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THE MORPHY MUDLARK



FIERCE FIGHTING ON THE HOME FRONT

Did you return from Morphy Day perfectly dry and/or complete with trousers? If so you were indeed fortunate. An abnormally high Spring-Tide, coupled with a surfeit of enthusiasm resulted in one of the wettest Morphy Days for years. In contrast to the usual haphazard brawling, there was evidence this year of efficient organisation, which allowed the maximum amount of harmless (!) enjoyment for the combatants and obviated the intervention of the local police.

Mines, handicapped as usual by numerical inferiority, evolved a plan X to ensure the safety of their mascot Mich (see Page 4 for further details). R.C.S. were displaying their newly christened thermometer Theta for the first time. Guilds' faithful Spanner was again braving the fearsome elements - the primeval forces of Nature: Fire(works) Earth(clods) and Water(buckets of) together with the ingenuity of R.C.S.

The day undoubtedly went to Guilds, partly by superior tactics and partly by sheer weight of numbers. In addition to the inevitable barrage of flour and mud, R.C.S. were further disconcerted to find themselves subjected to an ignominious assault from decaying, fly-blown pears. Indeed, some of their number taking exception to this putrifying presence, were rather glad of their impromptu bathe in the swollen Thames.

The Presidents were transported as usual to the scene of the crime by their respective chariots Bo, Jez and Clem: the advent of the latter was followed by the most amazing sight of the afternoon. Graham King, the Mines President, began to wade knee-deep into the water, with umbrella aloft (it wasn't even raining at the time) and perched upon a fence, the floodwaters swirling about his feet. This peculiar behaviour was motivated by the arrival of the Miners' launch, which eventually took him aboard. Unfortunately Graham is endowed with little sense of the dramatic, for he did not fall in: anyone with the merest streak of artistry would have done so.

An official declaration of war, and the 'Battle of the towpath bridge' began. After bitter fighting, Theta was captured by the Guildsmen, who then staged a strategic withdrawal, triumphantly flourishing their booty aloft. A truce was called on this unholy struggle for the purpose of cheering the crews in the Lowry Cup race, in which R.C.S. pipped Guilds by a small margin. The activities in the intervening period between this and the Morphy race might adequately be termed "aqua-sport". Fortunes varied from the sublime - Mr. Leston flung bodily into the Thames, emerging, and being flung back again; to the ridiculous - a pathetic figure clutching two halves of a pair of sodden jeans and protesting weakly: "It's not cricket, you know." How right he was.

Kandra, the lovely Queen of Jez, could resist the advances of the determined Guildsmen no longer and was spirited away into their alien midst. Enraged at this dastardly move, R.C.S. launched a vicious counter-attack, and even the superior numbers of the Guildsmen could not withstand the fury of the onslaught. Dave Clark was isolated and ceremonially jettisoned

THE SEQUEL

If any of you happened to be walking along Exhibition Rd. at 7.0 a.m. on the 13th, you would have witnessed a strange sight - the President of R.C.S. pulling a handcart, pushed by Mr. Garnett, who, in turn, was pushed by the Editor. Obviously some pertinent explanation is called for.

The previous night, i.e. Morphy night, a band of R.C.S. revellers were racking their besotted brains for some appropriate method of ending the celebrations. Quite by chance they came upon an old car resting wearily against the Roderic Hill Building. How nice, they thought, if this could be overturned in front of Guilds. Accordingly, they propelled the vehicle thence and swept it into a tidy heap on the steps. To complete the operation, they roped off the area, planted a few pickaxes amongst the wreckage and surrounded it with red lamps; then the culprits disappeared.

All was silence - the lamps tinting the stream of petrol meandering lazily in the direction of the Underground Station.

The advent of the porter was followed by the police and a fire-engine, to wash off the petrol from the pavement. A dishevelled labourer, who professed ownership of the car informed the officer that he thought it must have been a student prank - as if they needed telling!

At 6.40 a.m. that Thursday morning, the first floor phone shattered the delicate silence of the Hostel: the night watchman wished to inform the President that, unless certain ropes, pickaxes and lamps were returned by breakfast time, I.C. was going to be prosecuted - Hence the unprecedented early morning exercise.

into the unfriendly Thames. The dripping Presidential coat gave a few curt orders and, in next to no time, the opposing President was spewing fish and fungi from the same waters.

Dave Clark, perhaps feeling that he was unsuitably attired for a further dip, changed his clothes and was accordingly returned to the overstocked river. The lot of a President is indeed arduous.

The end of the Morphy cup race appropriately terminated the afternoon's Entertainment.



GENERAL STUDIES

THE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

Mr. Heathcoat Amory, in his summary of the economic outlook at home and abroad, presented an optimistic picture of our future prospects, but at the same time he stressed that we must not lapse into complacency.

All efforts of the Governments since the war to put our economy on a firm basis have been frustrated by inflation, until recently: the rising crisis last Autumn was largely due to influences abroad, but it was countered by the 7% bank rate and the top priority given to the elimination of inflation. There has also been a fall in import prices which has more than balanced our fall in exports, and the result is the best situation for sterling since the war: our gold and dollar reserves have risen by £4,700M during the last year (partly achieved by a loan of £70M and by a lapse of payments to the U.S. and Canada), and sterling debts have been reduced by £300M.

Internally, the Chancellor's aims are threefold:

- to maintain the strength of sterling
- to keep prices stable.
- to maintain the highest possible level of production and employment.

Here he took the opportunity of appealing to his audience to stop eating potatoes, as these were the one item most likely to rise in price due to the bad crops this year!

The greatest danger is the increase of wages, dividends and profits: the former have risen by 4% over the last year, which is a higher figure than that for the cost of living or the rise in production: if this occurs during the next year we are likely to be priced out of the world markets, for at the moment industrial production is 4% lower than last year, and is unlikely to improve in the next few months.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Fewer Guildsmen than usual participated in the procession this year, as the majority of the floats were manned by the Territorials. So and a supporting company assembled, as they are wont, on Ludgate Hill where they entertained the crowd in the inimitable fashion we have come to expect: to quote the DAILY EXPRESS "a crowd of students on Ludgate Hill put the soldiers out of step....."

The new Lord Mayor received the loyal greetings of City and Guilds College through the sonorous medium of a Boomalaka.

After the procession, C & G paid a visit to that small place in the Strand, but finding little of interest, left for L.S.E. But not before Mary and Jane had casually removed the King's flag, and a trouserless resident had been looked into the girls common-room.

Also, the national figure of 2.3% for unemployment is low in comparison with that for most other countries. This is a serious problem because of its concentration in certain areas such as South Wales and Mersey side: on this subject Mr. Amory said that while the Government extended grants to industries settling up in areas of high unemployment, he did not think it was his responsibility to maintain the size of any particular industry - we must develop new industries according to demand with the labour force from the old ones, and leave the simple manufacturing processes to less developed countries.

In answer to a question on Government controls, the Chancellor replied that direct controls lead to hoarding and hence achieve a different result to that intended: it was better for him to encourage the productive industries rather than the consumptive ones, and to reduce the bank rate as far as possible.

To another question about agriculture, he gave three reasons for the fact that it (in coming with steel) is a favoured industry: in two world wars we have nearly starved to death, the economic consideration dictated by an un-balance of payments, and the social reason of maintaining a balance between town and country. The Government subsidy ensures that the Public doesn't pay more than world prices for food.

In conclusion Mr. Amory repeated his belief in a free economy: decisions are better taken by the men in control of industry than by a minister in Westminster.

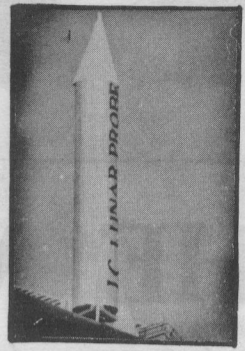


THE GUILD'S FLOAT

Seeing the maddening horde approaching, L.S.E. barred their gates and so the Guildsmen retired to the Embankment. An advance party infiltrated into the enemy's camp and a determined attack was made on their Union. Fierce fighting ensued but the entrance to "Beaver" was blocked by an impregnable wall of fire-extinguishers. Finding that their strength was being wasted, the attackers withdrew, and after a few Parthian shots descended upon a hostelry for purposes of recuperation.

News was later received of the unfortunate Guildsman who became isolated from the main body during the fighting. He was transported, trouserless, into Piccadilly Circus and released therein. His appearance provoked considerable speculation among the residents, but their worst fears were confounded when he immediately caught a taxi back to I.C.

SABOTAGE



The annual conflagration and hopeful burning of "Clabby" (in effigy only) was overshadowed by the I.C. Lunar Probe - a splendid, gleaming machine installed on a launching pad in the centre of open ground.

The rocket launching was complete down to the last detail - periodic announcements over the loudspeaker systems were accompanied by realistic taped sound-effects, intended to build up anticipation towards zero-hour, 9.30. They were also necessary to warn people away from the infernal machine - considering the contents and the preparations that went before it, a very necessary precaution, as denizens of the first floor had come to know for some 14 days previously.

Between them, the Chairman of the Entertainments Committee and an ex-President of the Dram.Soc, produced the biggest smog ever known at I.C., together with periodic detonations which left shattered nerves and blackened ceilings. Finally when the experimenters were satisfied the rocket was assembled - the main charge being a waste bin of gunpowder (and, it is rumoured, 2 gallons of petrol). Hence the warning.

When the long-awaited count-down was carried out, the rocket produced very little in the way of a show - the sound effects far surpassing the visual. After a hurried investigation, an announcement was made that a re-test of the rocket would be carried out: before most people had a chance to look in the right direction, Harlington, (and probably London Airport too) was shaken by an explosion that Woomera would not be ashamed of.

Why, after such preparations and calculations, had the rocket misfired? It was not the fault of button-pusher John Sheldon, be assured of that. Sabotage was the answer. The button closed the circuit not to the Probe, but to an inferior version strapped to its side - attached by person or persons unknown, under the impression that it is very funny to ruin the result of hard and devoted work, and all the more funny when such sabotage is carried out with such a large and appreciative audience.

To those who made the Probe, congratulations - at least the final explosion was spectacular enough; to those who attempted sabotage, try to show more intelligence and a sense of occasion.



THE HUXLEY SOCIETY

The addresses read to the Huxley Society this term have distinguished themselves by an extraordinary lack of clichés, and the ensuing discussions have generally been very lively. The "Challenge to Christianity" scheduled for delivery by Mr. J.B. Coates turned into a challenge to Humanism: while casting doubts on various basic tenets of Christianity, the speaker held that Humanism was failing in its task of providing a set of moral values suited to the present day. Ethics and politics could not be separated, as the Church seemed to think; the fundamental political issues of our day are ethical, and the Humanists should lead the way.

Almost the entire audience at the joint meeting of the Huxley Soc. and the S.C.M. took part in the discussion on the Lambeth Conference. While the results of the Conference seemed to betoken a more humanistic attitude on the part of the Church, the Christians resisted attempts to convince them that the Bible should be done away with. Heathens who preferred a more humanistic replacement - e.g., a concensus - tended to get slaughtered.

Dr. Charles Bibby, whose biography of T.H. Huxley should appear next April, gave an entertaining and interesting address on the subject of "T.H. Huxley, Scientist and Humanist". T.H.H. had left school at an early age and did not go to university; nevertheless, or consequently, he developed into a man of great character and vast intellectual stature. Among other exploits, he engaged in duels with Mr. Gladstone in the columns of THE TIMES, the then Prime Minister usually emerging very much the worse for wear, in spite of the fact that Huxley's letters were not infrequently returned for toning down before the Editor would dare to print them.

In Dr. Bibby's opinion, Huxley would have thought very little of the present set-up of I.C. In 1881, part of the function of R.C.S. was to train Science teachers, and Huxley considered this a vital rôle. His views on education were quite definite, and admitted by his clerical antagonists to be sound; they are to a large extent embodied in our present day educational system.

COMMENT

Incidentally, the 1958-59 Calendar refers to Huxley as a vigorous supporter of the "broader policy" of "the diffusion of science generally as applied to productive industry". This is a most novel concept of "broad", and the Administration is to be congratulated on what is probably the first original idea it has had since Huxley died. While the hacks who compiled this "Short History of the College" have credited Huxley with "ideas and personality", they have carefully omitted any mention of what these ideas were (apart from the nonsense quoted above), even though his views on the training of teachers, for example, were implemented in the curriculum of the Normal School of Science. His ideas were too unconventional to last.

P.H. Levin.

BEEES IN YOUR BOTANY

Ted Hill, a well-known figure in the Geology Department, is a Laboratory Superintendent but it was not for this that our contemporary THE TIMES chose to publish his photograph.

He is posed, next to his beehive, on top of the Botany Building! "in the background is the Albert Hall over which the bees fly on their way to the park". With things like bees kept under our very noses (as it were) it is high time that the presence of any other strange creatures was brought to the notice of the students.



On the afternoon of 5th Nov. as a result of a well organised raid, carried out by a number of geologists, the "barrot" was abducted from N.E.C., brought back to South Kensington, painted in the colours of the Royal College of Science and displayed the following day in the entrance hall of R.C.S.

It was proposed that Mr. Heathcoat Amory, who was giving a lecture that lunch hour, would be asked to autograph this weird specimen, but this did not materialise.

An attempt by Guilds to steal the object was forestalled by its removal to the hostel, since this would only have resulted in a fight, causing no doubt, as other inter-college rags have done in the past, a great deal of damage; as well as disturbing a rather distinguished visitor.

THE CARROT

Having heard well-founded rumours that a horde of maddened N.E.C. men were about to descend upon the College the "Carrot" was therefore sent off immediately to Kew Gardens, - for classification.

The N.E.C. men, on arrival were informed of the fate of their beloved mascot and departed in peace, their President being officially informed by 'phone.

With the "Carrot" was dispatched the following letter:-

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed one large carrot discovered during a botanical expedition sponsored by the Royal College of Science Student Union of South Kensington.

Our botanical department suggest that the purple and silver colouration may be due to a sudden change of environment, whilst the letters R.C.S. appear to be an unusual photosynthetic phenomenon.

We are taking the opportunity of forwarding this specimen in the hope that your experts will combine to produce a comprehensive classification.

The carrot is the treasured vegetable of Northampton Engineering College, St. John St., Clerkenwell, Phone CLE 0201. We understand that you will be contacted by the above College who are eager to hear of your conclusions.

R. Emerson,
Vice-President R.C.S.

A reply was received the following Monday -

Dear Sir,

The remarkable vegetable referred to in your letter has arrived here. The curious colouration is not, as your botanical department surmises, due to a physiological cause, but is the result of the action of a pathogen commonly known as "rag", a somewhat common virus afflicting the youth of these realms. There is apparently no cure.

Dulce est desipere in loco.

Dr. N.L. Bor,
Assistant Director.

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We are producing a special 12-page bumper edition to mark the Christmas festivities. This will be on sale in a fortnight - PRICE 6d.

The increase in price is due to the extra printing involved. We stress the fact that the price of this issue will be 6d. as we are only too well aware of the financial inertia which prevails at Imperial College. Even now some people still express surprise when their offer of 3d. for FELIX is refused. (The price rose from 3d. to 4d. TWO YEARS AGO)

LIMERICK COMPETITION

FELIX announces his Annual Competition for the best limerick, beginning with the following first line:-

"A clever young student from Bow...."

CONDITIONS:

- (1) There shall be two classes - Printable and Un-printable.
- (2) The winners of each class will receive due reward.
- (3) No member of the FELIX staff, or any of their offspring, may take part in this competition
- (4) The result of the Competition will be announced at the FELIX dance tomorrow.

Entries to "FELIX" (Limerick Comp.) via Union Rack or Room 73, to arrive by 6.0pm. tomorrow.

TOMORROW IS THE CLOSING DATE

The following communication has reached us from the College Security Officer:-

STAFF AND STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LEAVE WALLETS, CHEQUE-BOOKS OR ANYTHING OF VALUE IN JACKETS, WHEN WORKING IN SHIRT SLEEVES IN LABORATORIES OR OFFICES.

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HOFFNUNG INTERPLANETARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd.

I have 4 tickets for the Hoffnung Interplanetary Music Festival for sale. The seats are in a box and cost me 12/6 each and all morning queuing. For sale singly or together, the tickets will go to the highest offer to reach me on the evening of Friday 21st.

David J. Irving.

IT'S WORTH KNOWING

Making his last appearance in London during this visit to England, Paul Robeson will be singing a programme of negro spirituals and popular ballads at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday evening, November 30th.

Also at the Albert Hall on the same afternoon, the Vienna Boys Choir is making a return visit: founded in 1498, this choir has now gained a reputation of being one of the best in the world. Their programme will include a musical version of Moliere's play, "The Silly Girls", in full costume, and a number of Austrian folk-songs.

Next Sunday at the Royal Festival Hall, Stefan Askenase will be playing a popular selection of piano works by Chopin.

Handel's Messiah is to be performed by the Henry Wood Festival Society at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, 25th Nov: the soloists, Elsie Morison, Kathleen Joyce, Richard Lewis and John Cameron will be well supported a large choir drawn from seventeen amateur societies.

Being given its first performance this season is Mozart's "Il Seraglio", at the Sadler's Wells Theatre on Wednesday next.

The trend of translating successful French productions into English and bringing them to London continues with the opening last Wednesday at the Piccadilly Theatre of "Hook, Line and Sinker": this is an adaptation by Robert Morley of Andre Roussin's "Le Mari, La Femme et la Mort", and the cast includes Mr. Morley and Joan Plowright.

LIKELY STORIES No 3

by Scaper

George O'Donovan made cockroaches. He didn't actually make very many, but they begat one another in the usual way and waxed very numerous. In due course, as was statistically inevitable, there evolved Arthur and Nelly, who were so scientifically minded that their families sent them off to I.C.

Now, the cockroaches didn't know that George O'Donovan made them, but they were shrewd enough to suspect that someone had and, in order to keep on his/her right side, it was their custom to sacrifice some of their number every Christmas. When Arthur and Nelly came home after their first term of scientific training, they suddenly realised how barbaric their fellows were. "You can't do this, it's not human" they protested. "Indeed?" remarked the High Priest, and he raised his eye-brows and sharpened his knife.

And it came to pass accordingly, that George O'Donovan looked out of his window and observed Arthur and Nelly on the verge of extinction, whereupon he arose in great wrath and smote the assembled multitude with a gross of thunder-bolts. When the holocaust had subsided, there remained only Arthur and Nelly who, without further ado, fled back to I.C. Which is why most cockroaches live in the Lower Refectory.

Two plays of well-earned popularity: "Dual of Angels", a different slant on the Rape of Lucrece, and set in Aix-en-Provence in the 19th Century is at the Apollo, Shaftesbury Ave., until December 6th: the cast includes Ann Todd, Vivien Leigh and Peter Wynyard.

Next door, at the Lyric, is another production with a truly French flavour: "Irma La Douce", set to music tells of a young law student's complications with a prostitute, and, were it not for the fact that anything French is forgivable, would be distinctly near the mark.

Booking has now started for the "West Side Story", a new American musical which opens in London (Her Majesty's) on December 12th: this is a rehash of Romeo and Juliet, enlivened by New York's gang warfare, and is supposedly the toughest musical ever to have come from America.

Within a stone's throw of I.C., and worthy of an hour's perusal, is the London Museum, adjoining Kensington Palace: here may be found collections of robes, tapestries and objets d'art illustrating the history and social life of London from the Middle Ages. The State Apartments of the Monarch during the 18th and 19th Centuries (the birthplace of Q. Victoria) may also be seen. Open Sundays 2-4 p.m. Ad. free.

PLAN X

Three men stood at a window, watching one flick of a newspaper from the man leaning against the wall opposite, and they were galvanised into action. Plan X was under way.

The date was November 12th, the object of the plan was to keep a certain "Mitchell Man" in a safe place, and yet be at Putney, and the zero hour was 1.40 p.m. At this time five men, one carrying a yellow, black, and white, rubber model, boarded a waiting car in Prince Consort Road, and drove off towards Hammersmith. Thirty-five minutes later they embarked on a fast launch at Hammersmith Pier, and made their way to Putney.

On the towpath two groups of the enemy were fighting one another; pears, thunderflashes, and smoke screens were being used by the dye stained savages.

After a little manoeuvring a wet President, who had arrived in his smoke belching Regal Chariot, was picked up from the railings, having waded across the flooded roadway. Immediately the Red Ensign was replaced by the flag of the Royal School of Mines, and "Mitch" proudly raised on high.

The launch was used as a mobile grandstand from which to watch the races. Maybe the Mines crew would have done better in the launch than in their shells.



LETTERS

ENGLISH

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read the contribution 'The Queens English' in your previous issue; I feel it brings out very well an attitude which is very prevalent in academic circles and one with which I disagree.

Starting by confessing uncertainty as to why we are here at all - which is understandable if he regards the 'Science & Technology' of our title as "Scientific irrelevancies" - your contributor continues to ask "What is an education?", concluding that it is a process aimed at turning the student into a 'benefit to humanity' - presumably on a plane with mains water and sewage farms, not a tool to enable the student to obtain a larger share of the good things of life - which is why most of us are here, if we bother to think about it.

Our training is aimed at enabling us to produce something which others will buy. Frequently this requires a jargon, almost a foreign language, among our colleagues for Queen's English is not a suitable tool - but we have only to say to our customer 'Here it is, it works'. If it does not work it is best buried without a report in impeccable English, for life is too short.

Language is, at best, an inadequate tool, a living thing which constantly changes to meet our needs but never catches up the flying thoughts it strives to express. We augment the written word with many forms of symbolic notation of which mathematics and the engineers drawing are perhaps good examples.

The only valid test of a word is does it express the required meaning? A sausage, a sossage or even a sozzidge are very similar under the skin, even Shakespeare spelt his own name in several ways.

Perhaps Humpty Dumpty went too far when he said "When I use a word it means just what I want it to mean", but every writer of a report should have always before him the next remark "The question is, which is to be Master - that's all".

Yours faithfully,

S.W.O. Ivermec.

Editors' Note:

Which conclusively proves Mr. Taylor's Point.

FOR SALE - 1956 B.S.A. D3 150 c.c. BANTAM MAJOR with s/arm rear suspension. Good nick, goes like the clappers. £60 o.n.o. - Wanted literature on Scotts (1937 approx.)

J.P. Billingham 2As.

KULCHER

Dear Sir,

- In various parts of your last issue it was revealed that -
- a) the College is overcrowded
 - b) the refectories are 'chronically' congested (It is often quicker to go to one of the cheap caff's around Gloucester Road, but the proletarian clientele is already complaining of overcrowding, and a spirit of revolution is in the air.)
 - c) many of the students are semi-illiterate.
 - d) the vast majority cannot take their drink like gentlemen, and
 - e) Mooney is steadily losing apparatus.

And Mr. Taylor is alarmed that the College no longer requires a pass at O-Level in Eng. Lang. So am I. As I see it, there are two possible solutions to our problems. The first is of course to make entrance requirements more stringent, preferably eliminating idiots, drunks and kleptomaniacs. To do this, O-Level Eng. Lit. and an unblemished Scouting record might be adequate. The second solution, which would only occur to a man of genius, would be to eliminate people like Literate John Taylor, Gentleman John Bramley and, above all, myself - I'm sorry I came, really. May I suggest that only those who have actually failed O-Level Eng. Lang. should be admitted.

Having wonderful time, wish you were here,

Fred (String) Wheeler.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Dear Sir,

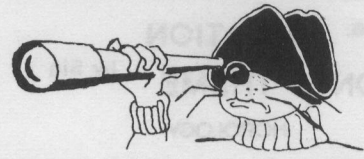
We the undersigned would like to suggest that there is a good case to be made for the inclusion of Constituent College Halls of Residence in the plans for the Princes Gardens site. We are concerned that at no stage in the development of these plans have the Constituent College Unions been consulted about a question which is so fundamental to their survival.

There is general agreement that smaller units are likely to command greater loyalties than the large and amorphous Imperial College Union. The controversy is concerned with the composition of these units. We suggest that the most effective division should take account of both our traditions and our learning, and we believe that we should preserve the status quo with regard to the Constituent Colleges.

The Colleges embody almost all of the tradition which is assembled under the name of Imperial College. There is no doubt in our minds that the separation of students into Halls of Residence on any arbitrary principle will mean the effective end of the Constituent Colleges. We believe that this would be a bad thing for the Imperial College.

We remain, sir,
Yours etc.

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| E.A. Warwicker | D.F. Butters |
| Graham King | F.D. Stevens |
| Peter Kassler | John A. Nation |
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NELSON'S COLUMN

Contrary to general opinion, it appears that somebody does read this column, for Nelson has received the following letter:-

Dear Sir,

I would like to correct an item of news which appeared in the last Nelson's Column. Firstly, Peter Scott became a father after his term of office as Entertainments Officer for Mines, and secondly, my wife has already had the baby which was reported as being expected.

R.S.M.U. Entertainments Officer.

This is a very interesting letter from Mr. Rsmu, especially the last information, which is unique, for this is the first known case of a baby being born before it was expected. Who said I.C. was backward?

One of the Editors is sharing a new girl friend called Belinda; he says that, although she's a bit slow to start, once hot, she turns over wonderfully.

We hear that there is a move to throw labourers out of the bar when they come in for a drink and ask to have their helmets filled. It seems that Scottie can't get the brim under the pump.



3RD. VARIATION ON A THEME by Sig HOPOLOGY

What is a "Hop"? According to the Encyclopaedia Moronica, it is not (as Rugby men will imagine) that dark lump that slides down the throat in a careless pint of Whitbread like a long-dead mouse, but a social gathering of doubtful significance where unusual physical behaviour-patterns and abilities are countenanced.

Thus, although it is "a bit off" to paw a partner at a private party, it is accepted that recreative wrestling and vertical gymnastics will be displayed at such a gathering.

Glassy-eyed, the anxious male, "Homo anticipans", licks his lips as he surveys the field before him. No jolly farmer even studied and prodded sheep more carefully than he, before the lucky victim is saluted with the traditional and time-honoured greeting: "Care to creep, Kid?" Grasping the controls he steers off at a dangerous angle, with out signals, trying hard not to tread on the pedals too often.

It is rare indeed, I find, as I wander unseen with my tape-recorder, notebook and camera team among the happy couples, to hear the old gambit "Come here often". No, the I.C. man has more inventive genius than this. Specimens I have recorded include -

"I work in a wind-tunnel, you know.."

"I have such a cosy room in the Hostel.."

".. well, I can tell you what part-henogenesis is not" and many more, all reflecting the many and varied interests of this College.

On second thoughts, perhaps they do not do that at all, perhaps the men of I.C. have something else in mind, who knows?

Go to the top floor and you will see a different phenomenon, resembling the fertility rites (or wrongs, perhaps) of the Sdos in their wild activity and athletic caperings; the delicate in mind will claim no hormonal or sexual significance here, but they are wrong - the whole business is a fallacy.

The zoologist is fascinated by the many varieties of "Snøggus athletic-ans" he can obtain here and, provided with notebook and sheltered by a life-reserver (some of the kicks are high and hard) he may wander to his heart's content amongst the happy natives, who ignore the intrusion.

In addition, the torpid can find comfort in the various lounges of the Union, a comfort marred only by the regrettable tendency for the lights to go out so that few couples can read last week's newspapers and this has ruined many an evening.

What happens after the Hop finishes officially has been a special study of mine - it varies with the hop and the closing hour. Although I.C.W.A. can rightly boast "We never close" without lisping, all good things must end sometime - on the average, normal conditions return by the following Saturday morning just in time, in fact, for the next Hop.

Sig will appear at the Felix Hop - Nov. 22nd., in the Union, to psychoanalyse any with troubles - two couches, no waiting.


Everyone else of the same name has asked me to point out that they are no relation to the other Mr. Leston.

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COMING EVENTS.

Weekend, 21-23rd Nov.
Mountaineering Club meet in N. Wales.

Saturday 22nd Nov.
BE SURE NOT TO MISS THE FELIX HOP: DANCE TO GOOD MUSIC IN ROMANTIC SURROUNDINGS FOR A PHENOMENALLY LOW PRICE.

Tuesday 25th Nov.
General Studies: "Archaeology and the Bible" by D.J. Wiseman, O.B.E.
"Looking at Sculpture" by Mrs. Renee Marcouse.
"The Violins" by Dr. B.W. Robinson.
Railway Soc. Presidential address by Prof. Kay.
Wine Tasting Soc. "Port", by B.C. Furler.

Wednesday 26th Nov.
Railway Soc. visit to L.T.E. Idlle Bridge Depot.

Thursday 27th Nov.
Joint meeting of the Exploration and N.H. Societies: report on the Norway expedition, with slides and photos. Parliament, with the Liberal Government in office, and the Socialists in opposition.
General Studies: "Britain Since 1851: Britain and the Widening World", by A.J. Taylor.

"Photography and Public Relations" by C.D.V. Knight.

Saturday 29th Nov.
Riding Club Hop, 7.30-11 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd Dec.
Railway Soc: talk by H.A. Vallance on "The Last Days of the L.B.S.C."
UNION MEETING.

Thursday 4th Dec.
UNION DEBATE.
Film Soc. "Italian Straw Hat".

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID IN THE PAST THAT "FELIX" LACKS ARTICLES OF FEMININE APPEAL. NOW A SPY HAS UNCOVERED A PLOT TO PUBLISH A MAGAZINE FOR WOMEN STUDENTS AT I.C. AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK HE HAS PROCURED ONE PAGE OF "FELINE" :-

CONTINUING OUR ROMANTIC SERIAL BY JOSIAH FUDGE...

'LOVE ME STILL'

EPISODE
2005



THE FIRST NIGHT.....

AT LONG LAST MIRIAM CAME TO HER SENSES. SHE DECIDED TO WATCH LORD ZOSH OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GRADED NAIL-OILERS AT GARAGE-STATIONS (NIGONS) ON TELEVISION. "AFTER ALL," SHE TOLD THE BATHROOM TAP, "IT IS

THE FIRST NIGHT I HAVE HAD OFF FROM WORK THIS WEEK".
DEAD.....

JUST THEN RODNEY STAGGERED IN... DRUNK, SHOT AND WITH HIS BOW-TIE CROOKED.

"IT'S ONLY A HEADACHE HE SAID, FOR HE KNEW THAT SHE HAD PLENTY OF ASPADS BUT NO FORCEPS. "YOU POOR (CONTD NEXT WEEK)

THE STORY SO FAR:

MIRIAM IS BEAUTIFUL AND POOR AND SO SHE IS ENGAGED TO RODNEY WHO IS UGLY AND RICH.

AT A PARTY MIRIAM MEETS FRED, A POOR BUT BRILLIANT ENGINEER. HE IMMEDIATELY SHOWS THAT HIS DRAWING-BOARD ISN'T THE ONLY THING HE HAS DESIGNS ON BY PRETENDING THAT HE THINKS THAT "CONSEQUENCES" IS PLAYED LIKE "POSTMAN'S KNOCK".

HE KISSES MIRIAM AND SAYS THEY WERE MEANT FOR ONE ANOTHER. SHE SEES THAT HIS COADJUDY SLACKS MATCH HER TINTED NYLONS AND BELIEVES HIM.

MEANWHILE, ON HEARING THAT THE CAT HAS EATEN THE CHRISTMAS DINNER, M^{RS} JALE HAS DIED OF SHOCK.

RODNEY LOSES HIS JOB, AND FRED LOSES HIS PANTS ON MORPHY DAY. SO FRED AND MIRIAM NOW HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON AND RODNEY HAS NO ATTRACTION FOR HER..... SHE CRIES.

NOW READ ON.....

SOCCER

The 1st XI, strengthened by four University Players, beat University College 4-2 in the 1st Round of the U.L. Cup on Wed. Nov. 8th, in a very keenly contested game at Harlington. Goals were scored for the College by Casemore (2), Coups and James (penalty). The 2nd Round will be played on Dec. 6th at Harlington, when C.E.M. will be the visitors and the Winners of this match will enter into the Semi-Final.

Since the cup game the 1st XI have beaten L.S.E. 2-1 and R.M.A. Sandhurst 4-1 and it is hoped that this winning form will be retained throughout the Season.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI's have done quite well in their matches, although disappointing results have been obtained in some League matches.

In their new League this year, the 5th and 6th XI's have both made very encouraging starts to the Season. The 5th XI must be congratulated on its unbeaten League programme.

The 7th XI is still continuing to run this term and with the present support in the club it looks like becoming a permanent fixture.

SQUASH CLUB

The first team has furthered its unbeaten record with three more victories. The matches against St. Catherine's College, Cambridge and Middlesex Hospital were both very close, I.C. winning both 3-2.

A visit to Oxford on Saturday, November 15th brought a much more decisive victory, Keble College being beaten by 5-0.

The second team has shown some improvement. They lost to C.E.M. 1st team 3-2 but were successful against Kings 2nd, 3-2.

C.R. Evans the first string has played for the University 1st team in both their matches and B.W.E. Avient and B. Haywood have played for the second team, also on two occasions.

The committee would like to draw attention to the coaching scheme which has now been started. The coaching is heavily subsidised and it is hoped that all members of the club will take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

The entry list for the Whitley Cup, the College individual championship, will be posted shortly and the first round will be played off before Christmas.

COME TO THE FELIX HOP

TOMORROW
JAZZ ATTIC
AT 7.30



"COFFEE FOR CATS"

ATHLETICS

The U.L. Winter Relays Competition, and Tjalve trophy for field events, took place on Wednesday 12th Nov. Conditions were not exactly perfect: a persistent drizzle hanging over a porridge track, with a mud bath in the middle, which soon had the throwers slipping badly, causing their implements to pursue rather erratic and dangerous directions.

In spite of Nature's aggression, performances were quite good for the time of year and the I.C. relay teams excelled themselves. Our sprint relay (4 x 110 yards) team, consisting of 3 freshers, took both the heat and final with contemptuous ease.

The club was 4th out of a large field in the long medley relay, but the race of the afternoon was the final of the (220 220 440) relay, before which I.C. was only 1 point behind St. Mary's College Hospital. Although on the last leg we had a load of 15 yards, the St. Mary's anchor, Norman Futter U.L. first string, eventually closed the gap to just beat us at the tape. Thus for the second year I.C. have just been beaten in these relays.

The field events were very disappointing for the club with many of our best men "otherwise engaged". Special thanks are given to those who keenly turned out at last minute notice. Consequently, I.C. were disgracefully 6th equal: but congratulations are expressed to our long and triple jumpers who saved the position from being even worse.

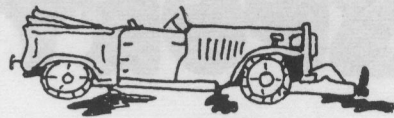
Despite a University Cross-country Race the previous day two members (A.E. Brown and J.H. Collins) of I.C. took part in a "Two-man-Ten-mile" relay at Hurlingham on Sunday morning.

Totalling 47 mins 17.6 secs for the distance they were second to a team from Battersea (46:55) - an average of 71 seconds per 440 yd. lap.

It is hoped to introduce more of these races in the near future. All athletes, who are interested, should keep an eye on the notice board.

FELIX HOP
PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW.

MOTORING



COLUMN

BRIGHTON RUN

The traditional weather of driving drizzle and cold winds greeted the start of the Veteran Car Club's Annual Run

Boanerges, running better than ever before, got off to a good start, just before 8 o'clock, fully laden with Mr. Moore, the C & G Motor Club Committee and Dave Clark - C & G President. A record turnout of police lined the route out of London and for once we were greeted with enthusiasm and respect by all. By the time we reached Streatham the rain had begun to penetrate and Dave Clark left us to return home + flask! But with Mr. Moore at the wheel and Brian Wellstead on the throttle we rocketed on, past red traffic lights, to the right of "Keep Left" signs, and everywhere with complete priority. At Thornton Heath Pond a Volkswagen dithered in front of us and we were forced to collide with its rear wing (which crumpled absorbing most of the impact). A quick inspection revealed no serious damage to Bo, so we changed drivers and were off again.

A few more stops - an inlet valve check, oil replenishment, and to free a jammed top gear - sufficed; and as the clocks were striking 12 o'clock we entered Brighton and signed off in Madeira Drive.

Then followed an admirable lunch at Clarges Hotel with 45 members of C & G and R.C.S. Motor Club present.

The afternoon saw more heavy rain for the Parade, but as we left the outskirts at about 5 o'clock the heavens at last relented and we fairly burnt up the back roads through Horsham to Dorking. Here again a large party of Motor Club members greeted us at the hospitable White Horse Inn.

At half past eight we left Dorking, echoing to a mixed cacophony of Jezebel's bell, Bo's exhaust, and cheering friends. After one long stop at Wimbledon, Bo eventually limped the last few miles home and reached Guilds at just on 11 p.m.

SAILING

In the hotly contested series of points races run by the U.L.Sa.C. three I.C. Boats are very well placed. In the first three races (each with thirty boats starting) our places have been

1st Race	2nd C.J. Farrow	(2091)
	3rd G. Taylor	(1325)
	6th C.J. French	(2168)
2nd Race	1st J. Wilczynski	(2091)
	2nd C.J. French	(2168)
3rd Race	5th G.C. Taylor	(1325)
	6th C.J. French	(2168)

So far two very close team races have been held. The college defeated Southampton University by 1/2 pt but lost by 1/2 pt to Reading University. The return matches at home are eagerly awaited.

SPORT

EDITED BY K.W. LUDLAM.

RUGBY

The 1st XV are continuing to enjoy a good season, having reached the second round of the U.L. Cup by defeating (quite convincingly) Chelsea Poly. They sustained their first defeat against Bridgwater by the narrow margin of 5-0. This is a very creditable result against such a strong team, bearing in mind that I.C. were without some of their key players.

The second team were also defeated for the first time last weekend, by London Welsh Dragons. This was by far their strongest fixture to date, having been moved up one side from last season. Next season the 1st XV will play the "Druids".

Last Saturday the 'A' XV, a side almost unchanged from that which was chosen, were unlucky to lose 6-8 to a fairly strong London Welsh 'A' XV. Two breaks in the first half gave the visitors an 8-0 lead. The second half saw the extra fitness of the college side come into play and the Welsh side were hard pressed to hold their lead. Taurins kicked two penalties.

The lower sides are enjoying mixed successes, but from all accounts they are enjoying their Rugby and are now entering into the 'Spirit' of the Club.

If anybody in the College would like to start playing Rugby, they would be very welcome. Their support is needed to enable us to field all of our teams each week, and in return we can guarantee their very pleasant Saturday evenings away from all the cares of the world.

BOAT CLUB

MORPHY DAY

The Lowry Cup was the first to be raced for on Wednesday. With the high tide flooding the towpath the crews paddled out to Hammersmith Bridge in poor visibility. It was evident right from the start that the race was between R.C.S. and Guilds; the Miners however putting up a gallant show. R.C.S. quickly went into a lead which they never looked like losing, eventually beating Guilds by one length.

A fast start was made in the Morphy Cup race, all three crews rowing well for about a third of the mile when R.C.S. crowded Guilds and the race had to be rerowed. A good start was again made, Guilds going into the lead and rowing a steady 32 with R.C.S. 34 and Mines 28. Mines were soon out of the race but R.C.S. held on a few feet behind Guilds. It seemed to be anybody's race until the boathouse where Guilds showed their power, to finish a length ahead of R.C.S. This well rowed race was one of the closest seen and certainly well worth watching.

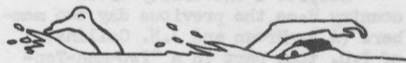
Nov. 5th	1st XV	v Chelsea Poly.	won 24-8
Nov. 8th	2nd XV	v U.C. 2nd XV	won 30-0
	"A" XV	v Esher "A"	lost 0-42
	Ex "A" XV	v Charing X Hospital	
		Ex A	won 31-0
	"B" XV	v Borderers	won 30-3
	EX B XV	v Sidcup "C"	lost 6-13
Nov. 12th	1st XV	v Royal Vets.	won 6-3
Nov. 15th	1st XV	v Bridgwater	lost 0-5
	2nd XV	v London Welsh Dragons	lost 8-19
	"A" XV	v London Welsh Ex "A"	lost 6-8
	Ex "A" XV	v London Welsh "B"	lost 3-8
	"B" XV	v Borough Rd. 2nd XV	won 23-3
	Ex "B" XV	v Southall Tech. 1st	lost 0-6
	"C" XV	v Kings College IV	lost 0-17

JUDO

On Sat. Nov. 8th I.C. Judo Club drew a closely fought match with Cambridge University. Out of 6 contests, J. Bowles won his, 4 were drawn and one lost.

On Sat. Nov. 15th I.C. entered a team of 5 in the British Universities Eliminations for the South Eastern Team. Three of our number fought their way into the Regional Team; the other two are reserves. The Captain, John Shepperd, did very well by beating the Cambridge Captain by a powerful Tawaza (Hand Throw), so that he now leads the Regional Team in the Finals on 29th Nov. at the Budakwai.

SWIMMING



The swimming section continued their undefeated run, and enhanced their chances of winning the University Championships again, beating KINGS by 33 pts. to 17 pts. Individual winners for I.C. were Harford, Loveman and Shorey, who had good support from Wilson, Alcock, Jones and Poet. A polo match followed in which I.C. beat KINGS by 5-2. Basham 2, Jones, Larsen, and Shorey, scoring for I.C.

Despite their success in inter-collegiate matches, the water polo team has yet to record a win, against London club opposition. Last week's visitors Richmond, defeated I.C. by 8 goals to 2. The I.C. team cracking in the second half of a very fast game. Both goals for I.C. were scored by Hart.

The next week, opposition was provided by a team of University players, who won a hard fought match by 5 goals to 4. Goals for I.C. were scored by Jones 2, Hart and Shorey.

The second team have yet to score their first victory, but at present, although a third division team, they have been forced to take on second division teams. As a result defeat is not entirely unexpected; in fact the team has done very well in loosing to more experienced opponents by narrow margins. Last week they lost 6-2 to L.S.E.; Mears scoring both goals for I.C.



CROSS COUNTRY.

The first team travelled to Birmingham on Nov. 8th to take part in the "Midlands Match", in which the major London Colleges ran against a number of Midland Universities. The result was highly satisfactory from our point of view - with I.C. 1st Birmingham 2nd and Manchester 3rd, with the other London Colleges well and truly beaten. The team scores were:

1. I.C.	72
2. Birmingham	83
3. Manchester	83
4. Kings (London)	197
5. U.C. (London)	215
6. L.S.E.	217

The I.C. team must be congratulated for this first-class performance. Their individual positions were:
4. Collins, 6. Briggs, 8. Larkum, 17 Jaeger, 18. Brown, 19. Cleator (in a field of 66).

On the same day the I.C. second and third teams easily defeated Goldsmiths College, the race being won by Warren, Huntley, Barker, Auton, James (I.C. taking the first six places). The captain appears in a very lowly place in the results of this race, but it should be mentioned that he was led astray and ran a mile too far. (What led him astray?!).

The following Wednesday, I.C. defeated Q.M.C. at Petersham by 32 pts. to 50. The first six I.C. positions were:
1. A. Brown and G. Tilly (equal, 29:55); 4. Bernard; 7. Hammonds; 8. Warren; 10. Sandoz.

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, I.C. defeated U.C., but were beaten by a strong Vale of Aylesbury A.C. team. The I.C. team was, of course, weakened by the fact that our 6 best men were running for U.L. against Oxford. The numerical strength of the Club this year is shown by the fact that we had 17 men in this race. The first six I.C. positions were filled by 4. Tilly, 7. Bernard, 8. Gilbert, 10. Rayment, 13. Hammonds, 14. Mansca.

London University were narrowly defeated 32-47 by Oxford, but we congratulate John Collins of I.C. who was the first London man home, in 4th place, only 20 secs. behind the winner. Briggs finished 10th and Larkum 13th for the U.L. 1st team. In the second team match Oxford beat London 40-62; the three I.C. representatives, Jaeger, Cleator and Brown finished 7th, 9th and 12th respectively.

We hope all SPORTSMEN will come to the 'FELIX' HOP.