



FELIX



RAG PLAGUE AT I.C.

HECTIC WEEK FOR WOMEN AND ARMY

On Wednesday, Maidenhead Corporation 'won' a gun" announced the MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER last week. We need hardly add that this was the work of Imperial College students, smitten recently by acute kleptomaniac. Westfield, Q.M.C. and Bedford have all suffered at the hands of "trigger happy" raiders. Westfield's Penguin mascot "Honeysuckle" was taken for a ride, as was the Q.M.C. College Shield.

A group of N.E.C. students, official guardians of "Honeysuckle", tried to recapture the penguin on the same day that it was due to be returned, but were successfully repulsed by a band of Guildsmen. This incident was followed by a visit from a few fire engines and police cars, again arriving too late to participate. Fearing further attacks, an incongruous escort of vehicles in varying stages of disrepair, accompanied "Honeysuckle" home.

She was borne in mourning into the precincts of Westfield while Guildsmen chorused a sordid version of "John Brown's Body". The afternoon entertainment terminated with a "Boomalaka" but not before the ever-present, ever-dangerous mob-instinct had reared its ugly head, in trying to force an entry into Westfield. How unruly a mob is: knowing not what it wants and dissatisfied with anything it gets.

An amusing sequel to this was the acquisition of one Westfield fresher, who got 'carried away' by the whole affair and a load of crafty Guildsmen, back to I.C. We gather she has now achieved eternal notoriety for her gallant action.

By far the most enterprising "lift" was that of the Sandhurst Cannon. Three visits were made to the R.M.A. Sandhurst and a number of reconnaissances indicated that the cannon was a "likely take". The first raid, late on Saturday, October 25th, ended unsuccessfully to a chorus of police whistles and racing engines. Two nights later with the gun carriage already hitched to one of the cars, the party was surprised by the brilliant lights of a police car which immediately gave chase, until the students' car was forced to stop when the gun carriage (about 15 cwt) assumed complete control.

Undeterred by these failures they returned next night, towed the cannon away without trouble, pausing only to decorate the back with a tail lamp and number plate. Arriving at Maidenhead they left the cannon outside a cemetery to await collection later, as its wheels were becoming unserviceable. However by the time a lorry was procured the

Editor's Note

Once part of the forces of Tippoo Shaib "The Tiger of Mysore" and used in the defence of the capital of Mysore, Seringapatana in 1799, when Tippoo was killed.

army had captured "Tippoo's Cannon", and replaced it outside the R.M.A., no doubt awaiting the next onslaught.

The account of the raid on Q.M.C. appears inside on page 3.

RECTOR'S SPEECH

There are 2,580 students at the Imperial College of Science and Technology this session, of whom 1,650 are undergraduates and 930 postgraduates.

This was announced by Dr. R.P. Linstead, Rector of the College, at the annual Commemoration Day ceremony held in the Royal Albert Hall, at which Lord Bridges was the Special Visitor. The College plan for expansion, made some years ago, set a total of 2,550 students as the target for 1959/60, and the College is therefore one year ahead of its plan in so far as numbers are concerned. Six new Professors and twelve new Readers have been appointed during the year; eight of these are new posts established by the University of London, and they represent new academic developments in a number of fields, including applied electron physics, heat transfer, nuclear technology and physical oceanography.

The first stage of the very large new Engineering block (on which a unique experiment in structural behaviour is being conducted by the Civil Engineering Department) is going forward. The new Physics building in Prince Consort Road is also in course of construction. Both should be completed by the end of 1959. Weeks Hall, the first new Hall of Residence, made possible by the generosity of Vickers Limited, is under construction in Prince's Gardens and will be ready for occupation next session. Site clearance on the South and East sides of Prince's Gardens is under way; approval has been given to build on the South side four Halls of Residence and new refectories; building is expected to start in the summer of 1959.

R.C.S. UNION MEETING

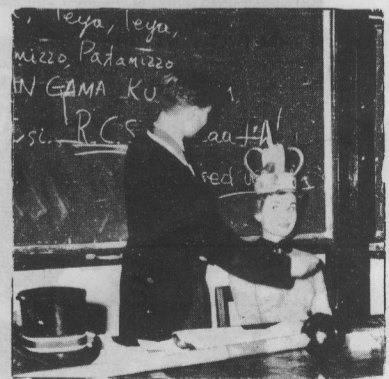
The R.C.S. Union meeting of Thursday, October 30th was held in the Main Physics Theatre - a room denied to the Union before because of the series of incidents which marred previous meetings. This time, however, President Peter Kassler, presided over one of the most orderly and well-behaved assemblies in recent years.

The election of the "Queen of Jezebel" an honour that finally fell to Xandra of Chemistry - was the item that really aroused enthusiasm, while the naming of the thermometer, a blue-pencilled affair, resulted in the choice of "Theta", bestowed with due ceremony after the meeting, on board Jez in the Imperial Institute Road.

A motion "that this house believes that the R.C.S. Union should secede from the I.C. Union" gave an opportunity for wit and ingenuity - the response was not disappointing! Mr. John Swingler began the motion in all seriousness, but the riotous opposing plea by Mr. Eddie Fersht caused a startling change in the mood of the house. This was in no way damped by the antics of Mr. John Forster, who, disguised as a soothsayer hinted at dark "behind-the-scenes" activities by R.C.S. Union Officials.

When some order had been restored, the motion was defeated by 176 votes to 161 - it remains to be seen what the I.C. Union meeting has to say about R.C.S.

A full-throated and rousing Kangella (revised version) brought the official business of this most satisfactory meeting to a close.



QUEEN OF JEZ CROWNED



LORD BRIDGES ADDRESS

The theme chosen by Lord Bridges for his Commemoration Day Address was a survey of the qualities which he considered counted most in the lives of men and women who use their brains.

The first quality was intense enthusiasm for one's work - the beginning of wisdom of the highest virtue. Secondly, came intellectual honesty, and here Lord Bridges correlated the artist and the scientific man. Further, this honesty applies with equal force to high administrative work. The third quality is the ability to handle people, a question both of sympathy and understanding, but trained and disciplined to an unusual degree; it is the type of qualities found in a Minister.

Lord Bridges next considered physical qualities, for example, having a thick skin, and the ability to sleep, but considered that there were important to a lesser degree.

Finally, there is the question of a good conscience, by which he meant a reasonably obedient and well trained conscience, enabling one to admit one's mistakes, and then help to forget about them.

Summarizing, Lord Bridges considered the following qualities to matter: enthusiasm, intellectual honesty, and sympathy with people, which can be pursued and disciplined to a point at which it reaches a very acute understanding of the thoughts and feelings of those with whom one has to deal.

Lord Bridges attributed the success of most distinguished men to their developing these fine qualities, after the age when most men have ceased to do so.

Finally, although the forces of mass opinion and mass entertainment are tending to make it more difficult for young people to look hard into their own minds and develop those qualities outlined above, it would be better for the future of learning and industry if more people could do so.



GENERAL STUDIES

SIMILE AND METAPHOR

For his talk on "Simile and Metaphor", Patric Dickinson began by asking his audience what was meant by a "red herring: was it a false trial, or was it caught?"

This led on to the problem of what "red" means. Blood is red, but in the Middle Ages it was called blue, red and brown on different occasions: to some people a red admiral is a butterfly, to a politician it has another significance. Such varying associations of a word are inevitable since words are only a form of communication, limited in scope, while people's imagination is visual and limitless.

Similes and metaphors are basic to human communication as a means of comparison: their use in poetry is to enable the poet to pack the maximum amount of material in, and not just to be obscure. Much is lost when a poem is analysed - "we murder to dissect", said Wordsworth - for each person has a single response: the better the poem, the better the responses, but they will vary a great deal.

Most similes belong to the pre-machine age - "My love is like a red red rose", "holy smoke", "tight as a tick": would a girl take it as a compliment to be told "my love is like a piece of pre-stressed concrete"? Since poetry is to convey emotions and thoughts, the material used must be appropriate to such ideas, on any level which the author requires.

In Victorian days, the basis of poetry was essentially romance, epitomised by the flowers, the open fields and the sky: consider the scene set by Keats, which would be nothing without the use of the simile.

"Let us go then, you and I,
With the evening spread out against the sky
Like a patient etherised on a table."

'HONEY'



The second mascot to visit I.C. this term was removed from Westfield College on Friday, October 24th, by four Guildsmen. Looking suitably dressed for the young ladies of the establishment, but lacking only a bunch of flowers, two of the party entered "The Bay", where the penguin was kept, just before 3 p.m.

After 25 harrowing, nerve-racking minutes waiting for the coast to clear they emerged at a brisk pace, carrying the body between them. Jumping into the waiting car they were whisked away without being seen.

Contrary to the reports in a certain news-sheet the raid took place during a public lecture at the college, which started two hours later; neither did they lurk around the main entrance, but entered openly.

B.N.T.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Chop-sticks and sheepskins, Arabic delicacies and Canadian Gold, a Hula Hoop and a Tuju mask were among the articles displayed on the National tables at the International Evening. This was organised on Halloween by the International Relations Club.

Bert Barney, a Canadian, Ming Leung, a Chinese, Said Tarha, an Arab and Tom Molnai a Hungarian formed a Brains Trust and gave interesting answers to stimulating questions from the audience.

Danny Kaye's film "Assignment Children" introduced a specialised section of the United Nations, UNICEF. The work of the U.N. was thoroughly and generally covered by Mr. Terry Lawson of the C.E.W.C., a devoted worker for the U.N. in this country, who had been a member of the secretariat during the Hungarian crises. His serious talk was punctuated with personal anecdotes which brought our attention to the importance of personal contact in the field of multilateral diplomacy. No formal questions were asked but Mr. Lawson later spent a busy hour discussing various questions with some of the students.

The "International Open Sandwiches" which are fast becoming a feature of these evenings disappeared rapidly, as did the wine, which was of a higher standard than previously.

The evening was more serious than formerly and the proportion of foreign students was noticeably higher.

The committee of the International Relations Club would like to thank the Chinese and Arab Societies and the individual Canadians and Africans and everyone else who helped to make the Evening so successful.

A-M. R.
N.G.
T.T.



VIEWPOINT THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH

Many readers may have heard, with some measure of alarm, that the University of London no longer requires a pass at Ordinary Level in English Language as one of their minimum entry requirements. This dictum has also been adopted by the College in its present regulations. This is a retrograde step, for it is a sign of diminished ideals, a severe restraint on University Education.

For what purpose do we come to College? Is it to learn vast quantities of scientific irrelevancies that we are unable to comprehend? Is it merely a seeking after those mystic letters B.Sc. in the belief that they alone will lead us up the path of financial success? Surely nothing could be further from the truth.

What, therefore, is an Education? It is a development of one's mental powers, a giving of intellectual training that will enable the recipient to further the progress of the Human Race. A person can have an immense knowledge of scientific facts, a genius for original research, but what good is it to the world if he is unable to impart this brilliance to the rest of mankind?

Human learning and technical advances are communicated as the written word; they must be written, therefore, in a logical and unambiguous manner. This entails a firm grounding and adequate knowledge of the English language, and an ability to express oneself clearly and concisely. This grounding should be acquired in our younger days at school, and built up through the rest of our life. A strong building cannot be built on sand; its foundations must be firm. So likewise also our education must be built on a rock, the rock of English Grammar.

In the words of the College Prospectus, "evidence of a good general education will be expected", before the applicant is admitted to Imperial College. This may at first sight appear satisfactory, but what headmaster, in his recommendation, is likely to admit that his pupils' general education is lacking?

This surely is a very cogent reason for requiring an impartial assessment of the applicant's ability to express himself in the Queen's English.

In the Union at the beginning of this session I came across some student's shopping list. The handwriting was that of a ten year old, some of the spelling was little better: Somsidges, Baked Beans, Biskits, Sorcepan. What was the mental age of this student? Of one fact I am certain - this student should never have been allowed to enter the College.

The written word is not the sole necessity; an ability to express oneself clearly by word of mouth is also essential. How many students, even when they graduate, are capable of coherent speech? How many could explain clearly

and simply the principles of their latest experiment to someone who has not a scientific training? Such a facility is imperative: when a graduate enters the industrial world he must be capable of advising his Company's Directors of the virtues or otherwise of his particular problem or project.

Imperial College contained in 1956-1957 7% of United Kingdom students to only 8% from foreign lands. No inconvenience is caused to Foreign Students by their having to show proficiency, by examination, in English; in fact this is essential if they are to gain the maximum advantage from their stay in this College. Why therefore should United Kingdom students not be required to show proof by examination

To quote Prof. Perry at his inaugural address on October 2nd, 1902 - "... many of you must think that it is not only a waste of time, but a positive sin to read novels and poetry and general literature, to cultivate in any way the imagination, to take an interest in painting, or sculpture, or music.... Are you fond of reading? Do you know how to use books? Can you explain what you observe and know? ... Mere learning is a poor thing, but fondness of reading leads to the greatest possible intellectual and emotional faculties".

These are bold words; what Professor of today would dare to be so forceful? Before one can appreciate and gain from one's reading, a good basic grounding in English is essential. It is my firm belief that a pass in English Language at Ordinary Level is the barest minimum that should be tolerated for a University student: I would go further and say that an even higher standard is required for science students. At College we should have compulsory essays to write on scientific subjects at least three times a term, and members of staff should be appointed only if they themselves are proficient in the Queen's English.

Do you claim to be educated, or are you merely a moronic memoriser and not an understander of your daily work?

J.K. Taylor.



ATTACK ON Q.M.C.

by our Military Correspondent

Tuesday afternoon, and a scout party of two surreptitiously entered Queen Mary College via the front door! Our heroes, two RCS men with scarves hidden round their waists, slowly searched the building. A talk in the bar with two goon-students, but neither knew where Mary² was. Intensive searching everywhere, including the "Ladies" and the Union President's Office (the former has "Ladies" on the door) failed to uncover the motheaten monster, once a leopard but now a stuffed bug-ridden corpse... and how appropriate for the dead, defunct and dandruffed thing that is Q.M.'s union.

Eventually three targets were considered: the bust of the founder, the parchment charter of incorporation and the college shield, which was selected as being the hardest to barrow. It is in the T-junction of three corridors, all of them busy and one under the eyes of a hall porter. But, how to remove without damage?

A trip to the Physics department where a P.G., after much haranguing, lent a screwdriver... oh, miserable youth! Then the unscrewing, interrupted at one stage whilst a party of goon-students walked past, not noticing the crest of their alma mater hanging dizzily at 45° whilst the heroic raiders perspired profusely. At last it unscrewed... and away through the front door with a polite "Good night" to the porter (it was now nearly 6 p.m., the end of ragging time).

But Q.M.C. would not play. All attempts to get them to collect the shield from the RCS Union Meeting were countered with.. "The Rector is informing the police". So the badge was returned on Friday morning, its 3-foot length back now inscribed "Presented by RCS Union, October, 1958" and bearing a tastefully executed RCS crest.

REFECTORY COMMITTEE

The following points arose from a recent meeting:-

- (1) Last year was a qualified success, but no trumpets should be blown yet!
- (2) The small dining room on the third floor will soon be available for private parties.
- (3) Gross sales this term have risen steeply, causing chronic congestion in all the dining halls. Possible solutions were discussed, among which was the staggering of lectures - but this appeared to be too complex.
- (4) Outlery losses from the refectories are still high - especially in desert spoons. (A recent Mooney spot raid in the Garden Hostel resulted in the recovery of a quantity of china, but little cutlery) Trays also are disappearing slowly.
- (5) Mr Garnett apologised for the delay in providing a Suggestions Book.
- (6) A proposal that a coffee trolley should go from room to room between lectures proved untenable.
- (7) Xmas Closing - from lunchtime 19th Dec. until lunchtime 29th Dec.

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SCARED?

News has just reached me that yet another mascot has fallen into willing I.C. hands. This time it is a lion - the pride of the Royal Free Hospital.

One striking feature that emerges from these raids is that they are aimed at womens' colleges. What about Sandhurst? - This was an afterthought when an attempt to remove the Bear of Royal Holloway College - another female establishment - ended in failure. The Royal Free is also primarily female.

In the very near future someone will be writing to our contemporary 'Sennet', enquiring why I.C., with some 2500 males should always choose womens' colleges for mascot raids. They will have hard guesses at the cause. Is it sex-appeal that is the motive force? Hardly; although Bedford provided a little sport, Westfield and Q.M.C. could hardly have been less convivial. The correspondent may be forced to conclude that I.C. is just plain scared of tackling other, predominantly male colleges for fear of massive reprisals, or of being slaughtered in the act.

Is this true? Are you scared? Go and get mascots by all means, but occasionally, as the Westfield President informed: PICK SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE!

STUDENT EXCHANGE

The following technological institutions offer Exchange Scholarships:

- 1) Aachen Technische Hochschule,
- 2) Technische Universität, Berlin.
- 3) Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zurich.

There are no fees and all expenses are paid. An adequate command of German is required. For further details see notice-boards or ask at the Registry.

ESSAY PRIZE

We should like to remind our readers of the Sir Arthur Acland English Essay Prize, which was instituted to encourage the good writing of English. The competition is open to all undergraduates and a total of 25 guineas is available for prizes. Entries should be submitted by January 15th, 1959. Further details can be obtained from the Registry.

IT'S WORTH KNOWING

Anna Russell, the International Concert Comedienne, is making her final appearance in London this season at the Royal Festival Hall on Saturday, 15th November. She has the rare quality for making fun of classical works without causing offence.

Yesterday a new play by Jeremy Kingston - "No Concern of Mine" opened at the Westminster Theatre: this is the story of a group of young people, and their problems in present-day London. The cast includes John Fraser, Judith Stott, and John Charlesworth.

On November 15th the London premiere of Handel's "Samson" is being produced at Covent Garden: also having their first performances this season are "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana) on the 12th and Aida (Verdi) on the 19th November.

Two items to be booked well in advance:

The Royal Festival Ballet's production of the Nutcracker (Tchaikovsky) will be performed at the Festival Hall from 22nd December until the 10th January. Under the supervision of Alexandre Benois, the cast will include Natalie Krassovska and Marilyn Burr, with a full ballet company of one hundred.

Postal booking is now open for the Christmas season of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company at the Princes Theatre, beginning on December 15th.

A new thriller from France with some excellent Press reviews is "Evidence in Concrete", at the Cameo Poly: it begins with the eternal triangle and continues with the husband's warped but brilliantly devised plan to avenge himself on the lovers. The stars are Gerard Oury, Jeanne Moreau and Philippe Nicard.

I.C. MOCK PARLIAMENT

On Thursday 30th October the first Mock Parliament of the Session met with a labour government. The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Les Allen started the proceedings and was followed by an emergency budget. The Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. John Lucifoli outlined his measures to cut spending on the armed forces; the abolition of income tax and the substitution of spending tax; students grants were to be standardised.

In view of the secrecy which surrounded the budget, the leader of the opposition, the Rt. Hon. Martin Barnes gave an able reply to the budget proposals.

The Rt. Hon. Frank Thilo showed how the increased revenue would be used in improving social services - housing and education receiving special attention.

When put to the vote, there were nineteen votes both for and against the budget. Appropriately enough, the toss of a coin decided in the Government's favour.

Strains of the "Red Flag" were heard as the House adjourned.

Just down the narrow Middle Temple Lane off Fleet Street is the Middle Temple dining hall, built in 1570 and now well steeped in history: it suffered some bomb damage during the war, but is now rebuilt exactly as before, such that no joins are visible. Its piece de resistance is a 60 ft. table from one piece of oak. Open Sat. afternoons, admission free.

My apologies for an error in the last issue: owing to illness Otto Klemperer has not been able to conduct the opening concerts of the Beethoven series. His place has been taken by Giulini and van Beinum.

The advertised programme for November 19th has been cancelled, and replaced by another in the Beethoven series, including the 3rd Symphony (Eroica), which will be conducted by Royaltan Kisch.

TOUCHSTONE

If Sir Roderic Hill was still alive, he would have been proud, beyond his wildest dreams, of the success of last weekends Touchstone gathering. 'The soap-box of free speech but not license' was most ably used by Mr. Richard Crossman in his masterly and provocative introduction to the 'Problem of Power'. A Socialist M.P., noted for his strong personal views, and his column in the DAILY MIRROR, Mr. Crossman moved straight in with a statement of the problems and morals of Nuclear Warfare. He spoke with such conviction that even those who did not hold with his political views, were forced to admit that the Problem of Force (or Power) in the world of Politics was not one to be trifled with. As a former head of Psychological Warfare, he applied the whole strength of his personality to get us arguing into the small hours of Sunday Morning.

The 39 persons present included 9 first year students, a promising sign, and was graced by a large contingent from the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Departments (regretably mainly Postgraduate). Discussion, as always, ranged far and wide; although in the main it centred around the 'Ultimate Deterent'. Most members felt that Nuclear weapons were a necessary deterrent, superiority of power and size of atomic stockpile over the Russians was however not essential.

Whenever politicians got to work on international affairs, fraud (in the suppression of the true facts) was almost inevitable. Many illuminating facts of the war were told to us, and this bore out the previous statement concerning political announcements.

One member suggested 'What is the use of the world anyway', this view was immediately shouted down as untenable, but no cogent reasons were given for disapproving of this view!

As a result of such stimulating discussions, it is certain that arguments will be continuing around college for some considerable time.

J.K. Taylor.



LETTERS

BEYOND A JOKE

Dear Sir,

I fear that the common habit of taking objects, of no intrinsic value, as souvenirs is becoming out of hand. The idea is spreading, so that ash trays, glasses, decorations, etc. can be removed with a clear conscience if the word 'souvenir' is mentioned. These objects can often be quite expensive to replace; in the eyes of the taker, however, it's all good 'sport'.

The stage has been reached when the more souvenirs one has in one's room, the 'better' fellow one is considered to be. At the moment, any object which a student would like is validly his if he has the ingenuity to remove it without being caught.

The lowest level has now been reached. At a party on Friday 17th. Oct. in the Garden Hostel, a lady's white leather handbag was removed from one of the rooms. The theft of the bag containing a watch etc. represents a serious loss to the owner.

Taking things from pubs and London Transport may appear to be unnoticeable in such large organisations, however, the theft of property worth about £20 from a fellow-student is not.

I normally feel proud of I.C. when I bring guests here. On this occasion I felt thoroughly ashamed to be associated with it.

Yours sincerely
B. Weaving (Phys. P.G.)

GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir,

".... for tonight we'll merry merry be, tomorrow we'll be sober." I am all in favour of an evening spent 'out on the beer' - and appreciate more than most the value of fresher's dinners. Is it, however, necessary to bawl obscene language in the quadrangle after the bar closes, when the offenders are virtually in mixed company? How ashamed would these seemingly ill-bred shouters be if they were to discover that their fathers or mothers were watching and listening from, say, a hostel window. How would they like, as hostel cleaners have to, to clean a bathroom in which someone had vomited on the shower and in the bath?

Until the vast majority learn to take their drink as do gentlemen (or go back to the gutter where they have come from), the College will remain unlike part of a University.

Yours faithfully,
John Bramley.

IMPERIAL EXPANSION

Dear Sir,

At the recent R.C.S. union meeting a motion was narrowly rejected which proposed a move towards the secession of the R.C.S. union from the I.C. union.

However I feel that such a proposal should not be summarily dismissed.

The Imperial College Union is expanding at a rate such that it will shortly be composed of over 3,000 members. It is inevitable that as an institution is enlarged, the position of the individual must decline.

The sports clubs, too, are becoming too large and unwieldy and equally good, if not better, results would be obtained by the constituent college clubs.

Looking to the future, much has been spoken and written regarding the establishment of Kensington University, bringing other colleges into federation with our own. They are more likely to feel on a par with us if we exist as R.S.M., C. & G., and R.C.S., than, as we now appear, the mammoth Imperial College.

I am not proposing the immediate dissolution of all ties between the I.C., what I am saying is that sooner or later we must face the problem of our excessive size and complex constitution and that now is the time to start thinking in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Smalley.

FLESH OUT OF WATER

Dear Sir,

Many of your readers will agree with me that D.L.'s article "Success at I.C." printed in your last issue, considerably lowered the tone of your otherwise excellent newspaper.

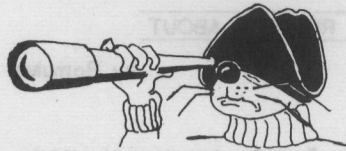
Whilst his appellation of "goon-like brownbagger" leaves me unmoved, his jibe at the expense of the Underwater swimming Club cannot go unremarked. Like many non-athletic egotists Mr. D.L. directs his sneers at the healthier activities at College. If he could be persuaded to forsake the more sordid pleasures of the flesh one Monday evening, I would invite him to judge for himself why it is that the Union supports underwater swimming at I.C.

Yours faithfully,

Norman Crossland,
President
Underwater Club.

BIKEDING HEARTS

To all students who are suffering from troubles affecting the heart or any other reason, now have the opportunity to tell your plaintive stories to Aunt Hetty of Bedford News who will answer them in her column. Identities will not be revealed.



NELSON'S COLUMN

Zoologists at I.C. have recently been engaged in investigating the fascinating spread of the dreaded Oriental Flu through the hostel. Before the graphs and statistics so obtained are published for the scientific world - in "The Foul Pest Fancier's Weekly", it is possible to describe the gist of their findings.

The germ spread like boredom through the Hostel, passing from President to President (indicating its chronic nature). Those who came to comfort the more attractive Official soon passed it on to others. This was particularly the case with those who have regular and personal contacts with I.C.W.A. - thus insuring its rapid spread along the corridor. By plotting the course of the malady, some very interesting inferences can be made. It is understood that personal threats made to the investigators will be ignored unless accompanied by cash.

The wife of the Mines Entertainment's Officer is, we hear, expecting a baby.

The wife of the last year's also had a baby while her husband held office.

Is this entertainment going to become a habit?

Quote from p. 17.
"The Sunday Express"
Nov. 2nd 1958

"Kensington girls by tradition, breeding, training, and temperament are as genteel, stodgy and utterly respectable mothers-to-be as can be found in any postal district on the globe".

N.H.S.

On Sunday morning, November 2nd, ten members of the Society (suitably clad) met on Epsom Downs for the first field excursion of this academic year. Led by Bob Sturrock, the party went over the Downs to Headley Village where it paused for lunch. It then continued over the Heath and approached Box Hill from the north-east, and most members finished the day descending the scarp by the shortest vertical route.

Despite the continual rain, the party really enjoyed (we are assured) the fresh air.

For Sale: 1937 Enfield 2500 cc o.h.v. motorcycle, crash helmet size 7½ and motorcycling coat. Walking is quicker but the last two are in good condition £12 the lot or separate offers.
Also trumpet and case £9 (will suit stone deaf hermit).
Apply to A. Davis via Union rack or internal phone 839.

ROUND & ABOUT

by Romulus

In a few days time it will be Morphy Day. This is the only official rag of I.C., so dress sensibly, arm yourselves with flour, come along and join in the fun.

Last week R.C.S. with due pomp and ceremony christened their new mascot 'Theta' in the middle of Imperial Institute Road in a bath of flames. This is now the chief trophy and will stand on a par in rags with Guild's 'Spanner' and Mines' 'Mich'.

2ND VARIATION ON A THEME

by Sig

After my last scribblings, many have asked "what are you trying to do?", some "what are you?" and many just "what?" Those I must answer are those who ask "why are you here?".

As a student in Social Insanity wherebetter could I have come for my Postidiocy Course? Your fame has spread like syrup on a bathroom floor and it is my intention to comment on the more interesting things to be found within (and on) your walls.

There are interesting types too, those who, never having seen a woman before, behave as the zoologist with a new specimen - they try pickling as a means of investigation; those who, overcome by the novelty of work are never heard of again. Some have said that a Balanced Student exists somewhere - I doubt it. If he did, he would be as obvious as a member of staff at a student function.

Idiots abound, to be sure - the "Do-it-yourself" craze ensures that; "Teach yourself Schizophrenia" is the most borrowed book, the Encyclopedia Moronica the standard reference. No wonder the French refer to you as "L'universite" - pronounced "Looney-versity."

The lecturers here (the "nut-crackers") have the task of instilling utterly obscure nonsense into deaf minds. This is called Education. Education is to teach you wright and wrong. Thus, it is wright to quote the Prof.'s theories when talking to him, but wrong (and absurd) to apply them to the solution of a problem.

There is hope, however, for the phrase - "the Prof. can't insult me, I'm too ignorant" is indicative of the rising tide of independence of the men of I.C. Why, some have even been seen to choose the second item on the menu at mealtimes. Progress, we salute you!

APOLOGIA

Sig hears that the young lady he quoted last time is a little annoyed; she did at least provide a fillip to the column.

Usually my watch and the clocks in the Union are at a slight variance with each other. The Union clocks which are all electric, appear to be two minutes ahead of G.M.T. Apparently this is intentionally done to ensure that students get to lectures on time. I wonder whether this means that the bar opens a few minutes before time - and worse than that perhaps the bar closes before it is absolutely necessary!

Whenever I go to my pigeon-hole in the letter rack I have to wade through piles of old letters. I wonder if Messrs. Raine, Ramsay and Rees know how many letters are awaiting them. For a certain Mr. Remus in Guilds, there awaits three invitations to freshers' teas, some Commemoration Day literature, a letter telling him to be a good boy on Nov. 5th, a dirty postcard from Blackpool, an unsigned Union Card, and a couple of scented letters.

RCS ASSOCIATION

The R.C.S. Association intend to make this year, their Jubilee, a memorable one. At the Annual Dinner on Thursday, 27th November, the Guest of Honour is to be Sir Andrew McCance, F.R.S., whose links with the Imperial College date from 1908, the foundation year of the Association. It is also hoped to have present some of the family of H.G. Wells, the Association's founder and first president.



BO DRIVING ALONG THE BRIGHTON FRONT AFTER THE ANNUAL LONDON-BRIGHTON RUN

LADY LUCK

An occupation for which ICWA are not usually renowned is gambling. I am not suggesting any full-scale nocturnal poker sessions, although the smoke-laden, coffee-stained atmosphere generally associated with the third floor would be most conducive to such activities. refer rather to the football pools.

Perhaps lack of success has accounted for the omission of this pastime from the annals of ICWSC. However, th their efforts have at last borne fruit - an eminent mathematician has won the fabulous sum of £18 - 10 - the culmination, one suspects, of many hours of intense concentration over perms and combs, with slide-rule, black coffee and (dare one suggest it) a few pins?

So now the I.C. males will not only expect coffee from the tender hands of our beloved maidens, but also an accurat forecast of Saturday's vital statistics.

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BASKETBALL

Although a n innovation to Imperial College's athletic representation Basketball shows signs of being one of its strongest assets. Similarly the entry of an I.C. team into the U.L. League competition was a new venture and a worthy one, so far.

Scheduled to play Westminster College on Wed. 15th. Oct., we were denied the first taste of victory because of a last-minute hitch.- the opposition failed to turn up!- and we had to wait until the following Saturday before we made our debut.

The team that we were due to play, like ourselves, were newcomers to the League, and the match had, on paper, all the ingredients of a fine struggle. However, this was not to be, the Northern Polytechnic never troubled I.C., being unable to equal the speed and thrust of our attack, or resolute ness of our defence. The score at half-time reflected this with I.C. leading by 27 points to 7 points. In the second half we again proved our superiority and finally beat a very dependant team by 68 points to 16, to register our first win.

The Club's next opponents, Goldsmith's College, could have proved a stumbling block, for only the previous week had they been narrowly defeated by U.C., one of last years strongest teams, by the small margin of two points! With a few minutes of the first half gone, things were grim, because I.C. were ten points down and had yet to score. Luckily though they acclimatised themselves to the gym, and by half time had taken command of the game, having a lead of ten points. The second half proved rather robust and tempers became heated but despite all this I.C. won by 50 to 28.

Our next match resulted in a much closer fight, and it was not until the second half that I.C. got the better of L.S.E. The final score was 33 to 22.

A great percentage of this success goes to I.C.'s captain, Jack Fryer, who has been top scorer in all three matches. His grand total now stands at 66 points out of 151 points. Mike Barron (with 32 points) and Tony Hird (with 31 points) have also played well in attack, while Steve Robertson has performed well in defence.

Before ending this report, I should like to mention that like all new ventures Basketball is having its teething troubles, but more support could eliminate these. You do not have to be 7 feet tall, (though it is a great asset!), and lack of inches is no disadvantage. So why not come along to the Gymnasium any Thursday after lectures.

JUDO

I.C. Judo Club had a good start to their season, when they comfortably defeated the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in a home match held on Wednesday, the 22nd of October.

I.C. won 5 bouts and drew 2 out of 7.

GUILDS FRESHERS
DINNERS

The series of five Guilds Fresher's Dinners, completed last Friday, constituted something of a marathon for the organisers, the last being held in the aftermath of the Commem. Day Ball.

The dinners were held departmentally this year which gave an interesting demonstration of departmental character from the Civils, solid and convivial from communal activity at Silwood, to the Chemical, almost barbaric in their immaturity, so that even the presence of Professor Dankwerts G.M. could command little respect.

The President repeated more or less the same speech on all five occasions, his success varying with the relative barbarity of the audiences.

Humour was usually forthcoming from one or other of the speakers but the President made no formal efforts in this direction; no doubt feeling that five successive recitations of the unauthorised version of "Daniel in the Lions Den" in the bar afterwards were sufficient penance. Certain regular inhabitants of the bar seemed to share this view. On each occasion the Spanner was received with great enthusiasm, proceedings being closed with the traditional "Boomalaka".

After the first Friday dinner, the Spanner was taken on an outing to Bedford College by a group of Civils under the leadership of Jolyon Howe.

Bedford's Social Secretary expressed her desire to dance with the Spanner rather than the President, but compromised by dancing with both, after being told that the spanner can't dance.

Laurels are due to Peter Foster of the Old Centralians for his smooth and witty speaking at the first dinner and to the three Freshers who replied to toasts at very short notice.

MOTORING



COLUMN

Eleven R.C.S. men assembled outside Jez's garage at 7 a.m. on the wet morning of Sunday, Nov. 2nd. to undertake what 50 years ago would have been a perilous journey - a trip from London to Brighton. Jez behaved perfectly, doing a steady 20 m.p.h. up and down hills - all top gear work.

She pulled up at a garage for petrol when Bo' passed, sounding extremely healthy. He was seen overtaken to the sounds of the fire-bell. There was another stop for coffee and warmth before Brighton was reached in a very good time. Bo' arrived half an hour later, having had a trouble-free - if somewhat wet - journey.

After a wash and dry-up in the Corporation Boiler house, the crew moved to Clarges Hotel for an excellent dinner with the Guilds Motor Club. In the meantime the Dennis' Apprentices' fire engine had arrived on the front. This is a machine similar to Jez, built in 1914, still complete with pump, but fitted with pneumatic tyres.

Bo' took part in the parade of the Veterans after which she set out with Jez and an attending convoy of Guildsmen for the White Horse in Dorking. As Bo' had to have frequent stops to change plugs, Jez continued on her own, arriving in Dorking an hour before Bo'.

Sixteen damp hours after starting Jezebel returned to College with the male choir going strong all the way from Dorking.

COMING EVENTS.

Friday 7th Nov.

Photo. Soc. "High Speed Photography" by R.A. Chipperdale. 5.15 p.m. Botany Lecture Theatre.
Dram.Soc. A rehearsed reading of "The Cocktail Party" by T.S.Eliot. 7.15 p.m. Concert Hall. Admission free.

Monday 10th Nov.

Christian Union. Open Meeting. 1.15
Metallurgy Lecture Theatre.

Tuesday 11th Nov.

Nat.Hist.Soc. "Villainous Saltpetre" by Dr. J. Meiklejohn. 5.30 p.m.
Wine Tasting Soc. "Claret" S.P.E. Simon.
General Studies "Education in the U.S.S.R." by Prof. V.P. Glushkov.
"The Composer's Problems" by Geoffrey Bush, M.A.

Wednesday 12th Nov.

Railway Soc. All day visit to Tyseley M.P.D. and Birmingham Railway Carriage and Wagon Co.
Dram.Soc. Theatre outing to "Five Finger Exercise". Those interested please sign list on notice board.

Friday 14th Nov.

Photo.Soc. Colour group meeting
5.15 p.m. Botany Lecture Theatre.

Tuesday, 18th Nov.

Railway Soc: Presidential Address by Prof. J.M. Kay. 5.40 p.m. Room 161, C. & G.
General Studies "Propulsion for Artificial Satellites" by Prof. H.D. Baxter, M.I.Mech.E.
"The Enjoyment of Music" by Antony Hopkins.

Wednesday, 19th Nov.

Dram. Soc. Theatre party to "The Elder Statesman". Those interested please sign list on noticeboard.

Thursday 20th Nov.

Film Soc: "The Caine Mutiny".
General Studies "The Men of Power, 1930-1939" by David Thomson.
"The Poet and the Public" Patric Dickenson.

SPORT

EDITED BY K.W. LUDLAM.

RUGBY

The first team have continued their unbroken record with a 14-3 win against Rosslyn Park A; A 21-5 win against Charing Cross Hospital, in which an early lead by Charing X provided the requisite needle, and finally last Saturday a 49-0 win against Worthington.

After last Saturday's game the happiest man in the club was Dick Coates, the 2nd. team captain. The team resoundingly defeated the Wasps 4th. XV. No one member can be singled out as it was essentially a team effort. The forwards dominated the loose play and gained possession of the ball time after time. The backs, taking advantage of this, set up attack after attack, swinging the ball smoothly along the 1 line. Four tries came from the wing threequarters, and a further one by a cross-kick from the wing. In short, the team 'clicked' and the result was an exhilarating game both to play in and to watch.

The junior teams are meeting with mixed success but are suffering from the weakening caused by injury and unavailability higher up.

FENCING

Wed. Oct. 28th.

The first match of the season was against Reading University. The final result was a win for Reading by 15 bouts to 10. This result, however, belies the actual close nature of the individual bouts.

The Sabre win was promising as this is the first time in recent years that we have fielded a sabre team.

The results are:-

	Reading	I.C.
Foil	11	5
Sabre	4	5

	Foil	W	L	Sabre	W	L
1. J. Nickalls	3	1	1. J. Nickalls	2	1	
2. J. D. Hill	1	3	2. D. S. Turner	1	2	
3. D. S. Turner	1	3	3. P. English	2	1	
4. P. English	0	4				

Fri. Oct. 30th.

This match against Q.M.C. resulted in a fairly easy win for I.C. by 18 bouts to 7.

The details were:-

FOIL	I.C.	12	Q.M.C.	4
	W	L		
1. J. Nickalls	4	0		
2. I. D. Hill	3	1		
3. D. S. Turner	3	1		
4. P. English	2	2		
SABRE	I.C.	6	Q.M.C.	3
1. J. Nickalls	2	1		
2. P. English	2	1		
3. D. S. Turner	2	1		

HOCKEY

The first weeks of the new season have been very fortunate ones for the I.C.H.C. They have brought with them success in several spheres of the clubs activities

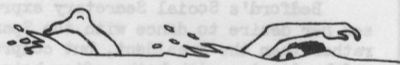
Increased support has enabled a regular 4th. XI to be fielded on Saturdays, and the rapidity with which the places in the Sunday mixed XI are filled surpasses even the most popular of last years matches. This was a long-to-be-remembered fixture with Messrs. Guinness and Son. Ltd. (away)

Competition for the 1st. XI has become keener this year and apart from the obvious advantage to the team itself this has also added greatly to the prestige of the 2nd. XI. A recent feather in the cap of the 1st. was their convincing defeat of the U.L. 2nd. by 4 goals to 1.

The importance of the regular 4th. XI, to the higher teams and the club in general, cannot be overstressed and it is very gratifying to see the keenness with which it is being supported. The promise of financial assistance from the A.C.C. has made it possible to arrange regular fixtures for this team, and it is only to be regretted that because of lack of club funds they will have to play in white shirts.

For the record:- The 1st. XI have won 4, drawn 1, and lost 1, scoring 16 goals and conceding only 5.

SWIMMING



I C WIN GALA

At a swimming match at New Cross, I.C. were comfortable winners with 68 pts.; Kings were second with 51 pts., and Goldsmiths third with 19 points. I.C. won the Medley Relay, and were second in the Freestyle relay. The Harford-Loveman combination again secured firsts in the back and breast respectively, whilst newcomer Shorey made an impressive debut in winning the butterfly. These swimmers were ably supported by Wilson, Hills, Allcock, Webb and Post. On the results of the Gala, two freshers, Allcock and Wilson were chosen for the University second team.

The Polo teams have not been so successful. The first team has undertaken an ambitious programme against strong London League opposition, and have so far not quite made the grade. The experience gained from this higher class polo will undoubtedly prove beneficial eventually. The match against Southgate II was lost 5-0 and that against Stoke Newington 9-2, Hart and Mears scoring for I.C.

The second team, consisting mainly of freshers, has lost its first two matches, both by the odd goal, and it appears as if we can expect better results in the future. At Malet st., they lost 8-7 to L.S.E., with Larsen & Wilson 2, and Lovering scoring. In their first home match they lost 2-3 to N.E.C. with Wilson and Lovering scoring.



CROSS COUNTRY.

At Mitcham on Oct. 22nd. the team result was :- 1st. I.C. (1) 116; 2nd. Kings 141; 3rd. L.S.E. 282; 4th. I.C. (2) 301. This was a 'mob match' to which each college took as many men as possible and the great numerical strength of I.C. is shown by the fact that we finished a second team of 10 men, which no other college in London appears able to do. The first I.C. men home were:- 1. John Collins, 2. A Larkum, 5. J. Bernard, 9. A. Brown, 11. M. Barber, 12. G. Tilly Collins' time for the rather wet 6½ mile course was 34:23.

Sat. 25th. Oct. was the date of the University trials, over 6½ miles at Hampstead, and I.C.C.C.C. made no mistake in showing the University which is the best college, having six men in the first nine. They were:- 2. J. Collins, 4. D. Briggs, 5. A. Larkum, 7. J. Cleater 8. A. Brown, 9. J-F Jaeger. Looking at these results we can be reasonably confident about the U.L. Champs. It will be interesting to see whether our second team can beat any of the 'big five' college first teams!

Four days after the trials, Borough Road College were our guests at Petersham for a match with I.C. (2) and I.C. (3). The team result was:-

1. I.C. (2) 43 pts.
2. Bor. Rd. 78 pts.
3. I.C. (3) 130 pts.

The first I.C. men home were:- 1. G. Tilly (29:51); 2. J. Bernard (29:54); 4. P. Rayment (30:54). It is interesting to see that all the scoring men in the I.C. third team finished ahead of the last scoring Borough Road man.

Last Saturday the U.L. teams ran against Cambridge, and I.C. provided 3 men in each team. The U.L. first team offered a heavy defeat, however the U.L. second team were more successful. On the same day a much weakened I.C. team travelled to Hayes where they narrowly lost to Lloyds Bank, but defeated Lensbury A.C.

1. Lloyds 42;
 2. I.C. 49;
 3. Lensbury 103;
- I.C. positions were:
5. G. Tilly, 6. M. Barber, 8. J. Bernard, 9. P. Rayment, 10. Manson, 11. Clifton, 12. Hammonds.

SQUASH CLUB

The first team have made an impressive start to the season and, to date, have maintained a 100% record. The team shows great promise and should have its most successful season for several years. C.R. Evans, the first string has been selected for the University 1st V and it is also hoped that we will supply two members of the University 2nd V.

On our two visits to Cambridge we beat Sidney Sussex 3 to 2 on October 18th and Queen's 4 to 1 on November 1st. Other successes gained have been over our old rivals U.C. by 4 to 1 and S.O.A.S. by 5 to 0.

The second team is still rather unsettled and, after starting the season with a good win over R.W.C. 1st V, lost narrowly to U.C.H. It is hoped that when the team becomes settled it will prove to have a record comparable with that of the 1st.