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FELIX



No. 11.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 1950.

ALBERT MEMORIAL CONQUERED !

The last remaining peak in South Kensington has been scaled! Just after closing time a few weeks ago George Birkett (Guilds) and Keith Parsons made the ascent, leaving a red lamp burning at the top. They descended gracefully into the arms of two waiting policemen.

At Marlborough Street next day they tactfully became architectural students. Fining them each 1s. and ordering them to pay 25s. - a doctor's fee - the magistrate, Mr. Daniel Hopkin, remarked: "Well, I suppose it was a change from your normal life. Now go back to your architectural studies".

THE INSIDE STORY

by our special Reporter.

I tracked down George Birkett in the bar and learnt from him the full story of their exploit. The two of them (his friend really is an architectural student) decided on the project one evening - before the scaffolding was yet complete - and made their way to the park with two companions. Leaving them below as coat-hangers, our heroes began to climb the scaffolding. After many vicissitudes (what, one wonders, do the mountaineering club know of the hazards of night climbing?), they reached the summit and marked their achievement by lighting a road-side lamp brought up for the purpose. Their descent was gravitationally uneventful but they were considerably chagrined to find that in place of their two friends, two policemen awaited them on the ground. The lamp at the summit had presumably attracted the law and base camp had wisely fled. The law however, was kindly disposed enough to help the two climbers over the corrugated iron fence and insisted on escorting them to Chelsea Police Station. There the doctor was called. He examined their tongues, and asked them to walk in a straight line. His verdict was - drunk. "And were you?", I asked George. "No", said he, "I'd only had five pints". They were charged but were released on 40/- surety, and allowed to go home.

At the court next day, the doctor's report and the policeman's evidence weighed against them, but the magistrate was sympathetic and after fining them a nominal sum asked them why they did it.

"To see if it would look better from the top than from the bottom", they replied.

"And what was your verdict?"

"Worse Sir!"

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COMMEMORATION DAY PROGRAMME

- 1.45 p.m. A service in Holy Trinity Church.
- 2.30 p.m. Procession leaves Union Gate.
- 3.0. p.m. Commemoration Day Ceremony in University Great Hall, Imperial Institute Road.
- 4.30 -7p.m. Conversazione in R.C.S. Tea in Ayrton Hall.
- 8.30 -2 a.m. Commemoration Ball, Grosvenor House.

TITLE FOR JEAN QUERTIER

Congratulations to Jean Quertier, (Guilds 1944-45), who having raised so many hopes for British lawn tennis, only to dash them again, has won her first national women's singles title.

On Saturday October 14th. Miss Quertier beat Miss Joan Curry, the holder of the British covered courts women's lawn tennis singles championship, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, after saving two match points in the tenth game of the second set.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN

The Miners have returned from their summer fling in various parts of our already far-flung Empire. One party while on the Gold Coast, were filled by a particularly vicious brand of beer, aptly called "Club" lager. One of our number claims that after two quarts of it he saw the African rope trick performed (the same as the Indian variety only without the rope).

The African ceremonies are also interesting. Another Miner went to the funeral of a native carpenter, and found that all the deceased's fellow craftsmen proceeded to cut up logs of wood and hammer in nails as part of the ritual. This ardent anthropologist is now anxious to see the funeral rites of a much older profession.

In Sweden, it seems, the men are very bashful, but not so the women. Neither language difficulties nor the midnight sun deterred those dumb blondes. Our relations with the Scandinavians are very close.

But experience can also be gained at home. A student at a colliery in the Midlands worked on the installation of heavy underground machinery - he was given a spanner and told to tighten nuts. The manager happened to pass him one morning, and slapping him on the back said "That's the stuff you want lad, practical experience". When the student pointed out that he already had some experience of how to tighten nuts, the Manager replied, "Aye, but not underground".



"And what did you think of the frescoes?"

PROFILE—DEREK COOMBER

Derek came to Imperial College in the far-off days of 1944, and was soon established as a rowing man with a vague interest in Physics and a discriminating taste for beer. In this turbulent period of his youth, when the Union was coming back to life after the war, he was an early and active member of the 69 Club. None, it is said, was more prominent in the party which bore back the stone lion that now broods over the Union entrance hall. He rowed in the famous I.C. VIII of 1946, though mumps kept him from Henley, and he would have been President of the R.C.S. in the following session but for the hand of fate and the board of examiners.

Concerning his time in the Army, I.C.'s man of destiny is strangely reticent. He is wont to smile inscrutably, puff his pipe, and smooth the Coomberian coiffure. Pressed, he will admit modestly the rapid promotion which carried him to the (local) rank of unpaid lance-corporal, but the rest is everybody's guess. At least the harsher circumstances of the military life have had no discernible effect on his unlugubrious character.

Returning in 1948, Derek succeeded in confounding the academic opposition, getting a Second, and at the end of the year he moved into that esoteric region of the R.C.S. devoted to the persecution of fundamental particles. At the same time began his long-delayed presidency of the R.C.S. (and of the '22 Club) and his official association with the irrepressible Dai Nicholas, which now operates in a wider sphere. In these hands R.C.S. Union had its ramshackle finances marvellously restored. Moreover it gained the unique distinction of a President who is current shove ha'penny champion of I.C.

This final pinnacle of success, the culmination of such a versatile record, can have left few doubts in the minds of Council when they came to elect I.C.'s new President. The future will no doubt present its difficulties, (November the fifth approaches), but here one feels is a man who is unlikely to lose touch with student opinion, or fail to interpret it to the remoter seats of power.

Here, freshers, is one who will listen to you sympathetically at Union meetings (he has to), and who will not spurn the proffered glass should you approach him informally in another place. One who will be your guide, philosopher and friend in Union affairs; and one whom you should never partner at bridge. He is terrible at it.

FELIX OFFERS ANOTHER SERVICE

It has long been felt that the weekly, monthly or terminal burden of writing home could well be lightened. If the demand be sufficient, printed copies of the form below will be available from the Editor.

Imperial College, London, S.W.7.
Dear
I am well/not well.
I am happy/so-so/unhappy.
..... is well/not well/normal.
This is a good thing/bad thing/his own fault.
I am hard up/absolutely broke/living on Sis.
I am coming home/being sent down on the of and will stay days/for ever.
Please leave some/none of the garden for me to dig/ for burial.
Thank you for the laundry. I will try to be cleaner/not so dirty in future.
I am working frightfully/infernally/damnably hard.
The College hops are very crowded, please send my football boots and/or spurs.
Your erring son,
.....

Suggestions are invited for modifications of or additions to the form.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are invited on any and every subject. They should be as short as possible and in no case longer than 200 words. The Editor takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

City & Guilds College

To The Editor of FELIX.

12 Oct. 1950

Sir,
I wish to complain about our own British Railways. On Sept. 26, 1950 I dispatched from home a nice big box containing most of my earthly possessions and among other things - my rugger kit.

Up to Monday, Oct 9 my box had not arrived and as you can imagine, I was getting rather worried.

On Monday, Oct 9, however, a representative of the B.R. rolled up and proceeded with the delicate task of unloading --- a baby carriage..

Now sir, I have never to my knowledge ordered a pram and to the best of my belief never had cause to. Furthermore, I am a bachelor and intend to remain so for some years to come. To add to the indignity I received a note from Willesden Junction a few days ago stating that:- "On and from 13 Oct '50, storage charges will accrue at the rate of 1/0½ per ton per week....."

Yours faithfully,

P.D.Rich.

P.S. Do you think it would be possible to motorize a perambulator?

I.C. Union.

To the Editor of Felix.

Sir,
When I came to this College I read with satisfaction that the bar was licensed from 12.30 to 2.30 and 5.30 to 11 p.m. Here, I thought, is a Union with a proper grasp of essentials. Imagine my chagrin, therefore, when I discovered that the bar was in fact only open from 12.30 to 2 and 6 to 10.30 p.m. I have made a few enquiries and learn that the hours were curtailed during the war due to staff shortages, but the war finished 5 years ago and I notice that there are two barmen. Surely the time has come to rectify this error in our ways?

Yours etc.,

Thirsty Fresher.

I.C. DIABOLICAL SOCIETY.

CAPT: A. de Vil.

HON. SEC: B.L. Zebut.

FRESHERS - now is the time to join I.C. Diabolical Society, one of I.C.'s most popular. Black mass is held every Friday and there are frequent Witches Sabbaths in the I.C.W.A. common room. The club ground is at Brompton Cemetery, a short broomstick ride from the college, and is particularly well equipped, the new Charnel house having been but recently completed. Members can receive free instruction at any time from professional fiends. All equipment, including familiar spirits and long spoons (for supping with the captain), is provided. There is the usual subscription.

Anyone wishing to join should sign in blood on the club noticeboard. The captain or secretary can be raised at any time by the usual methods.

Sub-Committee Reports.

SPELLS. The spells committee state that, due to the shortage of newt's eyelids, little activity can be reported during last session.

EVIL-EYE. The evil-eye committee wish to complain against unfair treatment by the Metropolitan police, their requests to be allowed to inspect the staff at a nearby station having been consistently refused.

EDITORIAL

GREAT OCCASION

Commemoration Day, the event of the London Season (or so we like to think), approaches. Once more the robes of dignity will flutter awhile; till, speech and ceremony over, we shall discard them for the lighter garments of pleasure and explore the delights of the Commemoration Ball.

This day is a unique occasion in the I.C. year. As everyone knows, it commemorates the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to the College centenary celebrations in 1945; but the present form of the celebrations dates only from last year. Its success then was a tribute to the organizers and students alike, and its success this year equally rests on the enthusiasm and support of every one of us. It is one of the few days of the year when nobody does any work; when the whole College collects together and enjoys (or endures) a splash of pomp and pageantry; when we remember what is past and what is in store. It is a sober but nevertheless enjoyable day - it is our Great Occasion.

But lest it be thought that the strain of so much sobriety might overcome the weaker among us, it should hastily be added that the evening provides the perfect antidote to the day's proceedings. The Commemoration Ball, the like of which is rarely seen in London, is indeed the high-spot of the celebrations. Here, in white tie or black, surrounded by glamorous partners, we may taste the pleasures of the table and of the dance - indeed the night offers unlimited scope in the pursuit of diversion. But - we may add - only to those who remember in time to get their tickets!

BEER AND HOPS

We note with approval that the I.C. Entertainments Committee have moved speedily from thought to action in an effort to lessen the pandemonium of Saturday night 'hops'. A fortnight ago the Union was more crowded than ever it was last year - even the Union lounge was invaded by dancers. Last Saturday vetting the men by their Union cards and the women by - well, we presume simply by limitation of number, the Entertainments Committee enabled those inside both to dance and to get near the bar before closing-time.

A number of people were caught out by the - "Show your Union card" rule; one leading member of a political group was heard denouncing the idea as 'Closed Shop'; a life member of the Union protested that he'd never been asked for it before and had'nt got one anyway - he stormed off, muttering in his beard. But the principle is sound and the inconvenience slight.

We like our dance ourselves, of course, and we like our spot of beer - in fact, we find that a subtle blend of the two are conducive to a state of peculiar well-being. And we do not wish to deny such pleasures to others - least of all to our young and fair visitors. But something had to be done and it seems that 'first come first served' as an extempore measure, was the fairest way out.

C & G ENGINEERING SOCIETY

In search more of a free meal than of inspiration, this column drifted into Queenie's on Thursday, 12th, for the Engineering Society's Freshers' Tea.

Dr. Sparkes, the guest speaker, gave an impassioned appeal to freshers to live their University lives to the full.

The student chairman implied that, although only at the bar could the full life be led to overflowing, the Society offered much. It was the panacea for brain fag and the antidote to departmental specialization. It also ran a free trip round a brewery.

The eighty odd freshers who attended were duly impressed by the excellent tea, the serious intent of the speakers and the excellent programme of talks and visits.

FUTURE OF ALBERT

Around this most noble of London's monuments has sprung up a vast multitude of steel poles. From Hyde Park Gate to the Albert Hall, the whole Ruddy Gore is buzzing with rumours as to the explanation. Have the Ministry of Works yielded to those misguided individuals who regard the Memorial as a monstrosity, and, rather than incur the cost of demolishing it, decided to hide it forever from human eyes? (Better by far that the statue of Albert behind his hall should be hidden.

the Godiva-like ladies surrounding Albert cause the most acute embarrassment to passing students. Indeed, some worthies in the queue for the last Prom. felt impelled to clothe one of them with a board bearing the legend "Closed till 5.15 a.m.")

A more likely suggestion, now that a method of determining whether a lecturer is dead or not has been discovered, is that a vault is to be built to hold the mummified bodies of Emeritus professors. Let us hope that it is not to be a fortress from which molten lead will be poured on those who attempt to light fireworks on the steps. Will it be a - but, no! there is already one a short distance down the road. Are flying saucers to be launched from this new building? Is it to be a bird sanctuary? A monument to Touchstone?

All these suggestions are ridiculously wide of the mark. Our usually unreliable source states that it is to be turned into a telephone kiosk for Mr. Scott-Fleming.

Pin-up



THE SECOND IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION COMMEMORATION BALL AT GROSVENOR HOUSE PARK LANE ON FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 1950 DANCE

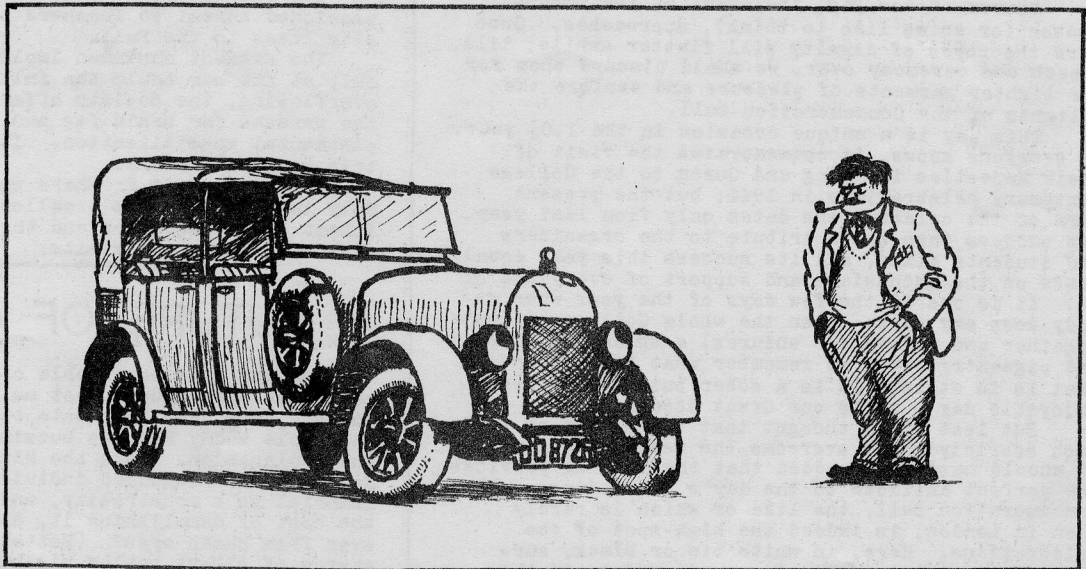
WILL YOU BE THERE
A WEEK TODAY?
THE
COMMEMORATION
BALL
AT GROSVENOR HOUSE
MONDAY IS YOUR LAST
CHANCE FOR A TICKET

AND SO DENIZ AND HIS CUBAN RHYTHM - 17/6 - BUFFET & BAR -
GOT THE MUSIC OFF SIDNEY LIFTON & HIS BALL ROOM ORCHESTRA AND HERNA

FELIX ROAD TEST - No. 1

THE 1926 MORRIS COWLEY

An inexpensive car that provides sound motoring, fresh air and a sporting chance of survival.



General Remarks. The 1926 Morris Cowley is a car which will appeal to the more sporting type of owner rather than the busi-

ness man who wishes to arrive on time at the office in immaculate condition. The model tested has a reasonably good hood that is easily erected in half an hour; the side windows are quickly detachable with the aid of a tyre lever, although they suffer to some extent from a paucity of celluloid. In other respects, the 2 door, 4 seat body is well designed; the doors are both on the near side, the front seat is of the popular bench type, and - a feature that will appeal to the nervous passenger - the front floor board when pressed disengages the clutch.

Engine. The 4 cylinder side valve engine is rated at 11.9 H.P. and incorporates many new features, including magneto ignition, reciprocating pistons and a 3-bearing fully-rotating crankshaft. It starts easily on the handle and is light enough for lady passengers to turn over without distress.

Electrical Equipment. The starter motor and dynamo are combined in a Lucas Dynamotor, and it is believed that it would start the engine if it was connected up. (Do not use redundant prepositions - B.J.P.) In other respects, the electrical system is pleasantly free from shocks. The position of the ignition switch makes no difference to the running of the engine, a feature that should appeal to women drivers.

Chassis. The steering at low speeds is a trifle heavy, but at normal cruising speeds it is light and stable, enabling one to drive for satisfactory periods with both hands otherwise engaged. (The model tested is rapidly learning its own way home from the Prospect of Whitby). The suspension is a little hard by modern standards but bouncy types should be amply satisfied; the name "Springless Wonder" is not wholly justified.

The brakes stop the car quite nicely, but a little patience is required.

Accessories. The auxiliary equipment is comprehensive. Tools are kept in a box on the running board, under the rear floor and under the rear seat. The portable welding plant, however, has to be tied on the back. The 12 volt battery is carried on the near-side running board, and the spare wheel was carried on the off-side until some clot stood on it; it is now carried on the rear seat.

An effective, albeit toxic, form of heating is provided by air from the engine having free access to the front compartment.

Probably the most pleasing auxiliary is the manually operated klaxon, a truly magnificent device that commands respect even from the old ladies of Kensington.

Performance Data.

Maximum Speeds.

1st gear - 7 m.p.h.
2nd gear - 25 m.p.h.
3rd gear - Anyone's guess.

Acceleration.

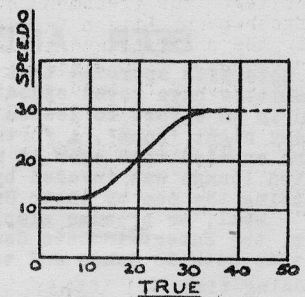
0-10 m.p.h. - 10 secs.
0-20 m.p.h. - 30 secs.
0-30 m.p.h. - 110 secs.

Fuel Consumption (Av.)

33 m.p.g.

Brakes. 30 m.p.h. - 0, in
..... (not published by request).

Speedometer Correction Chart.



FRENGLISH

The following letter was received by Geoffrey Fishwick (Guilds) from a French firm of civil engineers, in connection with a vac. job this summer.

ENTREPRISES XXXXXXXX.

Sir FISHWICK Geoffrey,
Imperial College Hostel,
Prince Consort Road,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.

NANTES,

1e 4 July 1950.

Sir,
Madam DODIN transmits us your letter of 27 Juni.

For you shun search, we shall be at the Nantes station since your arrival.

We shall stand near the way out, in the motor-car matriculed 8.872 J.H.2, and we shall make us much pleasure to assure you a ledgings, either in premises of undertaking or at a member of our direction.

We are, Sir,
Your strully,

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P.S. - Does you tell us with a telegram, what time o'clock you will come at the Nantes station.

R.C.S

On the evening of a singularly felicitous Friday the 13th the R.C.S. Freshers gathered for their annual malt, hops and harangue in the Upper Dining Hall. The buffet having been cleared they patiently, and one believes pleasurably, submitted to yet a further introduction to the community, on this occasion disguised as toasts.

The toast of the College was proposed by the Vice-President Tony de Reuck, with an erudition which would have been unforgivable had it not also been witty. He lamented that R.C.S. had sprung from such lowly beginnings in the Royal College of Chemistry - "the Back Kitchen of the Physical Dining Room", and proceeded to exhort the freshmen to seek a middle way between too close an attendance on either bar or laboratory. With tankard in hand and tongue in cheek, he recommended them to "despise not water that the frogs do drink", but drew gruesome attention to the ills that brown-bagger flesh is heir to.

Dean Levy replied in characteristic form with an uproarious parable of the Saturday night he believed to have been Sunday, for which he was certified as of unsound mind by a learned society caretaker and newspaper boy; from which he drew the moral that a true philosophy of life saves a lot of time and trouble.

The "Hegelian Triads" which Professor Levy had on an earlier occasion smuggled into an address to the freshmen, came in for a gentle parody from President Peter Haskell, proposing the health of the Freshers. The corners of his triangle were occupied by Wine, Women and Song, and by carrying out an experiment recorded by Gulliver in Leputé, proved that the greatest of these was Wine.

As is the custom in our only harem-keeping College, the freshmen replied through one of the freshwomen, Eileen Delmage, who thanked the Union in the shortest and perhaps the best of the evening's speeches - with sincerity and simplicity. And so the company retired to the bar.

It probably reflects the gradual reduction in the antiquity of our scholars that most of the beer was consumed and the noise produced by the "old hands" - but there can be no doubt that, even without alcoholic aid, the freshmen enjoyed themselves enormously.

FLYING SAUCERS

Flying saucers have been seen in many countries by a large number of reliable witnesses. Some of these saucers are reputed to have come from Mars, others from Russia, and others still from the giant U.S. navy base in California.

Up to last Saturday evening, no saucer had yet been seen in British skies. It is therefore with much pleasure that I set before the illustrious and potentially eminent readers of your paper, the following facts.

At 2230 hours last Saturday evening I witnessed a disk flying at 50,000 ft. over Kensington High Street, and proceeding in the direction of Piccadilly Circus. It was approximately 210 ft. in diameter and 9 ft. 6 in. thick at the centre. In order to ascertain its angular velocity - for I realised immediately that all my observations would be invaluable to posterity - I attempted to rotate myself at exactly the same speed. This cunning move to reduce the relative angular velocity of the disk to zero did not meet with success. For, as my angular velocity increased, the disk appeared to recede and soon all I could see was an abnormally large number of stars. The crowd who gathered in Kensington High Street showed considerable interest and I am very surprised that this momentous incident has not so far been reported in the daily papers.

Further details can be obtained from the President and only member of the Loch Ness and Monster Club, c/o Imperial College Union Bar.

FOOTNOTE.

The Astronomer Royal, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, said at Brighton: "I am still patiently waiting for reports of a flying saucer having landed anywhere. It is significant that most of the reports of flying saucers appear to have emanated from a country where mass hysteria is rather prevalent."

The Sunday Times,
October 15, 1950.

PHOENIX REVIEW

An Appreciation.

One of the most remarkable and heartening features of I.C. last year was the resuscitation of Phoenix; from its former state of highbrow strangulation it has emerged a well written, well presented and, best of all, interesting magazine. At the risk of being accused of mutual back-scratching, it must be said that this can only be due to the efforts of its able Editor, A.V.S. de Reuck, and his assistants - he seems to have convinced his contributors that in order to get an article in Phoenix it is no longer necessary to lose the readers in a maze of verbosity.

A quick scan through Phoenix Review immediately gives on the impression that it is well presented and laid out. Apart from the rather regrettable placing of two half page advertisements on pages 6 and 7, which would have been better placed with the other advertisements. The photographs are excellent and well chosen for variety; for the benefit of those who were not present, the dark patches on the picture of the Battle of the Serpentine are not smudges on the negative, but soot, and the character in the water is Marcus Hull, who had the distinction of being first man in.

A more leisurely perusal reveals all sorts of good reading. The short story is amusing and well pointed, the articles under the heading Review of the Year are all good - modesty forbids us singling out any particular one for praise - and the reports of the clubs together form a most comprehensive picture of the year in the Union. It is true that the collection as a whole does not form a magazine that one would read straight through from cover to cover, rather does one tend to dip into it, but this does not detract from the fact that nearly all the articles were interesting and many amusing.

This was the first Phoenix Review, and the idea is good; let us hope it will become a regular annual feature.

E.M.H.

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Charge: 6d. per 20 words.

FOR SALE, £60. 1926, 12 H.P. Humber Tourer, perfect condition mechanical condition, spare engine, new tyres. Apply A. Muir, R.C.S. Maths II.

FOR SALE, B.S.A. bicycle, 3-speeds, all accessories, £5-10s. Apply Jet Research Lab. Chem. Tech. (Ext. 267)

ADVERTISE YOUR WANTS HERE. ONLY FELIX
CAN GIVE YOU A COLLEGE-WIDE CIRCULATION.

KEEP an ocular cocked for announcement of Jazz Club Inaugural Meeting. All interested please notify Hon. Sec. via Union rack.

WANTED - a copy of the first issue of FELIX (Dec. 9th 1949) in reasonable condition. Good price paid - Ed. Felix.

HAVE YOU got your tickets for the Commemoration Day Ball? Don't be left out this year! Sale of tickets extended to Monday.

FISHY STORY.

Last term, a research student somewhere in I.C. was asked by his professor what the fish were doing in his thermostat bath. He laughed politely in appreciation of the joke. But he soon had a shock. There were fish in his tank! Friends had given a nice warm home to some goldfish during his absence.

A MAP OF SOUTH KENSINGTON.
(FELIX No.10, October 6th 1950)

ERRATUM: For UNWIN HALL read AYRTON HALL. The same correction applies in the coming events column.

THE SABIN TANKARD

From our Rowing correspondent.

The Autumn Tideway Clinker Eights, organised by the Vesta Rowing Club, for the Sabin Challenge Tankard, will be rowed off on Saturday, 21st. October. The race, which is rowed in a clinker built boat is for junior oarsmen, i.e., those who have never won a race. The I.C.B.C. have always entered a strong crew for this event and on Saturday, will be defending the trophy which they have won for the last two years. The date being so close to the beginning of term means that the crew has had little opportunity to train and "get together". Nevertheless, they are a keen and enthusiastic bunch and should give a good account of themselves.

The crew is as follows:-

D.J.Gardner (bow); D.G.Brook; G.Benson; P.E.T.Baylis; A.Gaffarey; C.B.Stevens; P.Osborne; H.Metcalfe (stroke); D.H.W.Thomas (cox).

"Have a good row chaps".

HOCKEY

On the occasion of the first trial, it was only too evident that the summer vacation had taken a heavy toll on stamina. However, after this loosener (or stiffener!), play at the second trial showed an astonishing improvement.

Freshers who caught the eye were J. Bennett, fullback (who has captained Christ's College, Cambridge), J. Power, a forward of great promise, and D. Waterland (from U.C. Cardiff), who showed considerable speed on the right wing.

A substantial proportion of last year's triumphant sides have escaped the examiners' plough and Peter Justesen should lead the club in yet another successful season. Competition for team places will be very keen; four teams will be in the field for the first time in the history of the club.

SOCCER

The trials at Harlington showed a considerable improvement in the general standard of play; this, combined with the record number of 80 playing members, suggests that the prospects for the soccer season are extremely good.

It is hoped to field 5 XI's, the 2nd. and 3rd. XI's having been entered for the University league. For the first time in the history of the club matches will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

This will of course entail extra work for the club officials, but as there are two extra pitches available the position has been greatly eased.

RUGGER

Two facts have emerged from the rugger trials. Firstly, that there is talent amongst many of the freshers. Secondly, that of those freshers who signed the trials list only fifty per cent turned up to play. That, to say the least, does not help to build club spirit.

From the U.L. trials came word of one Higkin of Guilds who was claimed to be the best fly-half the University had seen for some years, but his triumph was short-lived for he was returned to Rutlish School after a fortnight at I.C., to do Intermediate Chemistry. "Brown-bagging" at high level!! Be that as it may, one ray of hope remains. Four I.C. teams returned victorious from their first games of the season, so perhaps, after all, the selectors were not quite so blind as they appeared.

RESULTS

RUGGER	1st XV v. RAE, Farnboro'. Won 8 - 0
	2nd XV Royal Vets. A Won 24 - 0
HOCKEY	1st XI v. Middx. Hosp. Won 4 - 0
	2nd XI " Won 9 - 0
SOCCER	1st XI v. Q.M.C. Lost 4 - 5
	2nd XI Birkbeck Draw 1 - 1

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 20 OCT.

Guilds Freshers' Buffet, Upper Dining Hall 6.30p.m.
Assoc. of Appl. Biologists Tea, Lower Dining Hall 4.30p.m.
Imp. Coll. Ice Skating Club, Arosa Meeting, Richmond, 7-10p.m. (Route on Club Notice Board)
I.C.A.F.C. Extr. General Meeting, Ctte Room A 5.15.

SATURDAY 21 OCT.

I.C. Boat Club, Sabin Tankard races for maiden VIII's Putney.
I.C. Hockey Club v. Old Dunstablians, Harlington.
I.C.A.F.C. v. Cambridge Falcons - Away.
I.C.R.F.C. v. Rossllyn Park 'A', away.
I.C. Entertainments Ctte. - 'Hop', 8.0 p.m.

SUNDAY 22 OCT.

I.C. Mountaineering Club Meet at High Rocks, near Tonbridge Wells.

MONDAY 23 OCT.

Telephone call for Mr. Scott-Fleming.

TUESDAY 24 OCT.

I.C. Railway Soc. - R.J.Raymon on "Operational Realism in Model Railways, Room N.26, Guilds, 5.15p.m.
R.C.S. Maths. & Phys. Soc. - A.E.Clark on "The Problems of Interplanetary Flight", Phys. Lecture Th., R.C.S. 5.15p.m.
I.C. Chem. Soc. - A.L.Bacharach on "Penicillin & Streptomycin", Chem. Lecture Th.R.C.S.

WEDNESDAY 25 OCT.

I.C. Hockey Club v. Reading University Harlington.
I.C.A.F.C. v. Battersea Polytechnic, Harlington.
I.C.R.F.C. v. Borough Road College, Away.
R.A.M. Club, Dance & Brains Trust (see Entertainments Ctte. notice board for further details)

THURSDAY 26 OCT.

I.C. Mus Soc. Concert in Council Room, Guilds, 1.15p.m.
C. & G. Eng. Soc. "The D.H. Comet", Room 15 Guilds 5 p.m.

FRIDAY 27 OCT.

COMMEMORATION DAY - for details see other pages.
R.S.M. Freshers' Buffet, Upper Dining Hall, 7p.m.

SATURDAY 28 OCT.

U.N. Student Assoc. Meeting, All day, New Lounge.
I.C. Hockey Club v. Ashford (Mddx.) - Harlington
I.C.A.F.C. v. Borough Road College, Away
I.C.R.F.C. v. Wadham College, Oxford - Harlington
I.C. Entertainments Ctte - 'Hop' 8.0 p.

SUNDAY 29 OCT.

I.C. Film Soc. "The Last Laugh", "Fly about the house (cartoon) and "The Toad".

WEDNESDAY 1 NOV.

I.C.A.F.C. v. Coll. of St. Mark & St. John, away
I.C.R.F.C. v. St. Mary's Coll. - away

THURSDAY 2 NOV.

I.C. Mus. Soc. Concert, Council Room, Guilds, 1.15p.m.
C. & G. Eng. Soc. Talks by students on vacation work, Room 15, Guilds, 5p.m.

FRIDAY 3 NOV.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Monday 23 Oct

Guilds Radio Society, Student talk by G.T.Kent on "Remote Control in Industry", N.26, Guilds, 5.10.

Monday 30 Oct

Guilds Radio Soc. John Clarricoats on "The History and Development of Amateur Radio", Room 04, Guilds, 5.10 pm.

Wednesday 1 Nov

Guilds Radio Soc. Visit to Telegraph Condenser Co Ltd., Acton. - Sign list on Society Notice board.

Friday 3 Nov

S.C.M. Rev R.O.Latham: Discussion on "The Colour Bar", Botany Lect. Th., 5.15.

Fri- Mon, 27-30 Oct

Lond. Inter-faculty Christian Union-'Houseparty'

COMING EVENTS

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