, he used noxious chemicals and was in the process of making a time-bomb to end the trial when he thought of the Union. Gratefully he thrust the current ticket at the astonished R.C.S. President who was in complete ignorance of the whole affair having just left his noxious chemical laboratory. Naturally this good natured chap gave the ticket with all haste to Dave Stevens, who, no doubt realising that charges are high these days, left the Union hurriedly. He will no doubt give details of the hunt.

### IMPERIAL COLLEGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Freshers are cordially invited to the Secretary's first meeting of the year when

J.M. JARVIS, Esq.

will speak on:-

"COLORADO NARROW GAUGE"

on Tuesday 8th. October at 5.40 p.m. in  
Room 161 City & Guilds

## "WARNING"

Members of the Union should be aware of the security arrangements that exist in the College. Mr. Henry (internal 316 or 315) is a most efficient security officer to whom any unaccountable disappearances should be reported as soon as possible. Lost property usually finds its way to his office, where he is only too willing to help.

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THE MAIN DOOR





# HEAT - WAVE AT BEDFORD

DRAM. SOC. PRFSENT 'WHILE THE SUN SHINES'



A scene from Act 2, in which three of the characters in the play (Peter Morgan, Dick Saunders, Terence Wright) struggle for possession of the phone in order to plead their loves for the leading lady.

For the first week of July the College Dramatic Society presented "While the Sun Shines" at the Civic Theatre, Bedford (Town not College). The play is essentially a period piece, painted with the colours of austerity and the allied forces during the last war.

I think Terry Wright as Colbert, a Free-French officer, gave the best performance - with the right intensity of emotion. Peter Morgan, as an American Air Force Lieutenant, waltzed competently into his part with a slow drawl. Rosemary Melville, to quote from the "BEDFORD RECORD", "a completely true to life Kensington Vamp, firmly established the memorable line "you DON'T marry Americans", and established herself as an actress."

As for the rest of the cast, the general standard was good. Dick Saunders played Lord Harpenden, Able-Seaman R.N., with occasional lapses into somewhat unlordly bearing even for an able-seaman. Susan Coombes, as Lady Elizabeth, W.A.A.F., gave a convincing performance. Dave Griffin blustered in his usual manner to quite good effect. The production was, on the whole good, but despite copious advertising the sun shone and audiences were poor. The tour was, however, very good experience and very enjoyable. At the risk of being trite I would conclude that the Sun Shone for better and for worse.

A.J. Eycott.

## A Letter from the Oldest Member

Dear Fresher,

As the senior active member of the Felix Board it behoves me to write a few, probably distasteful, words of advice on the occasion of your reception into our fold. These are not the only words of advice you will receive, as by now you will no doubt have realised.

First I must disillusion you. It is unlikely that you are about to receive a 'university education'. Imperial College is little more than part of the university by name alone; most of its departments represent little more than a scientific and technological 'cramming school'.

In most cases the taxpayer or the rate-payer is providing the money for you to come here, because they have been told

that the Country needs scientists and technologists. You are therefore under an obligation to become well-qualified in your chosen profession. In due course quite a few of you will realise that you have chosen the wrong profession; you will disappear from our midst without graduating. It is, in any case, a policy of the College to take more people into the first year than can be accommodated in the third year, for this reason.

You will not learn to accept responsibility in the lecture theatre or in the laboratory. In these two places you will be spoon-fed. You will obtain no practice in making important decisions, and little chance of learning how to 'get on' with your fellows and to 'handle people'. Very few of you already possess these qualities in adequate amount, unless you have been in the Services. You must look elsewhere than your course and the seclusion of your lodgings for this part of your training.

Yes, you have come here to work, and unless the selection system has erred, you have come to do your best. In my experience there is no truer saying than that what you put into a project is a direct measure of the value eventually obtained from it. Let us therefore consider what it is that you wish to obtain from your stay here. Your ambition is to hold down a well remunerated job which carries responsibility for men and materials; a job in which you are respected as an able member of your profession, and one in which you have the opportunity to be an individual. If you are prepared just to be a scientific or

technological brain used and 'pushed around' by others who carry the responsibility and make the decisions, you have no right to be at Imperial College.

I suggest that the only way by which you will become a man instead of a moron is by mingling with your fellows on the social and sporting levels. Participate in the College social and athletic clubs. Have a matter with your friends over a drink in the bar. Go to Dinner-in-Hall now and again to meet some of the more senior members of the College. Mix with people in other departments and people in other 'years'.

But, you are here to work, to study. Striking a balance between work and play is a very individual matter; one in which nobody but yourself can decide. Your work and play should give each other mutual assistance: both should help you in your preparation for your career.

In conclusion here is a piece of advice which many of my contemporaries would appear to dispute. In my opinion your attitude, particularly where examinations are concerned, should not arise from the idea of either passing or failing, getting a 'first' or a 'second'. Your attitude should be one of intention to do better than your fellow.

Yours sincerely,

Hubert Edwin Smith

The Imperial College Art Club will be holding a general meeting on Thursday October 17th at 1.30 pm. in Committee Room "B," (ground floor, Union Building) to discuss plans for the coming year.



# FELIX

EDITOR: PETER LEVIN

CIRCULATION: 1500

We are, as always, glad to welcome freshmen to the student community of I.C., but with one or two reservations.

You have come to a college with a reputation; a reputation for sportsmanship, initiative and esprit de corps. The current expeditions to Norway and the Himalayas are examples of initiative by I.C. men; so was the recently departed scientist who putted a golf ball from Lincoln to Marble Arch.

The College reputation was built up by people who gave their time and effort to the Union. It was not built up by the men who went home at 5 o'clock every night to Putney or Belling, visiting the Union solely for the purpose of eating lunch in the refectory.

What we would like to see from our freshers is not really very much. A little time, a little trouble, but above all a little enterprise, will win our welcome unreservedly. You will join the Societies you are directly interested in. How about trying something you have never done before? Try Hall Dinner, try the General Studies, if only to see what they are like. You have the key to a vastly interesting and rewarding life. If you retire into your own little shell, you will be letting us and yourself down.

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As old lags will have observed, the price of FELIX has now risen to fourpence. This is not the Government's fault. The reasons are first, we expect this issue to be in an improved, rather more expensive, format; and second, we shall be able to raise the standard of production, particularly where photographs are concerned.

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Having been unable to return to College until the day before going to press, the Editor wishes to take this opportunity of thanking John Bramley, Editor Emeritus, who came out of retirement to organize and produce, ably supported by Miss Elizabeth Kranck, the major part of this issue.

### Staff for this issue

John Bramley, Elizabeth Kranck, Fred Peacock, Peter Smith, John Taylor.

### TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES

The "Coming Events" Diary is open to all I.C. clubs who desire publicity for future meetings and events. Club officials should send details to the "Sub-Editor (Coming Events)", FELIX via the Union Rack.

Secretaries are also invited to submit some additional information concerning their events which MAY be printed if space permits. Bare details of all the entries submitted will be printed in any case.

There is no charge for this service.

## EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

### GENERAL STUDIES

General Studies lectures are held during the extended lunch hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The topics are of a non-technical nature, and range from railways to religion and music to medicine. Instituted six years ago, General Studies gives students the chance to hear speakers who are experts in their particular fields. In the past we have had visits from such eminent men as Lord Brabazon of Tara, Julius Katchen, Sir Vincent Tewson, Eric Shtipton, Dilys Powell and Barnett Freedman.

The provisional programme for the coming term should contain enough to whet all appetites. The first day's selection (October 8th.) is so good that it is a pity that all three speakers have clashed. We are honoured with a visit from Sir David Keir, Master of Balliol College, Oxford, and a member of our Governing Body. There are also A.L. Bacharach, recently appointed Visiting Lecturer in English for Scientists, and Antony Hopkins, Visiting Lecturer in Music. Mr Bacharach is well known as an author and editor of books on science and music, and as a broadcaster. Antony Hopkins, in his fourth year as Visiting Lecturer, is known for his weekly radio talks.

Later on in the term we shall be able to hear Eric Newton, who will be giving a series of lectures on "Style and Vision", and Jo Grimond, Leader of the Liberal Party. A series on the various religions of the World is also included in the wide selection of topics.

### ROYAL PORTRAIT

The Union has recently been given by the College a copy of the Lawrence Josset mezzotint of Amigoni's Portrait of H.M. the Queen. "The Times" commissioned Mr. Josset to produce a limited edition of the work by the mezzotint process, once popular in the nineteenth century for reproducing works of art. We are fortunate in having this copy, which has now been hung in the reading room.

### I.C. COUNCIL FOR THE COMING SESSION

- J.D. Chadwick ..... President.
- R.H. Garnett ..... Secretary.
- F.D. Stevens ..... President, Guilds
- D.F. Butters ..... President, R.C.S
- P.W.F. Wallace ..... President, Mines
- Miss J. Heywood ..... President, I.C.W.A
- A. Hodgson ..... Chairman, S.C.C
- S.A. Kitchener ..... Chairman, A.C.C
- Gilbert Streets ..... Chairman, Ent. Comm.

### I.C.U. REPRESENTATIVES

J. Dell, I.M. Plummer, Miss J. Kennedy, P. Kessler.

### CONSTITUENT COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

R.S.M.: B.L. Wallace R.C.S.: J. Natican  
C. & G.: G. Gilson

Two more I.C. Union representatives have to be elected owing to resignations.

Past Presidents are ex-officio members of Council.

### TOUCHSTONE

Most freshers, and many who are not so fresh, may be puzzled by references on notice boards and elsewhere to something called TOUCHSTONE that is billed as being held at Imperial College Field Station, Silwood Park, Sunningdale. Touchstone weekends are held about twice a term in the beauties of the Berkshire countryside. They were the brain child of the Late Sir Roderic Hill, and were intended as an opportunity of the staff and students of the College to meet in informal surroundings. There is a theme for each weekend to which a guest speaker pre-eminent in his particular field is invited. In no circumstances are the subjects for discussion to be of a scientific nature, and these meetings were intended from the start to encourage the rationalisation of the education of members of Imperial College. In part they are meant to be the complement of General Studies Lectures, and thus to enable students to gain a wider understanding of that most important faculty of the Human Mind, that of clear thinking allied with the ability to express oneself clearly on Human Problems to other members of Mankind without difficulty or embarrassment.


### MUSIC AT I.C.

The Musical Society has just had a very successful session and we hope that this session will be even better. All new performers, both vocal and instrumental will be very welcome.

The choir under Dr. Eric Brown will be tackling Bach's Mass in B Minor and the first rehearsal for this and also for the music for Commemoration Day, at which the choir will sing, will be on Thursday, October 3rd. The Orchestra hopes to give a concert at Christmas and also to take part in a production of "The Mikado" at Easter. Their first meeting is on October 10th. All those who want to play in Chamber groups are asked to meet on October 4th. at 5.30 pm. All these activities take place in the Council Room C. & G.

There is a thriving Record Library and recitals are given by first-class musicians during Thursday lunch-hours. Visiting concerts opera and ballet are often arranged and social musical evenings (commonly known as "banquets") are held during term.

Any Fresher who joins the Society in any capacity is assured of a welcome. You are asked to keep an eye open for notice of the Society's activities.



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## I.C. CHOIR

Conductor: DR. E. H. BROWN

First Rehearsal: THURSDAY OCT. 3RD.  
IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, C+G.  
AT 5.30 P.M.  
There is NO AUDITION



"WHILE THE SUN SHINES"

SOCIAL WHIRL

This year, to the surprise of all, not least the Dramatic Society itself, means for a summer tour were again made available.

A play was decided upon, and John Askew willingly came forward to produce it. Miss Rosemary Melville, the able secretary, arranged "cheap wholesome lodgings" in Bedford, the town fated to receive the burnt offering. Several car trips to Bedford by enthusiastic publicity agents ensued. Posters were distributed liberally - to the extent that the Town Clerk of Bedford complained that they would kill the trees on which they had been pinned.

Rehearsal of the play "While the Sun Shines" by Terence Rattigan, and the building of the set began just eight days before the first performance with no little trepidation on the part of some actors, who doubted their ability to grasp their parts in so short a time. Towards the end of the week the costumes arrived, whilst the scenery was well on the way to completion. On the Friday, Saturday and Sunday all the transport that could be requisitioned, heavily laden with scenery, actors and suitably labelled with posters, set off for Bedford.

By this time it was obvious that "the sun was going to shine", and in the longest heat wave of the summer the society was performing on the stage of the Civic Theatre, still covered with stage hands, putting the finishing touches to the set.

The first performance, to a minute audience, was marred only by the bells in the neighbouring church steeple which rang for an hour in the middle of the play. After each night's performance a visit was made to the "Rose", a local pub, followed by midnight bathing in the river. During the day swimming, boating and tennis were indulged in, whilst some visited Woburn Abbey.

By tradition, after the last performance a party had been arranged. This time it was not the usual on-stage affair, but a barbecue by the river some miles out of the town. This was a complete success, although during the celebrations a cider flagon was stolen by a local resident who was subsequently booked and brought to trial for the offence. This was the only time the Dram. Soc. seemed to be on the right side of a somewhat over suspicious Bedford constabulary, who throughout the tour kept a close watch on the Theatre from the Police Station next door.

As a holiday, this visit was wholly successful: financially it was a dismal failure. The troupe left one of its members more profitably installed as a barman in the "Rose".

Social life at I.C. presents a wide variety of distractions. In addition to the weekly dances ('hops') the session is punctuated by such functions as the Commemoration and Country House Balls, the Carnivals, and divers Rags and Orgies.

I.C. hops are held every Saturday evening, the band is usually very good providing music for both squares and hep-cats. The quality of the women attending is good, and the quantity sufficient.

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The Commemoration Ball is publicised elsewhere; the Country House Ball is held in May at Silwood Park, I.C.'s Field Station amidst the rural beauties of the Berkshire countryside.

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Three times a year the Concert Hall is transformed into a wild and uninhibited scene of gaiety à la Parisienne. Fancily dressed revelers dance to two bands, participate in the cabaret and dine off chipolatas and Mooney's much-vaunted trifle.

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A solemn warning, there is a tendency on the part of the Constabulary to discourage localised cloudbursts, and Union Meetings in Piccadilly Station. Furthermore, cars must not be parked on the 1st. and 2nd. floors of College buildings.

SAYING OF THE FORTNIGHT

The Acting Editor of Phoenix: "We must not be too ambitious!"

TONY HODGSON

The non-appearance at the beginning of this term of Anthony Hodgson the Vice President of the R.C.S. Union and Chairman of the Social Clubs Committee, has been referred to in the report of the Expedition that recently returned from Norway. Tony and Mike Gorb, whilst climbing a buttress on a mountain that the whole party had previously surmounted, were overtaken by bad weather. During the descent, whilst Tony as the leader was abseiling on the last pitch, the piton securing the rope dislodged itself, and he fell 60ft. on to the rock below, resulting in a broken thigh, fractured leg, serious injuries to his head and face, and fractured arm. Mike Gorb managed to climb down and run to the camp where the other two members of the Expedition were working and notified a rescue party to come to his aid. The rescue party carried Tony on a stretcher for seven hours-about half way to the hospital. They were then met by a helicopter sent by the Norwegian Authorities, which flew Tony to Narvik where he was taken to hospital. He has since made good progress, and hopes to return to England in the near future.

Marriages during Vacation:

- Les Allen (ex- S.C.C. Chairman) to Barbara Russell (ex-Pres. I.C.W.S.C.)
Andy Levine (ex-I.C.U. Secretary)
John Nicholls (ex-R.S.M. Secretary)
Wendy Pipe (ex-Pres. I.C.W.A.)
Sally Thwaites (ex-3rd.yf. Chem.)

We are expecting an outbreak of Asian 'flu as well.

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Vere Atkinson, ex I.C.U. Secretary, suffered a considerable loss of blood after being attacked by a Spaniard with a broken bottle. He had had the misfortune to laugh at the wrong time at a Political Meeting.

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Richard Garnett, Union Secretary, has been appointed Student Orator for Commemoration Day. Vox clamantis in deserto.

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It is often said that "tramps are professors in disguise". This has been profitably substantiated by Dr. Stanley Raines, lecturer in mathematics, who recently found it necessary to walk from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to London, some 366 miles, in order to prove the efficiency of leather soles.

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We were going to comment on the appearance of the Union. The Editor scrubbed it.

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Vanguard of the I.C. invasion of Princes Gardens is completed. The Garden Hostel will be occupied this term by some 25 students with Paul Minton as the Warden.

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Obituary (1) : Three of the tropical fish about which the I.C.W.A. lounge has been built have passed away. Their sad loss will be greatly felt by the Union. Another fish has been reported missing, and also a television set.

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Obituary (2) : It is with deep regret that we announce the passing on June 21st. of our Zebra. Crossing Prince Consort Road, he was run over by a Westminster City Council road burner. The road had to be relayed to a depth of 1 1/2" in order to remove the stains. His obliging nature will be missed by all from our Fountain Head down to the most junior student. Funeral expenses of £150 were graciously borne by the City Council. REQUIESCAT IN PACE



IN MEMORIAM

The paper birch tree in the North Westerly part of the Beit Garden was presented to the College by Miss Gladys Duncan in memory of her brother John Duncan, who was a lecturer in the Civil Engineering Dept. of the City and Guilds College from 1946 to 1953 when he died after a serious illness.

COMMEMORATION BALL

The Ninth Annual Commemoration Ball will be held on Thursday 24th. October 1957 in the Ballroom of Clarges Hotel. Dancing to the music of the BILL SAVILL ORCHESTRA is from 8.30. p.m. to 2.30 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the Union Office.







## SOCCER

This season the soccer club will run four teams regularly, all with commitments in the University League, with a possible fifth team if there is enough support.

Although the club has a high standing in intercollegiate football, no trophies have been won for many years now. This season the 1st. XI should be capable of winning at least one of the competitions, if the team play with understanding and with tactical skill. 1st. XI players are therefore expected to support a training programme which is being organised. Players from lower teams, which have improved fixtures, are welcome if practicable.

Apart from this serious side of the sport there is a social side which has been neglected in the past, and players should make every effort to entertain visiting teams etc. All are invited to the trials on Oct 2nd. and Oct 5th. (free coaches!). The club will endeavour to make a just selection from the talent shown at these trials but any person who thinks he merits a position in a higher team than for which he was selected must be patient, for after a few matches the situation should be resolved.

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 IMPERIAL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION (I.C.C.U.)

The Christian Union is a branch of the London Inter-Faculty Christian Union (L.I.F.C.U.) an interdenominational fellowship which seeks to unite those who desire to witness to Christ, believing the Bible to be God's inspired and authoritative Word.

We meet regularly for prayer and Bible study, and have an open meeting every Monday lunch-time (at which sandwiches may be purchased). At these Monday meetings, well qualified outside speakers present the basic and essential facts of the Christian gospel, in a clear and straightforward manner. All these meetings are advertised on the College notice boards and on our own board in the Union entrance halls, where full details may be obtained. A popular outside feature is the series of Student Services held in All Souls Church, Langham Place. Look out for details of these services.

We would like to wish all Freshers a happy and successful stay at I.C., and also suggest that now is the time for you to think seriously about the Christian faith, if you have not done so already. We believe it to be the most important thing in life.

First Meeting: Oct. 7th., Metallurgy  
Lecture Theatre, R.S.M., 1.15 p.m.,  
Rev. Paul Tucker:  
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## MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## ALPINE MEET SUMMER 1957

Seven members of the Club met at Chamonix on July 2nd., two of them having travelled from London by motor cycle. The following five and a half weeks were spent in the mountains, living in the huts of the French Alpine Club.

Having first spent a day in Argentiere buying food (which later resulted in large quantities of starch being prepared under the impression that dehydrated potatoes had been bought), the next day saw the party making its way up to the Argentiere hut and having their first sight of the great peaks in the area. A day was then spent practising Alpine technique on snow and ice - only two of the party had climbed in the Alps before. (Six experienced I.C. mountaineers were on the Karakoram Expedition). Climbing then began in earnest with the traverse with the Tour Noir.

Three days later, from the Albert Hut, the party undertook a long and "quite difficult" route across the glacier to the Forbes arete of the Aiguille de Chardonnet which is a classic among Alpine climbs and involves about twelve hours of sustained climbing on rock and steep snow and ice slopes. At the summit the weather was so fine and the air so clear that the Matterhorn could be seen to the East almost 50 miles away, and to the South through a heat haze, the valleys of Italy were seen. The two experienced members also climbed the Aiguille du Tour on the following day.

The Gouvernole Hut was reached after a very wet and cold day's crossing of the Mer de Glace. The next few days saw a deterioration in the weather. The only good day was spent on the Aiguille de Moine which was climbed by the Southwest Arete - a long rock ridge of average standard. The scenery on this route was magnificent with Mont Blanc only about three miles away, and delicate rock tracery of the Chamonix Aiguilles only just across the valley.

This was the last climb, however, because even on the descent from the Moine the clouds were banking up. After two idly spent days it was decided to pack up and come home. The party had enjoyed their trip; had learnt new climbing techniques, and "had a lot of fun".

Incidentally, before journeying home, the two motorcyclists had to recover their machine from the police - who claimed that it had been abandoned.

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 R. C. S. MOTOR CLUB

## SILVERSTONE OUTING

On June 15th., 'Jezebel' accompanied by a crew of 9, attended the U.S.C.C. meeting at Silverstone, where she was placed in the paddock and attracted considerable attention and admiration. The journey of 120 miles, her farthest since she was brought up from Warrington was accomplished without incident, but with a prodigious consumption of petrol. To humour the suspension and the big ends, speed was kept below 25 m.p.h. It is hoped that the outing will become an annual one.

## SAILING

Members of I.C.S.C. competed at most of the open meetings with events for Fireflies held on the south coast during the summer.

About twelve I.C. sailors entered Marine Week held this year at Herne Bay during the second week of July. Strong winds and waves provided exhilarating sailing for helmsmen used to the calm waters of the Welsh Harp.

I.C. helmsmen had great success in the Firefly Single Handed Championships at Herne Bay during August. J.M. Conway-Jones finished first but was disqualified for a technical infringement of the rules and J.E. Smith gained third place.

National Firefly Week at Southend was a disappointment. Leeshore gales caused the cancellation of racing on four out of seven days. The principal event for the Sir Ralph Gore trophy was sailed over five laps of the triangular course over the mudflats upriver from the pier. In bad weather half of the fleet capsized, M. Collyer in Fumble, 1325, capsized before the start but raced and finished very creditably in fourth place; beating all other university and college entries.

There were only two entries for Chichester Harbour Week with I.C. connections. The Storey cup was raced for in force six wind on August 26th. and only eight boats competed the course. M. Collyer arrived only ten minutes before the start, entered and finished fourth, his placing being somewhat affected by ignorance of the course. The very light winds during the rest of the week favoured sailors with intimate knowledge of the channels, tidal streams, and mud banks in the harbour.

At Medway regatta on September 1st. champion Castaway, Conway Jones again took first prize and M. Collyer appeared in his usual position, 4th. in the procession across the finishing line.

The dinghys have now returned to the Harp, having made a hit in a quiet London suburb, where one householder remarked to his wife that there were five boats in the road. The district not being prone to flooding, this evoked the reply - "Nonsense! you're seeing things."

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 CROSS COUNTRY

Last year the Club had a very successful season - we won the University Champs. and came second in the Hyde Park Road Relay which we ourselves organise annually. In addition we were awarded the Links Memorial Trophy for the club in I.C. which had done most to enhance its reputation.

This year we hope to equal that record but to do so need more members. All those interested in joining - whether Freshers or not and of ANY standard whatsoever - are invited to attend the Club Trials on October 2nd., 5th., and 9th., and the combined University and College Trials on October 19th., and 26th.

The Club holds training runs in Hyde Park on Tuesday and Thursday lunch-times and also sponsors a Weight Training Group.

Cross-country running provides the ideal method of keeping or getting fit during the Winter and Spring Terms.



# SPORTS NEWS

## RUGBY

The I.C. Rugby Club is the strongest club in the College and it runs six teams every Saturday. The Club has won the London University Rugby Cup four times in the last six years and the 1st. XV has a very strong fixture list. Every standard of player is catered for in the six teams and it is hoped that all freshers who have played rugby will turn up at the trials on the afternoons of Wednesday October 2nd., and Saturday October 5th. at Harlington both these days.

An added attraction to this year's players is the Xmas tour to South-western France. The club has fixtures against Sarlat (December 29), Saintes (January 1st), and Royan (January 5).

IF YOU PLAY RUGBY I.C.R.F.C. NEEDS YOU !!!!!



UNDERWATER CLUB

So this is the underwater sport!

For those who don't know, the I.C. Under-Water Club was only formed at the end of the last session; for those who went to the summer Diving Camp, the lack of preparation made this painfully obvious.

The coast around the camp at Sharkham Point (near Paignton) looked quite promising for diving in spite of hazards created by Bank Holiday fishermen. The first setback, that the promised large tents had not materialised, really made itself felt on the first Wednesday when three of the five tents were blown down during the night. The drenched occupants were left with the alternative of crowding either into the remaining tents or a car.

These minor discomforts apart, the sea was surprisingly warm, and by the beginning of the second week everybody had done some diving with the aqualungs and as much snorkelling as they liked. One of our number, to his surprise, speared a sizeable grey mullet which the frying pan shortly converted into a most edible dish. Later, plaice, mackerel and crabs were caught by less sporting means.

Towards the end of the fortnight, camp life began to have its effect; tempers frayed but the camp had served its purpose. A nucleus of enthusiasts now exists, and with more experience (and money) a very active club should be built up in the next year to two.

Mediterranean here we come!

## TRIALS

SOCCER, RUGBY AND HOCKEY TRIALS WILL BE HELD AT THE I.C. SPORTS GROUND, HARLINGTON, ON WEDNESDAY OCT. 2ND AND SATURDAY, OCT 5TH. FREE TRANSPORT LEAVES THE UNION AT 1.30 P.M. THE COACHES WILL START BACK FROM HARLINGTON AT 6 P.M.

## CRICKET CLIMAX

Towards the end of the summer term, with examination worries a thing of the past, the I.C. team played some brilliant cricket. Exciting victories were gained over U.C. and Eastcote C. C., each in the last over, and King's were held to a draw. The match against the team of old students, led by the notorious P.G. Davies, resulted for the first time in a win for the old lags and proved a memorable social occasion in addition to a fine match. At the end of the team the team, slightly depleted, left for an invasion of Devon and performed very well on some occasions, not so well on others!

I. C. batted first in the old student's match (once the old students had been extracted from the Red Lion), and made 205-8 dec. Bhatti made 47 and Kitchener was bowled for 46 by Dan Eastland, who, in his day had been, like his victim President of I.C. The old lags passed this total for the loss of 7 wickets, Graham Eastland making 83.

In a high scoring match with U.C., I.C. were set to make 181 in 2½ hrs., and achieved their goal without being unduly pressed in the last over, Shepherd (46), Bhatti (47 not out), and Kitchener (80 not out) being mainly responsible. They were set a similar task by Eastcote in the next match, and steadier bowling left them 107 still to get in the last hour and 75 in the last 25 minutes. After a spell of all-out attack four were still required when the last over began. Kitchener (67) was run out off the second ball and Whiddon strode in with 2 wanted. He rose to the occasion by playing his finest innings of the season, and returned to the pavilion triumphant, 2 not out, amidst scenes of great enthusiasm. Bhatti made 79 not out. Dytham found that he had almost chewed his finger nails off.

So to Devon, where, for the first few days, a reaction seemed to set in! The R.N. Engineering College, one of the strongest teams in Devon last summer, were dismissed for 215, thanks mainly to Hearn (5 for 61) but after a fair start I.C. collapsed and made only 103 (Bhatti 37). The following day against the R.N. Barracks, Kapur made a brilliant 57 which was a firm foundation to I.C.'s total of 142, but this proved inadequate and the Barracks won by 6 wickets. After an undistinguished draw with the Plymouth Police (but a riot of entertainment in the Police Station afterwards) I.C. presented Whimble with a new ball and were bowled out with it for 101. Stumps are drawn at Whimble when the church bells begin to ring, but on this occasion, with Whimble requiring only one for victory, this rule was overlooked and Whimble beat I.C., for the first time since 1951, by 3 wickets. C. Pearce scored 20 and took 2 for 13.

## CRICKET (cont)

This brought a revival in the I.C. fortunes and easy victories were gained over the Marines at Lympstone where Bhatti took 6-31 and Brixham, who were put out for 45 (Shilling 4-23). Against Exmouth I.C. really got back into their stride, and despite P. Davies' farcical running between wickets made 158-9 dec. (Kitchener 81 n.o.). A laughable incident during this innings came when B. Hearn glared at the local umpire and scowled at all and sundry during his march pavilionwards, after being given out l.b.w. off a ball which would have removed the middle stump. Spirits thus ran high for the annual clash with Torquay, but this, the last match of the tour, was rained off, a great disappointment.

Altogether I.C. had a very successful season, with moments of unprecedented greatness, which might have occurred more often in the tail had not been so long. On and off the field a fine team spirit was apparent, and some extraordinary events took place on the tour, notably when weekend visitor D. Harry mistook a coal-shute for the front door of our hostelry. His body was recovered after an hour's hard labour, and being found to exhibit symptoms of life, was put to bed.

Freshers who hope to participate in this great college institution should avoid making any engagements for the 2 weeks immediately following the summer term.



GLIDING

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESS

With the National Gliding Championships and the Yugoslavian tour, the gliding club has had a busy summer. The three I.C. men who entered the championships at Lasham did well, with Bill Tonkyn in the Phoenix club's Skylark II coming 13th out of 70 entries. Frank Irving and Paul McAnams 11th in the a Skylark III thus winning the team championship. In addition members crewed for other pilots, Mike Neale being team captain for the winning women pilot! During the championships it is of note that the Rector, who is also Club President, was taken soaring for 20 minutes in "Daisy", the club's two-seater.

Two weeks later six members travelled by car to Rijeka in Yugoslavia. The intention had been to fly the local gliding club's water-based gliders, but as these were away in Belgrade, two days were spent sunbathing on the Adriatic coast.

The return journey took the party back through Austria, then to Munich where an evening was spent in a Hofbrauhaus, probably the largest drinking establishment in Europe. The beer is served in litre mugs at a rate calculated at 200 gallons/hour. After travelling along the Autobahn at speeds up to 123 m.p.h., the six travellers reached the Wasserkuppe gliding site where they at last got into the air.