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THE CARNIVAL

On Saturday, May 9th, the Annual W.U.S. Carnival will again be held in the grounds of Bedford College. It has already been decided that the Carnival should consist of a Float Procession through the West End (with Police permission) and a Garden Fete involving stalls, sideshows, performances by jazzbands etc., and a fancy dress competition.

W.U.S. have given their permission for the Carnival to be organised by the U.L.U. Executive, and this is a move to erase memories of an organized chaos, and the first decision has been that the Carnival should have a theme; namely,

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

Last year, for the first time, the I.C. Union made a determined effort to outdo all the other London Colleges, and we succeeded. Consequently, the Union is again gearing itself for the coming event, which provides an excellent opportunity to really show the rest of the University exactly what I.C. can do - not only on the sports field, but in other spheres.

Details will be announced both at the I.C. Union Meeting and at Constituent College Union Meetings, and W.U.S. - Carnival Committees are being formed in order to complete the detailed preparations. These will be represented on an I.C. Union W.U.S. - Carnival Committee under the chairmanship of Michael Newson, the U.L.U. Rep. to make this Carnival another Imperial College success.

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CHARITY PLANS

The success of the I.C. contribution in the forthcoming W.U.S. Carnival ties in with another plan which I shall now outline. The comment has often been made that I.C. Union does nothing for charity. Although this is not strictly correct I have been of the opinion for several months past that we could certainly do more. Consequently, St. George's Hospital has been contacted with view to endowing an Imperial College Bed in that hospital. This would cost approximately £1,000 or the equivalent spread over several years.

Naturally, we cannot afford to write out a cheque for this amount, and, in addition, it would not mean a great deal.

The I.C. Union will therefore organize, commencing in the Summer term of 1960, an Annual Garden Party and Fete. The object will be to raise money to endow a bed in St. George's Hospital, as outlined above, and the Fete will be held, with the permission of the Rector, in Prince's Gardens. The idea is not to raise all the money from the students but from local residents and shopkeepers etc. This will commence on a Monday, and the fete will be held on the Saturday afternoon of the same week, concluding with a dance in the evening.

Although the College 'vehicles' will be on the road, this will NOT be another Field Cup Day, nor a Rag Day, but will be an I.C. Fete, and for once we shall know the exact destination of the money that we raise. I shall very soon be contacting the Presidents of other Colleges and Universities in this country in order to benefit from their experience, but this does not mean that I do not want your ideas. Anyone with experience of such an event, or with ideas, however small, is invaluable if this venture is to be a success.

R. H. T. GARNETT
President, I.C.U.

DEATH OF A FRIEND

The death of Mr. F.W. James on the 26th. of last month, at the untimely age of 48, has deprived this college of a well-known and liked figure. His loss will be particularly felt by the overseas students, in whom he always took a great interest.

Francis Wogan James came to the College in 1930, on a Royal Scholarship from Haverford West. He graduated in Chemistry in 1933. In 1936, he became Research Assistant in Highway Engineering.

He was of the opinion, however, that he could be of more use as an interpreter of other peoples work and applied for the post of Assistant Librarian. Within a short time, he was Librarian of the Unwin Library.

In 1941, he joined the Army and served in the RASC, RAOC and as Captain in the REME - he was especially concerned with electrical circuits, and radar, in particular.

Mr. James returned to the College in 1946, to re-apply his great knowledge and ability to interpret literature. Since 1952, he has been the Treasurer of the the A.C.C. and since October, 1958, he was the Chief Librarian of the College in charge of all the individual libraries.

UNION MEETING

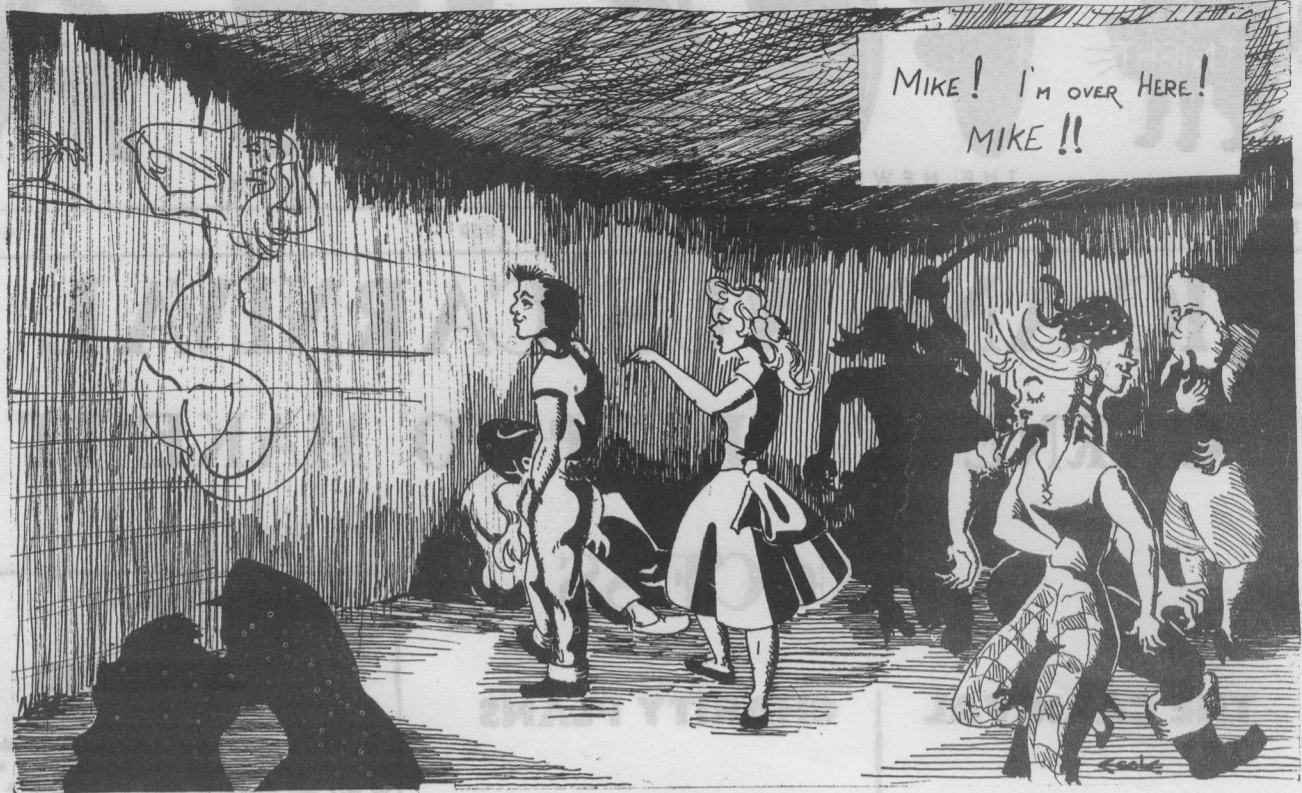
An Imperial College Union Meeting is to be held in the Concert Hall on Thursday, February 24th, 1959.

A motion for discussion at the Union Meeting reads as follows:-

"This Union should commit the mascots of the three constituent colleges to a place of reverence and safety, and that they should be left there as a symbol of the hooliganism of the past."

This promises to be a Union Meeting well worth attending.





PARADISE ENOW

A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE GUILD'S CARNIVAL.

"Oh, it's simply wonderful" said a pretty girl, leaning on the arm of a rather grim-looking gentleman who was inexpertly clutching a wooden outlass. She was admiring this year's decorations for the Guild's Carnival - "Pirates Paradise". And wonderful they were, too - certainly, that Concert Hall has never before been so expertly disguised and turned so realistically into something other than its real, forbidding, self.

For the benefit of those so unlucky as not to have seen this transformation, perhaps I had better explain. The entire Concert Hall had been turned into the foredeck of a pirate galleon the stage forming the quarterdeck. The wooden floor of the hall was the only unchanged feature that could be recognised, serving as the actual deck of the ship. Looking over the scuppers of this Imperial Galleon, one could see islands and a most sanguine sunset on the port quarter. Mermaids draped themselves around in poses reminiscent of some soap advertisement and to complete the effect, a flimsy muslin roof hid the clinical lights and roof of the erstwhile Hall from view. Fortunately the realistic sea was realistically calm and no-one was realistically seasick.

The construction of a large and efficient bar on the landing outside the entrance to the Concert Hall was a very welcome feature and prevented incidents interfering with the revels.

In the Upper Dining Hall the cats were busy around the jazz band and when the Jive Competition began it was really something to see (some of the men were good too!)

CABARET

Every Carnival has a cabaret, of course. A Carnival Cabaret may be defined as follows: "A piece of entertainment which worries the life out of its producer, scares the life out of those taking part, and is shouted down by the audience on the night" - unless you take special precautions. This cabaret had two special features - talent and Mike Newson. This is not to say, of course, that Mr. Newson is not talented - who doubts this?, but he made a spectacular Master of Ceremonies in a genuine "Treasure Island" type outfit, which looked much better when he played the clarinet; so natural did he look that one felt that all pirates must have played clarinets as a matter of course - and he could handle the audience.

The other and more striking feature of this entertainment was the talent. Derek Bayliss, the producer, had drawn widely in Guilds for both cast and material, with the result that he managed to produce something very like a short review.

Ignoring some loutish R.C.S. interruptions, it is safe to say that there were no spontaneous outbursts from the audience - they listened to the cabaret, and enjoyed listening, which is a great tribute to its producer and his cast.

As to the material provided for our entertainment - there were two, and only two, weak spots; firstly the "Dreadful Night" sketch which, was so old that the audience spoilt it by supplying the punch line and secondly a rather curious Quatermass sketch (?) - this appeared to puzzle those taking part as much as the audience, so everyone felt at home. One can only wish that the end-product of all our own experiments could be as interesting, all the same.

MIKE! I'M OVER HERE!
MIKE!!

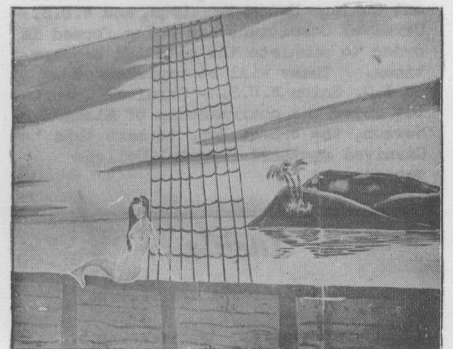
Personally speaking, I would vote as the best sketch that in which a very polished (and slightly slimy?) Guildsman, armed only with his charm and a telephone, persuaded a rather blasé young lady to come to the carnival - in pyjamas: "to save time" he explained.

Derek Bayliss avoided that bugbear of the cabaret producer - a flat last sketch - by providing a very original version of an Irving Berlin song. This also served to fill the stage with Guildsmen and these, led by their President - Dave Clark - gave the audience a rousing Boom-alaka as a final offering.

SHAPE FOOD

The writer would like to make a personal plea for better arrangements of the food in future - it was very difficult for anyone not in the front line to get as much as a small of a sandwich - smaller tables and a more open arrangement of the existing tables would have been better - also, somewhere to sit would have been appreciated on the other hand, maybe I'm just getting old and less push-full.

Remarks about other carnival cabarets are invidious - they are not intended as major works of art - but to be enjoyed at the moment they are given and no longer.



An example of the excellent flats.



THROUGH A VISITOR'S EYES

When a foreign student arrives at the University of London, he is immediately struck by its international character. This character probably varies according to the College, but at the L.S.E., for example, where I have spent one term, students of the Commonwealth rub shoulders with those from the Continent and the countries of Latin-America, to mention only a few. Here, there is a source of very worth-while contacts which the English students themselves must find profitable.

Strikingly opposed to this cosmopolitan atmosphere is the narrow community of the College, which is the framework of student life. In the Continental University, social contacts between the faculties are reduced to a minimum, particularly in the large towns - the students scarcely know their professors, or each other. The English solidarity, way of thinking, and even form of everyday life exist only in the specialised schools, such as the Polytechnique, Centrale or the Hautes Etudes Commerciales.

In England, on the contrary, the social activities of the College are considerable. The students are grouped in extremely diversified societies, whether they be racing political, geographical or athletic. This custom of societies is certainly very fruitful, for it allows people to group themselves according to their tastes, and develops the information as well as mutual understanding. Debates followed by a vote on the motion are also a typical institution which has the same end, and which has at the same time the advantage of being an apprenticeship for political life!

The students' association benefit from the support and collaboration of nearly all the students: they have at their disposal important material means, which in the case of scientific college such as I.C. may be very sizeable.

In France, the societies of the Faculties have only a small influence, and very weak means of action: they prefer to form political syndicates, from which heated disputes between the different opinions emerge - and this perhaps may be considered as another type of initiation into politics.

This intense social activity in the English University is even more remarkable as the Colleges there are less specialised than the Continental ones: the latter have only one category of subjects (e.g. arts, law, or medicine etc.) But at the L.S.E., for instance, the diversity of the syllabuses is astonishing, and ranges from psychology to fiscal law with more than 600 regular courses. After a brief stay, I can hardly judge English teaching: my impression, however, is that it is quite practical, even pragmatic, and very complete and thorough.

In judiciary and political economics, I can say that the contact was carefully maintained between the activity and the corresponding social milieu: this is certainly a fruitful method.

Enfin, last but not least, the foreign student always finds a supplementary attraction in the generous and cordial welcome which his London friends keep for him.

J.-J. HOUTON

'LIT. & DEB'

MOTION

"That this House should be adjourned indefinitely."

Last Thursday the House had the pleasure of an excellent speech (a maiden) from that hoary old bachelor Dave Jackson. Proposing the motion, he said: "If this House adjourned, where would it adjourn to? To the pub, to drink beer." Whereupon he produced three bottles of beer: one for the chairman, one for his seconder, Peter Jarman, and one which he kept for himself. "I have something for the opposition as well," he said, and duly presented them with two bottles of pineapple juice.

Mr. Christopher May, opposing the motion, carefully analysed the word indefinitely. Mr. Peter Jarman, on the other hand, subtly twisted the motion with a most outrageous piece of verbal jiggery-pokery. This he supported with a somewhat tortuous argument, apparently involving the death of George II from overstraining in a Water Closet.

In view of Mr. Jarman's dreadful illogicality, Bob Finch, who was also responsible for this utterly unbiased report, had so light the gleaming beacon of truth, in a brilliant (and modest) oration.

Members of the House said and demonstrated that they could only speak on a serious motion.

In his third summing up Mr. Jarman finally succeeded in extinguishing Mr. Finch's beacon of truth, by employing unlimited numbers of water closets and by declaring that the motion really meant that the House would meet again frequently.

In view of this interpretation of the motion, and because it was carried, the Debates Committee graciously accepts the verdict of the House, and is spurred on to even greater enterprises.

In connection with these enterprises the President of Debates wishes to deny rumours that he has been engaged upon twisting the arms of Messrs. Kassler and Clark. He would like to point out, however, that the two presidents have agreed to speak upon the motion: "That this House prefers Thermometers to Spanners," later this month.

BOB FINCH,
President of Debates.



Cleopatra's Needle

There was a very poor response to the offer of psychiatric treatment and advice given by Wellbuck. It seems that the students at I.C. are on the whole content with their characters and have only very minor problems. Wellbuck has kindly consented to help the anxious ones in this column but she regrets that she is unable to enter into any further correspondence.

"Of course I like my chicken young, plump and tender, but this one lays eggs."

REPLY: This is only natural and there is no cause for anxiety. If you send me a 5/- postal order and a stamped addressed envelope, I will send you in return a booklet advising you.

Yet another make student is worried,

"She said yes, what shall I do now."

REPLY: Move into the Hostel.

There also seems to be some disturbances in the minds of the women at I.C. One young lady states,

"I'm worried about Jim. You'll never guess what he's been doing, I suppose it's just what other boys do but then I haven't really met all that many you see, that is since I met Jim. He's ever so nice really, not as what you'd call handsome or anything like that but just so attractive, you know what I mean. Well I mean to say, when I'm with him it's awfully nice. I always feel I'm actually walking on air, quite makes me forget my high heeled shoes have stretched. Anyway as I was saying before I started to talk about Jim, can't help it though, my friends are just the same about their boyfriends, though they're ever so jealous of me, going out with Jim I mean, I'm worried. You see it's like this, at first it was ever so soft, but now it almost wakes the neighbours, because Jim who hardly ever raises his voice, keeps calling out in his sleep. Not that I mean he swears, Jim's quite courteous in his own way. Oh no, he shouts out this woman's name, I know what you're thinking, but it's not that, I know because he's for ever talking me I'm the only woman in his life. But I do feel there must be some kind of explanation, don't you."

REPLY: Yes my dear, I do so agree with you. As you might have found, men can be so difficult in their actions and thoughts. Some of the things they do are quite inexplicable in our minds, and often lead to much heartburn and anxiety. This is mainly due to their large interest in their own person, and their failure to take a small interest in other people. I am afraid, though that beyond this, I am unable to give you an explanation about your situation because, my dear you have omitted to tell me the woman's name.

WINTER JOURNEY

by Clifford Odets

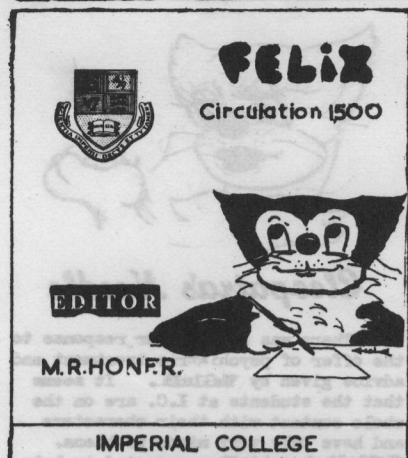
TUESDAY 24th FEB.

CONCERT HALL at 7.30^{pm}



ENTRANCE FREE

A REHEARSED READING BY I.C.D.S.



Editorial Comment

I am shocked, but perhaps not so surprised, that members of this College can pour out gallons of ink of vitriolic strength over another publication's alleged misdemeanours, but when it comes to a serious issue - and I am thinking of the N.U.S. questions, for example, they are silent. This reflects what has been termed "the infantile mentality" of scientists. When there is someone to hound or jibe, the College (or its noisier elements) is happy, but when there is an important issue for serious consideration, it is lost, simply because there is a serious lack of grey matter.

One or two of the letters I receive would never get into "The Children's Newspaper" - let alone this publication, which is supposed to reflect the views of an important, adult section of the population. By all means write to "Felix" - air your views and grouses, but remember that you are in a privileged position as University students - just show that you are worth it.

At the last meeting of the Refectory Committee, the question of queues in the various eating establishments around this College was raised. It was surprising and heartening, to see the amount of effort and thought that is expended to deal with this problem. The idea of "staggering" lecture times near the lunch hour was proposed and, while this might well ease the situation on three days a week, during the long General Studies lunch-hour, this will have no real effect. Mr. Mooney proposes to cut down the choice of dishes, with a view to speeding up service - a rather unfortunate method, but if it works, perhaps some people may think it worth it. Whatever the cure, can anyone but agree, that it is uncivilised to sit eating while others hover around you, eagerly waiting for you to vacate your seat?

Regular readers of this publication may notice that Nelson is not with us any more. This is due to the attitude of some College people who try and convince us and themselves that they are above being mentioned in a "rag like Felix". They not only misunderstand Nelson's Column, but also misunderstand College life. What goes on at College is never private; Nelson, by tradition was not a snuckraker, but a commentator on some of the more amusing aspects of the Union. It is a pity that retribution should have fallen so heavily on our shoulders.

It is rumoured that the Photographic Editor is being driven mad (and threatens to resign). It is also rumoured, this time from a reliable source, that this is due to his room (No. 50 Old Hostel) being cluttered up by uncollected orders and handbags. It would be greatly appreciated if both were removed as soon as possible and prevent the suicide rate at I.C. going up.

Those who enjoyed the I.C. production last term of the adaptation by Miles Malleon of the "Miser" may be interested in a double-bill of Moliere's plays which he has also adapted, and which opened at the Old Vic last Wednesday: these are TARTUFFE and SCANAR-ELLE, in the same style as the Miser and star Malleon himself with Pauline Jameson and Derek Francis.

There is a spate of plays in London at the moment dealing with the seamier side of life in New York, Paris, London and other well-known centres of vice: but in A TASTE OF HONEY - which opened at Wyndham's Theatre last Tuesday, the spotlight is turned on Salford, Lancs., and this proves equally revealing. This show has been running successfully at the Theatre Royal, Stratford, E.

For opera-goers, Dvorak's RUSSALKA is being produced for the first time this season at the Sadler's Wells Theatre next Wednesday, and will have a total of four performances this month.

At the R.F.H. on March 2nd. is a jazz concert with Johnny Dankworth and Humphrey Lyttleton: soloists are to be announced later.

This year the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and its repertoire, beginning

It's worth knowing

on April 7th. will include OTHELLO, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM, CORTOLANUS and KING LEAR. Among the company are Dame Edith Evans, Sir Laurence Olivier, Charles Laughton, Mary Ure and Sam Wanamaker.

The box-office is now open for the visit of the Comedie Francaise to the Princes Theatre on March 16th., where incidentally the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company is playing Gilbert and Sullivan operas until then. The visit opens with Feydeau's Le DINDON, which is followed by Moliere's LES FEMMES SAVANTES and LES FOURBIERES DE SCAPIN.

Shows finishing shortly include THE TUNNEL OF LOVE with Brian Reece at the Apollo, which finishes tomorrow; BROUHAHA, starring Peter Sellers, at the Aldwych which finishes the week after next; HOLIDAY ON ICE at the Empire Follies, also tomorrow, and WHERE'S CHARLEY? with Norman Wisdom at the Palace Theatre, which closes next weekend.

Turning to films, Ingmar Bergman's WILD STRAWBERRIES, mentioned in this column last term, is being withdrawn from the Academy Cinema next Thursday, and is being replaced by Jean Renoir's LA GRANDE ILLUSION, starring Jean Gabin, Pierre Fresnay and Eric von Stroheim (a formidable cast!) With this will be shown MARCH TO ALDERMASTON.

VIP

Next week U.L.U. will be a Very International Place, there is going to be an International Festival from Thursday until Saturday (Feb. 18th - 20th).

Jean Granston, U.L.U. Vice President, has taken over the organisation of the V.I.F. this year. When I last met Jean she was full of ideas, which, if executed, should make this Festival the best ever!

There are going to be stands representing many of the countries from which London University Students come. Here is the chance to learn about other Students from abroad who are keen to talk about their homelands.

The International Concert was so popular last year that there are to be two performances next week. On Saturday evening the Dance, with its Cabaret, is planned as the climax to the Festival.

If you are a foreign Student yourself, why not go along to the V.I.P. and see if your own country is represented truly.

Anyone going to U.L.U. next week will not be able to miss the V.I.P. so why don't you go along especially for the Festival.

Ann-Margret RADFORD.

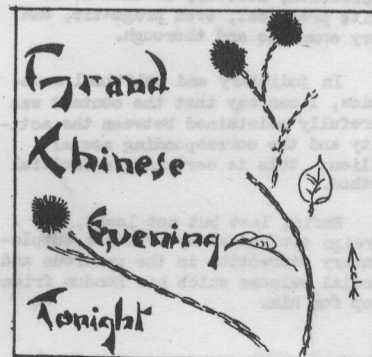
Gen. Sec. I.C. International Relations Club.

GEOFF BRATT

Geoff Bratt, who will lead the I.C. expedition to the Apolobambo range of the South American Andes this summer, is filling in the time between handing in his Ph.D. thesis last October and sailing for Peru in next June by exploring with Eric Shipton in Patagonia. Writing from the expedition's base on the shores of Lake Argentino on Christmas Day he rhapsodises over the glaciers and icebergs on the lake, but says that because the relief ship has not arrived there will be no goodies for Christmas dinner and celebrations will have to be limited to drinking gin, which fortunately is plentiful.

Press Release

The Imperial College of Science and Technology has appointed Miss Sylvia Crowe, President of the Institute of Landscape Architects, as landscape consultant in connection with the development of the College's central site in South Kensington.



Letters to the Editor

MAC

Dear Sir,

I cannot understand those who condemn The Phoenix merely because articles are written for it by the few people with any literary ability. The fact which is overlooked is that one of the functions of the Phoenix is to act as an outlet for the creative talents of members of the Union. If only a few show any sign of possessing any creative talents are they to be blamed for doing so?

I feel that many of the grumblers are just jealous of the Phoenix Board. Those people who cannot even write decent English are harbouring a childish resentment towards those who can, and do, write good literature (does the cap fit, Mr. Bramley?) They even go so far as to demand an Editorial which does not reflect any character on the part of the Editor. Let's go the whole hog and have one of Prof. Gebor's computers editing Phoenix!

But you yourself, sir, have dropped the brick of the year by printing that rubbishy cartoon by "Mac" (is he ashamed to reveal his identity?) in the same issue as an accusation of "bad taste" against The Phoenix. There is a saying about a pot and a kettle....

Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY L. BROOKES.

Editor's comment: Sir, if I could always get such talented work as Mac has given me for the last few issues, I would have no difficulty in filling these columns. The Phoenix people, in particular David Irving were very much in favour of that cartoon, and wished that Mac had done it for them.

I would like to point out that my position demands that I remain neutral, by presenting views from all angles. I do feel, however, that more than sufficient space has been given to the Phoenix problem and all correspondence on this topic is closed.

There is also a quotation about "A tale told by an idiot".

First time on a British Stage!



HALF A SHARE

A new Musical Play, by

ALAN & AVRIL LEWIS,

will be presented by the Dramatic Society on 28th., 29th., and 30th APRIL in the Union Concert Hall.



BLEEDING HEART

Dear Sir,

Since you have not yet (for shame) instituted a "personal column" in your publication, I must make use of your correspondence space to pour out my heart's misery to a third person. If, therefore, this epistle mystifies you, pray comfort yourself that there will be, among your readers, one fair soul to whom my meaning will be as clear as the light of day. While providing an additional activity for the student, whose naturally inquisitive mind delights in the dark mysteries of her friends private lives. Let me explain: I, too, am preoccupied with mystery, and, alas, with irony. Imagine, if you will, the strange excitement of a succession of disturbing encounters with an angelic apparition. To say that she was attractive would be commonplace, rather she wore about her that aura of subtle magnetism that is at once vivacious and demure, that rare amalgam of mature wickedness and virginal innocence.

Wherever I went she haunted me: the sudden direct look from those sparkling eyes that flashed across the crowded lounge, the secretive half smile that touched the generous mouth, on the taut silent journey in the lift. Who was she, my mystery girl?

I could bear the strain no longer, I had to know her identity. I dared to ask, and the spell was broken, the dream a memory. Try as I might to recapture the first magical thrill, it remained elusive. The encounters ceased. I was lost and alone in a crowd of "insensitive louts" Yet, even into the abyss of despair there came light (was it the quality of mercy that follows contrition?) In a trembling flash of Paradise, she appeared before me, (no, in truth, it was behind me) and through the thunder in my ears, the dulcet sweet tones in tender inquiry: "What is your Wallulk rating?"

Avidly, I thumbed my Felix, in perplexity. I permuted points against descriptions, questions against points. How risque is a risque story? Why do my omelettes always finish up as scrambled egg? Oh, how I cursed those protestations of eternal bachelorhood. Surely it was possible to be unutterably charming without being unbearably conceited. It was no good, I should have to seek advice, sympathy, understanding. Find out who Cleopatra was and put the problem in her hands, that was the answer. It was not easy - for she clung to her cloak of anonymity, but determination brought success. I found her, and in an instant my problem was solved. Little wonder at the elusive attraction, the fatal charm of my mystery girl, for she was a practised witch: under her spell had fallen a Caesar, and a Mark Anthony and, of course as you know, sir, a Felix.

Incurable Romantic.

LOST PROPERTY

MRS. ROBB has asked the Editor of Felix to publicise the fact that she has umpteen items of lost property in her Union Office. These include, she informs me - scarves, gloves, compacts, lipsticks purses, etc.

Perhaps something belonging to you is waiting there, why not go along and see?

WANTED

ON ANY TERMS

A reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Eddy Current, charged with the induction of an eighteen-year-old coil, called Milli Henry, found half choked, and with the theft of valuable joules.

This unrectified criminal, armed with a carbon rod, escaped from Weston Primary cell, where he had been clapped in ions. The escape was planned in three phases. First he fused the electrolytes; he then climbed through a grid, despite the impedance of the warders, and finally ran to earth in a nearby magnetic field. He has been missing since Faraday.

Watt seems most likely is that he stole an A.C. motor. This is of a low capacity and he is expected to change it for a megacycle and to return ohm by a short circuit, he may offer series resistance, and is a potential killer.

M. F. BARRON
Aero. I

UNLIKELY STORIES

KRIBBER

There was once a kitten called Fred. It was called Fred because its father's name was John and it was a girl kitten anyhow. Fred was unhappy 'cos she had no letters after her name, so one day she went out to collect some. The policeman was very sympathetic but charged her all the same 'cos he missed the P.C. from his collar. The judge Q.C. was not impressed when he found W.C. missing from behind the C.C. so he sentenced her to a course at I.C. where she could be educated. But I.C. only trained Scientists and so it was not surprising that she took the M.C. from a U.C. Hop. However, this M.C. was U.C. and he took away to Pewsey where she died of coronary thrombosis.

SUMMER PHOENIX

The Summer edition of your magazine THE PHOENIX will be published in the first week of the Summer Term. Copy date for this edition will be the last day of this term, therefore; after that date no material can on principle be accepted.

Students who have ideas for short stories, articles, poems, photographs etc., are invited to get in touch with the Editor, via the Union Rack, and he will be pleased to discuss them.

R.T. HON.
JOHN

BOYD-CARPENTER

Minister of Pensions

& National Insurance

WILL GIVE A TALK ON THURSDAY, FEB.

19th. at 4.30P.M.

IN GUILDS, ROOM 15.

SIG RIDES AGAIN

The well-known Chinese idiot, Lo Slung once made the very wise remark: "There is a chink in every Chinaman's armour". This is true, of course, but there is a brighter side, as the monkey said when he looked in the mirror.

The chinese contribution to culture, which I skimmed over last week is little known to the Western mind. To the West, the greatness of China is measured by the fame of her dynasties; Thus, we have the majestic Tang, as the monkey Ming and the intolerable Pong.

This Pong, which spread wherever the Trade Winds blew, struck terror into the hearts of mediaeval sanitary inspectors from Bangkok to Mandalay.

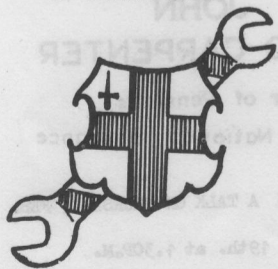
I wish to refer to this period in particular, for it is at this time that gravity was invented by the wise and nauseating Emperor Wun Long Fling. He wished to do a kindly act every day, although the best thing he could have done, he refused to do on the grounds that it was too painful.

Eventually he ran out of ideas - at least on some subjects and called all the wise men of china (and of glass) to come and make public postulations before him. Those that refused, and some did so, mainly on hygienic grounds, he treated mercifully, which was a dreadful way to die. Eventually, this same Lo Slung of whom I have before spoken, came before His Most Munificent Majesty and decided that he liked chop suey too much to give up easily. "Postulate" said HMMM. After a slight pause, Lo said: "Consider worms, sire" "Worms?" "Worms" "Hm" said HMMM. "Proceed" (He did'nt get it either) "Well, you think of a worm travelling happily through the soil, suppose the poor creature, who thinks that he is travelling in the direction of UP, is in fact travelling in the Direction of Down. Eventually, of course, the poor animal will go mad. If you wish to be a real M.M., surely you could do some thing for the poor things."

And so the Emperor issued an edict abolishing gravity. When they had all come down off the ceiling, and Lo Slung was beginning to feel a bit out up, the entire court found themselves up to the knees in worms, all proceeding in the general direction of Up.

This problem became too annoying, and to rid himself of the Annelid Aggregators, the Emperor was forced to call out the 4th Imperial Anti-worm Regiment of Boot. See next issue

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JAZZ CLUB

At the beginning of this term the Jazz Club found itself without a President, a sad thing as this meant that it had lost a certain Mr. Dennis Leston. The amount of work which Mr Leston put into the Club was probably not fully appreciated, but his interest, enthusiasm and leadership sparked off an upward trend in club affairs which has continued steadily ever since.

This term has shown continued success. The good audiences at Thursday record recitals show that there is a large number of people in the College who are seriously interested in jazz. Apart from these, many people, who have only a little interest in the music, have been seen to know what the club is doing. As usual groups are in great demand for Saturday night hops.

Talks given so far this term have been under the titles of 'O.D.J.B. to M.J.Q.' (Tony Brookes), 'Hard Bop' (Richard Rushton), and 'Listening to Modern Jazz' (Stan Salmons). A Bring-your-own-records type of programme produced a wide range of music and was well attended. Talks in line for future meetings include 'Count Basie' by Dave Hills, 'Dave Brubeck' by Stan Salmons, and possibly 'Louis Armstrong' by Gordon Pritchard. A lunch hour concert will be produced later this term.

This term has unfortunately seen the decline of the 'Trad band'. (due mainly to lack of interest on the part of certain members), but the small modern and mainstream groups are still very active. Modern trios and quartets have been providing music for quiet listening and dancing at the hops and as usual a small group of dedicated jazzmen played their way through Guilds Carnival until 6.00 in the morning.

A mainstream group under the leadership of Tony Newstead has been entered for the W.U.S. Jazz Band Competition organised by N.E.C. After the preliminary judging the bandsmen have mixed ideas about their chances of reaching the final; anyone with an interest in jazz and an ear for good musicianship would have no doubts about giving the band a place in the final, but the views and standards of the judging panel were so pathetically naive as to be almost unbelievable. However, if the band does reach the final (which is being judged by Ken Colyer (!) on the 25th of this month) then it is hoped that a large number of supporters will also be able to make the trip to N.E.C.

Meanwhile anyone who is interested in jazz music of any type, is invited to come along to our lunch-time meeting in Room 208 of Guilds (second floor).

EDITOR'S NOTE

The above report was written by Gordon Pritchard. It is typical that he omitted to mention that in fact he has been elected as successor to Dennis Leston (at least, as far as jazz is concerned). Gordon is a very well-known figure around I.C. and where there is jazz, he is never far away. The success of jazz in this College is due in no small way to the consistent high standard of drumming which provides the background to the hops, jazz concerts and carnivals and recitals around I.C.

Coming Events

Monday, February 16th.

I.C. Christian Union: "True Greatness" 1.15 p.m. in R.S.M.

Tuesday, February 17th.

General Studies: "The Post at Work" - Cecil Day Lewis.
N.H.S. "Wild Life in E. Africa", with film, by Dr. J.C.F. Hopkins, Director, C.M.I.
Advance notice is given of N.H.S. Annual Dinner on March 4th.

Wednesday, February 18th.

I.C. Railway Soc. visit to Civil Engineering work on the Dover Line.

Thursday February 19th.

General Studies: Modern Forms of Abstract Painting, by Basil Taylor.
Lamarck: by Prof. H.G. Cannon, M.A. D.Sc. F.R.S.
International Relations Club: "I.C. Expedition to Ghana" - Snack Bar, 7p.m.

Monday, February 23rd.

I.C. Christian Union; "Sincerity" by Rev. Bruce Head, M.A. 1.15 in R.S.M.

Tuesday February 24th.

General Studies: "The psychology of Race Prejudice, No. 1 The Authoritarian Personality", by Prof. Marie Jahoda, Ph.D.
"Some questions Religions face" by Rev. Cleverley Ford.
"The enjoyment of Music" by A. Hopkins.
I.C. Railway Soc. Talk by M.M. Le Fleming on "Malayan Railways."

Thursday, February 26th.

General Studies: Talk by Major Henry Sherek (theatrical Manager).
"Some answers Religions offer" by Rev. Cleverley Ford.
Science Films in Chem. Lec. Theatre: "Steel" and "Genovce Discovery".

Friday February 27th.

S.C.M. and Church Soc. "The church in New Towns", by Ian Russell. Room 127, C&G, 1.10 p.m.



A photograph of Gordon Pritchard, I.C.'s new Jazz President; showing him really at home - behind his drum kit.

BOXING

In the U.L.U. Championships on Thursday, 29th January, I.C. (13 pts.) were runners-up to Guy's Hospital (15 pts.) in the Blott Cup.

I.C. men, P. Sribibadah and H.L. Kirpalani, boxed well to win the fly- and featherweight titles respectively.

At light-welter both I.C. representatives were outpointed by D. Taylor (St. Thomas' Hospital); D. Whitely in a semi-final and G. Yorke in the final.

D. Maltby was beaten in the light-middleweight final, and P. Vine lost narrowly on points in a light-heavyweight eliminator bout.

A match against Guy's Hospital was held on Friday, 6th February in the I.C. Gymnasium, resulting in a draw (3 bouts each).

Kirpalani outpointed M. Reeve (Guy's) at featherweight, and Yorke stopped E. Chater in the first round of a light-weight bout.

Welterweights D. Faulkner and L. Williams lost on points after courageous displays. Faulkner often hurt the experienced P. Leopard with fine left hooks but had no punch to follow. Williams could not keep away a stronger, and considerably heavier, opponent, but used his straight left intelligently.

At middle-weight T. Banks could not land his hard right effectively against a skilful opponent, and the referee stopped the bout (3rd round) because Banks was too tired to continue. However P. Vine, I.C. light-heavy, boxed strongly and coolly to outpoint his opponent and square the match.

SAILING

Graham Taylor continued his run of successes on Sunday, 8th, by taking 2nd. place in the eighth race of the University Winter Points Series. With only two races remaining he stands a good chance of winning the competition.

In the return match against a strong Queen Mary College team, I.C. gained a convincing win by 48½ - 33 pts. This despite an unfortunate capsize in the second race by James Wilczynski.

Results	1st. Race.	2nd. Race
1. G. C. Taylor (IC)		1. G.C.Taylor
2. J. Wilczynski (IC)		2. C.J. French
3. C.J. French (IC)		3. Q.M.C.

FENCING

There have been the usual cancellations in our fixture list so that the match with L.S.E. on Friday 6th February was our first this term. This was a closely fought match with most of the bouts going to assault points and it resulted in a fair draw, I.C. 9, L.S.E. 9. The detailed results were:-

Foil	I.C.4	Won	L.S.E.5	Lost
1. J. Nickolls	3	0		
2. D. S. Turner	1	2		
3. M. Craig	0	3		

Sabre	I.C. 5	Won	L.S.E. 4	Lost
1. R. Reeley	3	0		
2. J. Nickolls	1	2		
3. D. S. Turner	1	2		

SQUASH

The highlight of the Squash Club's year has been the first team tour during the last weekend of January.

A streamlined programme was planned, playing Manchester University on the Thursday, Queens University Belfast on Saturday and Dublin University on the Monday.

The team consisted of G.R. Evans, B.W.E. Avient, P.M. Odell, H.R. Espig and R. Lloyd.

The programme was extremely ambitious and all three teams were known to be strong, but it was considered justified since the team was unbeaten during the Christmas Term.

In fact all three matches were lost to superior opposition, including several county standard players.

Outstanding performances were those of Odell who won in both Belfast and Dublin, and Evans who lost narrowly to the Ulster No.2 in Belfast.

The tour was a great success socially and a particularly pleasant evening was spent in Belfast, the Capt. performing an amazing feat of prestidigitation before a large student audience and the Secretary making a collection "for the clown".

The pilgrimage to the country of the Guinness and the "Lord Staff" was also greatly enjoyed by all and on the evening after the last match the two teams managed to consume over seven gallons in two hours before the last mad rush for the boat train to Holyhead.

The experience gained on the tour has since proved invaluable, and the 1st. V remains unbeaten against London sides and also against Oxford and Cambridge. The closest matches so far this term have been against a strong Middlesex Hospital side and Keble College, Oxford, who included an Oxford 2nd. team player. Both these matches were won 3:2.

The second team is greatly improved this term and is settling down into a strong combination.

RESULTS:

1st. V.

Jan 13. University Coll.	(A) won 5-0
15. Middlesex Hosp.	(A) won 3-2
21. Queens Cambridge	(H) won 4-1
31. Keble, Oxford	(H) won 3-2
Feb. 3. S.O.A.S.	(H) won 5-0
7. St. Cath. Camb.	(A) won 3-0

2nd. V

Jan 12. C.E.M.	(A) won 4-1
15. Ibis	(H) won 5-0
20. U.C.H.	(A) won 4-1
27. Middlesex Hosp.	(H) won 3-2

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THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

BASKET BALL

Despite the fact that it was so soon after Christmas, Imperial College retained little of "Goodwill towards men" when handing out a severe thrashing to Northern Polytechnic. Never troubled in any aspect of play the College, in full command, piled up a good lead. (H.T. 30-10) In the second half, due to an injury sustained by D. Parker (who attended hospital for treatment), the College team was reduced to four players but still continued to over power the opposition finally winning by 60 points - 34 points (J. Fryer scored 26 points) to clock up the first win of 1959.

The following week scheduled to play Goldsmiths' College, the game was regarded as a mere formality (having beaten them with both 1st and 2nd teams last year). Our impressions were borne, for never extended Imperial won by 54 points - 34 points. One of last year's closest league games was against the London School of Economics. The return was not as good, although Parker celebrated his return to the team with a cultured 15 points.

So far this season the battle for leading points scorer has developed into a personal duel between the Captain - J. Fryer and the Coach - M. Barron. (Both totals being around the 200 mark). Although newcomers to the first team D. Parker and D. Wickenden have settled in well, and A. Hind (at right guard) in spite of not being a prolific scorer has proved the stalwart of the defence.

ICWSC

In the last fortnight, many Colleges have been forced to cancel matches against I.C.W.S.C. teams. Of the matches played none have been lost.

The swimming team drew in their match against Goldsmiths, challengers for the top place in the League. The squash team repeated their victory of last term over Q.E.C., winning by 3 matches to two. Under extreme conditions the Hockey team scored their second victory of the year by beating Birkbeck 3 0

Three members of I.C.W.S.C. were in the mixed badminton team, which beat Northern Polytechnic by 7 matches to 2.

The members who went to Delft were entertained to Dinner in Hall No. 27th. January, by Miss Sherwood, Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Linstead.

The Rector, congratulating them on their success, proposed the toast of "Victorious Women" - to which the men present refused to drink.

TABLE TENNIS

IC. REACH UL. FINAL

I.C. had an unexpected win when they played Woolwich Poly in the semi final of the U.L. Cup. Woolwich, the strongest team in the University, have won the Cup for the last seven years. Des Phillips played magnificently to win all his matches, Chick Evans winning one match and three walk overs. The final score was 6-4. I.C. meet Q.M.C. in the final which will take place at U.L.U., the date so far unfixed.

SPORT

EDITED BY K.W. LUDLAM.

SKI CLUB

"Yes, sir, it's £12 without Ski hire, Boat hire, Sleepers on the journey, travel or accomodation. Then you will find there are a few extras like Ski S School" That was the Travel Agent. The next day I discovered we had a Ski Club of our own. The Imperial College Ski Club conducted a tour and I was welcome. It catered for beginners, and trained them to be experts. Seunded good. Cheap too. An all inclusive price of £31 with a few extras like Kitsbühel was the queen of the Austrian resorts, we were told.

The day arrived, Dec. 21st., We played bridge on the train to Dover, were sea-sick on the boat, and then made ourselves as comfortable as possible in the bunks of the continental train. The next afternoon we arrived. I stepped off the train and promptly sat down. "Hey, you're not allowed to ski here" someone yelled.

Having hired our equipment after a good meal, we set off "home". It was a pension half a mile out of town. "Not as bad as last year" said one of the senior members. Carrying the skis was a nuisance. They refused to stay together, and dug holes in your shoulder.

Putting them on was even worse. The instructor showed us how, but after putting on one, the other slid forward about 4 feet, just out of reach. Gingerly I stood up, put one foot forward and slipped. "Don't sit down" shouted the instructor. Sit down, HaHa...! The ski was still out of reach.

In the afternoon we went up the slope, stepping sideways to keep the skis parallel to the contour. Then we came whizzing down, all three feet of it. We had at last learned how to ski. After school we went up the small lift. After all, little kids of four and five were coming down. We got to the top and looked down. The slope was miles long. And steep. We put the skis on our damaged shoulders and walked down.

After a week we were experts. We were going up and down the lifts like ystermas.. In fact if we weren't perpetually covered in snow, no one would have noticed the difference. There were still frequent calls of "Don't sit down" but we hardly noticed. The snow was soft, and falling was almost a Godsend. It meant three seconds of rest.

Then it happened. The greatest curse of them all. It was tragedy in the middle of the Austrian winter. It rained. Overnight the snow froze. The centres of gravity were sore. Even the soft dunlopillo of the dive could not console them.

The day we left it was snowing. Great chunks of it. Never mind! Maybe it will still be there next year,

From S.K. Pramanik, Captain, Ski Club.

SWIMMING

Last Friday, I.C. entertained Oxford Dolphins, and after a close match, I.C. won 37-27, winning the final two relays. In an exciting polo match afterwards, I.C. were held to a 5-5 draw.

In the swimming, I.C. were well served by their University trio of Harford, Loveman, and Shorey, who won an event apiece, but their record strives were unfortunately not quite as good as Oxford's and so despite individual wins by the above three, I.C. were only leading by 2 points when the final two relays came to be decided. Here, however, contrary to expectations, the superior fitness of the I.C. team showed itself, and they took both relays to win the match comfortably. In the polo I.C., after being 3 goals in the rear at one stage, were fortunate to pull up, and draw 5-5. Basham, was I.C.'s best player, scoring a fine hat-trick.

In the U.L. League the night before I.C. put up a pathetic display and were defeated by Kings by 7-2. This defeat practically ruined I.C.'s chances of winning the League. However the second team had an easy 2-0 victory over Northern Polytechnic, and are grimly established in 2nd place in this division. The third team are also playing well, and at present have a clear lead at the top of Div. IV.

SOCCER

On Saturday week the 1st team made its annual trip to Brighton and, for the first time, managed to show its supremacy over Varndean G.S. with a 4-1 win. Last Saturday at Harlington the 1st XI were very unlucky not to beat top of the League Westminster, but came away with a point in a 2-2 draw. The goals were scored by centre forward Coups who has 27 to his name this season, but the honours in this match go to all the team members who gave such a fine and spirited display. The League record so far:-

P.	W.	D.	L.	G.F.	G.A.	Pts.
8	3	2	3	25	27	8

The 2nd and 3rd XI's playing very well on Saturday week beat N.E.C and L.S.E. II 6-0 and 9-2, respectively, but the 3rd XI could not hold a strong Battersea team last Saturday and went under 2-0. On the same day, the 4th XI beat Institute of Education 6-3 and the 5th XI beat Chelsea II in a very close game.

"SUPPORT REQUIRED"

On Saturday February 21st the College is playing Kings (the holders for the past 3 seasons) in the final of the U.L. Cup at Motspur Park. Coaches will be leaving College at 1p.m. on this occasion and further details can be found on the Union Notice Board. Also stand tickets can be obtained from Club officials for a very small fee.



CROSS COUNTRY.

The past fortnight has been a fairly successful time for the Cross Country Club. Our first team has finished second in two tough races while the second team has won three matches, one of them by a huge margin.

On January 31st the first team were running at Hayes against Metropolitan Police and a United Hospitals team. The Hospitals proved too strong for us, but we easily defeated the Police, the scores being Hospitals 43 points, I.C. 67 points, Police 135 points. The first I.C. runner was Jaeger in 3rd place, then came Bernard (5), Brown (8), Gilbert (10), Clifton (11) and Barber (13).

The following Saturday the first team were at Hampstead for the big "Hampstead Match" against 10 other teams. The result was an easy win for Oxford Tortoises (40 points) but I.C. took second place with 128 points, beating Southampton, Nottingham, Bristol Leicester, and all the London Colleges. John Collins ran extremely well to finish second, then came Larkum (13), Briggs (19), Jaeger (24), Brown (25), and Clifton (45). The return to fitness of Dave Briggs is very welcome.

On January 28th our second team went to Brentwood School, and just managed to win by 38 points to 42. It is probable that the winning margin would have been greater had not two of our runners gone off course. The race was won by M. Barber, who is just starting racing again after an injury. A regrettable result of this race was that Paul Auton sustained an injury which may prevent him racing for the rest of the season.

The following Wednesday our second team defeated Bancroft's School, Mike Barber and Roger Landbeck took 1st and 3rd places respectively. The conditions on this course were atrocious; there was deep mud, frozen hard, yet greasy and slippery on the top.

Last Saturday the second team had its biggest win of the season, when Pearl Assurance were defeated by 12 points to 33. We had 8 men, Pearl had 4, and their 4 men occupied positions 3, 8, 10 and 12. The race was won by Warren, who was closely followed by Clare (2), Sandos (4), James (5), Rayment (6) and Thomas (7).

HELP REQUIRED

Please note: The 11th Annual Hyde Park Road Relay will be held on Saturday, February 28th, starting at 3 p.m. at the West End of Rotten Row. We are expecting a record entry of more than 50 teams.

Volunteers are urgently required to help with the work which must be done before, during, and after the races; please contact Dave Briggs or sign on C.C. noticeboard.

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