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EDITOR IS DISMISSED

The President, R. H. T. Garnett announced to the Union Meeting on Tuesday last that David Irving had been dismissed from the post of Editor of PHOENIX due to his unwillingness to co-operate with the Board of Directors.

This is the final and inevitable step in the controversy that has swept I.C. during the past few months. Inevitable because of the truly unique psychology of Mr. Irving who "accepts no middle path or in his own words: - 'is the only one in step'" - I quote Dave Clark.

A lengthy debate ensued on the whole question of PHOENIX, and general Editorial policy. John Cox summed up the the widespread feeling by saying that the magazine will only be successful if there is mutual trust between the Editor, Editorial Board and the Board of Directors, and that the Editor should indeed accept any recommendations made by the Board. No such trust has existed recently, leading to perfidy on all sides.

But this was not the only topic of interest at the meeting; there were also two motions before the House:-

(1) That the 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 hoodliganism of the past.

This was proposed by Messrs. Chadwick and Bramley. The motion was proposed "as a stimulus for introspective analysis" Chad said that the constituent college Presidents were somewhat peeved, and slightly embarrassed by their mascots. Do they, in fact serve any useful purpose? Why is it necessary to follow the example of lesser London College?

Mike Amos, in reply, described Chad (ex-I.C. President) as one who had given all his usefulness and vitality to the college. Accordingly he proposed an amendment to the motion to the effect that past Presidents as well as the mascots should be committed hence. This was further amended to include Mr. Bramley, who then seconded the motion and urged us to throw away "those silly little toys"

Peter Kassler declared that in relieving their mental constipation, C. & B. had completely missed the point. Dave Clark agreed, and considered that the mascots had a maturing influence on a new President, while Graham King contended that they did not use their mascot as a rallying point as Miners had sufficient spirit there already. The motion was rejected.

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A. J. PRITCHARD SCORING THE FIRST GOAL FOR I. U. AGAINST KINGS

ESSAY PRIZE

The winners of the Sir Artnur Acland Essay Prize for 1959 have just been announced. The Prize has been divided between Fred Wheeler, who receives 15 gns and Alan Logan, who receives 10 gns. The Titles of the winning essays are, respectively:-

"The aesthetic and the ethical"

and

"The drama of T. S. Eliot"

MAY BALL

The I.C. Union is to hold a May Ball which will commence around 9 or 10 o'clock on the 22nd and will continue until breakfast, a running buffet being served for several hours during the night.

The Entertainments Committee fully expect an attendance of over 600, and for this reason the whole of the Union Building will be used, including the quad. where a beer-garden will be installed.

Since it is the last function of any importance in the Union before the final examinations in the summer, there is little need for me to stress the fact that it will be well worth attending.

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

Team: J.G. Moss, S.J.B. Pick, R.A. Dytham, B.D. Joyce, B.R. James, A.J. Pritchard, C. Casemore, M.M. Crawley, D.A. Coups, M.R. Finney, G.J. Wenk.

At Mootspur Park on Saturday 21st. February, I.C.'s soccer team finally realised their ambitions when they won the London University Cup by soundly beating Kings College 3 - 0. This is the greatest prize available to London colleges and I.C. have only won the trophy once before. In this year's final I.C. were opposed by a team which had been successful in the previous three seasons, and was hoping to equal L.S.E.'s record performance of holding the Cup from 1929-1932

However only one player who had received Cup winners medals for the last three seasons ran out on to the beautiful Mootspur turf last Saturday. This was Tony Pritchard who is now playing in I.C. colours, and it was he who put I.C. firmly onto the victory path against his old team mates by scoring a brilliant goal. Kings defence was undergoing considerable pressure after about twenty minutes of the second half, when a clearance from the goalmouth sent the ball to Pritchard outside the penalty area. He quickly controlled the ball and hit a tremendous shot into the top corner of the net giving the goal keeper no chance whatsoever.

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'WARK IRVING

GENERAL STUDIES

SHEER POETRY

Poetry began as a branch of magic the basis of the rhythmic implications through which man could describe life to himself, his means of exploring for knowledge by imitating nature. This imitation continued in England up to the Augustan period, said Cecil Day Lewis in his lecture on "The Poet in Theory", as a form of moral improvement, picturing virtue in words and educating by example.

The poet is a spokesman of the community, in so far as he is influenced by society: his poetry is inseparable from propaganda for building up morale, in the same way as the artist's paintings in the Middle Ages followed Christianity. Further, this recording and praising of life is for giving us pleasure at the same time.

Poetry has now become a recreation, where the poet explores life to further his own personal understanding: he is not primarily concerned with communicating anything, and is oblivious of his future audience. In the past, copying had no shame attached to it, but now originality is at a premium, and Mr. Lewis believes that friction between the poet and society will produce the best effects.

But, theorising apart, poetry is to give pleasure: ancient man used refrain and repetition to remove evil spirits - this was the earliest demonstration of man's desire for form and order in the hitherto untethered diversity of life. Today, "the fertilisation of the soul is the reason for the necessity of art:" it increases our understanding of life by giving us a knowledge unobtainable elsewhere, and is the only means of stabilising the fleeting moment and emphasising it.

Since words are used for so many purposes other than poetry, poetic language, the source of which was the religious incantation, has been introduced, although this also brings the danger of a lot of talk without any meaning. Nevertheless, poetry is great by virtue of its language rather than pure originality, and any force is derived solely from the intrinsic virtue of the lines themselves.

ICWA WINS THE TOSS

Twelve o'clock on Shrove Tuesday found the Chairman of Entertainments supervising the preparation of the "batons" for the annual men . I.C.W.A. Pancake Race. Being an engineer he directed the mixing and cooking of the pancakes with strict adherence to British Standards.

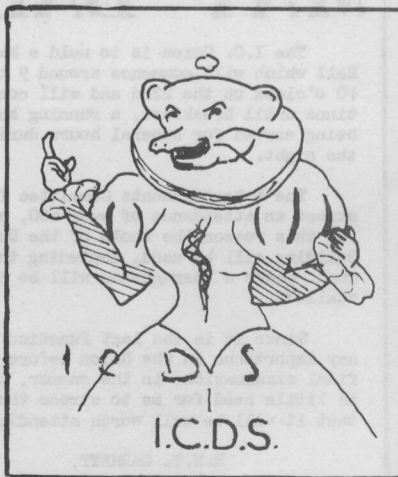
I.C.W.A. were sporting a strong team, mostly members of the victorious I.C.W.S.C. team which went to Delft. The men's team included our beloved Warden (see photo.), Dr. Kenneth Wooley (see Sennet) alias Ken Whale and a remarkably agile President.

The men, fortunately blessed with a rather tough British Standard pancake, lost much ground due to excessive back-bending, and in the last leg, Tony (Tub) Ewart was necking and necking with Hilary Tompssett, but, with 50 yards and two tosses to go he dropped the pancake. There was much weeping and gnashing of teeth among the assembled throng. Thus I.C.W.A. won the contest, and gained the coveted Shrove Tuesday frying pan.

ENGINEER'S BALL

Last Friday, City and Guilds College presented their annual Engineer's Dinner and Dance. The Dinner, held in the Lower Dining Hall and the Upper Refectory, was indeed a welcome change from home cooking and the usual dismal product of the Mooney cuisine. Guest of Honour was Professor Saunders, the Dean of City and Guilds, who proposed the toast of the college, to which the President Dave Clark responded. Mike Newson got up to speak and launched into a long series of Engineering jokes, and it was not until long after that it was found that he was welcoming the Guests. Ruby Rubenstein, an Old Centralian, responded, and closed the official proceedings.

The exceedingly replete assembly migrated to the Concert Hall, and it was not until much later, when the effects of the meal wore off, that the term "dancing" could be applied to their circumambulation. The band may have been lacking in numerical strength, but their sheer stamina was prodigious, as was more than adequately displayed in their marathon Cha-cha-chas. The evening was characterised by a real sense of friendliness, so often lacking on formal occasions such as these. The evening, or rather, the morning as it then was, closed with the traditional Boomalaka.



LOON-COON

Forty-nine competitors set out from the Start of the C. & G. Motor Club's Loon-Coon Night Rally last Feb. 6th. Although the weather was crisp and clear to begin with, the route soon ran into thick fog which began to take its toll of competitors by one means or another. With visibility down to 20 ft. and less, and a tight time schedule to keep to many cars had damaging encounters with parts of the scenery. The stories naturally became all the better for the telling, but briefly the casualty list was as follows:

An Austin 7 over-looked a left hander, rolled onto its roof, and then scumersaulted back onto its wheels. It was driven home.

A Riley Special stoved its front in on a bank when the driver lost the road in the fog at a T-junction, and went straight on.

A Morris Minor van couldn't decide which branch of a fork to take so the driver chose the middle path. There was a house there.

A Ford Anglia grazed a bank and bent a wing, whilst a Ford Taunus bumped the curb and dislocated the front suspension.

Mechanical failures put out another Austin 7 and another Riley; whilst one crew retired with carbon monoxide poisoning.

In addition to all this a marshal lost two front teeth in a fight (with a non-competitor) and even this was after he had been in the ditch off a motor-bike.

With the conditions as they were it is not so surprising that only 19 out of the original 49 finished the course. The winner was G.P. Howard closely followed by M.J. Gibson, both of whom were Guildsmen.

UNION MEETING

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(2) That this Union considers that, in general, Wardens of College Halls of Residence should be appointed from the Academic Staff.

It was proposed by Peter Levin, who said that through the medium of Hostel life, the students and Staff exert a civilising influence on one-another. He pictured an hostel run by one of the Admin. as a barracks; an institution with personnel devoted to running student life. He declared that the Admin were "like ruddy rabbits, or rather worse as one rabbit by itself is relatively harmless."

When asked whether the motion, if passed would carry any weight with the Powers-that-be, the President said that, constitutionally, the matter was no concern of the students. In general, it was felt that although not all of the Admin. would necessarily be bad, it was better to adopt a safe policy by choosing the Academic Staff. The motion was carried with only three voting against.



R.C.S. UNION
MEETING

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

An R.C.S. Union meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th February, the main part of the proceedings being devoted to debate on Constituent College Hostels.

Mr. Butters, Proposing, said that I.C. is what it is just because of the existence of the constituent colleges; mixed halls of residence would exterminate the constituent colleges. The Old Student Associations have roots in the college system and it is difficult to see how they would continue. The system produces four different administrative bodies giving possibility to a far greater number of people taking part, and raise the I.C. President above petty or small loyalties.

Mr. Finch, in opposing the motion, suggested that R.C.S. should mix with Guilds in order to turn them into decent citizens. Even the Rector could see this argument and the Rector had not been an official of the R.C.S. Union. On a more serious level Mr. Finch suggested technical difficulties in splitting up between three colleges seven halls of residence to be built within a period of fifteen years.

Mr. Emerson, seconding the motion, said that as we have no Arts here but have a broad range of character in each college, we should have college hostels as competition encourages resource and self-reliance; I.C. would therefore thrive. In the hostels as planned it would be the aim of each Warden to get hostel loyalties and eventually Presidents of Hall would appear, to the detriment of I.C.

Mr. Royce pointed out that constituent college hostels would lead to ragging, broken furniture and obscene drawing, enough to turn the Rector into a sleepless Knight.

Mr. Pfeffer from the floor waffled around the proposition and opposition and advised the Union to abstain. It had been stated by the Rector that there would be no inter-hostel sport and inmates would be distributed by ballot thus no hostel loyalty would be created.

Apart from a few red herrings like Imperial University and the Cambridge system no new matter was brought up from the floor. However concern was expressed for the existence of I.C. and the constituent colleges.

The motion was lost by 46 votes to 55 with 25 abstentions.

CONVOCAION ELECTION

Elected to Standing Committee of Convocation at the January meeting in Senate House:

Dr. L.E.C. Hughes, B.Sc. (Eng.), Ph.D., -a graduate of Imperial College and later a Recognised Teacher. As Chairman of the Social Sub-Committee of Convocation he has organised nine of the annual Conversazioni.

Cleopatra's Needle

Imperial College, the College of men, is imprinted on the minds of students of London University. On being told that there are a few women students, 88 in all, they immediately imagine the "blue stocking" and "jolly hockey stick" type, attempting to compete with the men on and off the field.

This impression is also held by the majority of students at I.C. The women belong to an Association whose members are considered to be unapproachable, scheming, unattractive females. In fact, they're I.C.W.A. I.C.W.A. Keep out! This cry of former years is now almost an echo along the third floor corridor of the hostel. Perhaps it is due to the increase in numbers which both sexes have welcomed. We have realised that the mens attitude has changed and they are slowly recognising the tremendous support we give to the College. (This is not a column of appraisal but a plea to the few students who still condemn the women at I.C.)

In return members of the Union have rendered many services to I.C.W.A., who wish to recognise these services in the election of Mr. I.C.W.A. Many nominations have been received but how many of these are serious and appropriate will be discovered at the next General Meeting of I.C.W.A., to be held early in March. My personal choice is the Production Manager of this publication, affectionately known as Tub. This little man has a unique way with women and has caused much heart ache among the women at I.C. He is also a great sportsman, renowned in the climbing of mountains and scaffolding leading to young ladies windows.



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EDITOR

M.R.HONER.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Editorial Comment

A well-known, and vocal, Union Officer remarked "Well, that sort of thing couldn't happen here, you know". He was referring, in fact, to the situation reported in 'Sennet' as being in force at Battersea. This was (at the time), that the President had resigned, and after some reported machinations, the Principal had taken over the Union.

The bright remark heading this column is typical of the complacency which, magnified a little, permits revolutions to happen, allow a Dachau to be built unquestioned and so forth. That it is unlikely to happen in Imperial College is true, but that does not rule out the possibility.

If, for example, some prominent (or stentorian) member of the student body was to be publicly rude to some High Personage and this Personage was to take such remarks to heart and - having some power over the Union - decide that this Union were unfit to elect its officers "if that's the way they are going to behave..." Very soon, of course, he would dictate who was to hold which post, and so on.

Such a take-over need not be sudden, but could be so gentle that few would even notice.

This is a far-fetched, of course, but who doubts that an oak can grow from an acorn?

THANKS

The Editor wishes to express his gratitude to those members of his staff who have rallied round to produce this issue of Felix, in his unavoidable absence due to ill-health. (In particular, he wishes to thank his predecessor for his invaluable help in this direction).

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Friday, March 18th, at
8 p.m.

the world-famous Polish pianist

MALCUZYNSKI

Only appearance in London this season. Proceeds in aid of Scholarships, ~~tenable~~ in the University of London for students from Poland.

Tickets 7/6 and 5/- obtainable at the I.C. Union Office.

Not all human emotions are happy ones, and yet those which produce frustrating circumstances in real life, or in a play, may well arouse in the audience a feeling of happiness and pride in the heroism of the characters involved.

Such a situation is created in A MEMORY OF TWO MONDAYS, by Arthur Miller, the American playwright, to be presented on Granada T.V. at 9 p.m. this evening. It has been described by the author as a "pathetic comedy", and tells of a boy who works among people for a couple of years, sharing in their troubles, their hopes and successes: and when the time comes to depart, they barely notice it. He is left to endure alone the absence of hope of all that he had lived for.

Several theatres outside the West End have plays prior or subsequent to their main London production and these may provide excellent entertainment with less travelling: for example, this week at the Streatham Hill Theatre is EXPRESSO BONGO, the lively musical set in a coffee bar, which ran for nine months at the Saville Theatre. Then, at the Wimbledon Theatre is Arthur Miller's A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE, which has now escaped from the Theatre Clubs.

Also in South London, at the Richmond Theatre this week, is Robert Anderson's TEA AND SYMPATHY while at the Theatre Royal, Stratford, E., is a new play PINGS AIN'T WOT THEY USED T'BE telling of Fred

'LIT. & DEB.'

The 12th February was an important day for the Debating Society when Dr. Donald Soper and Mr. Charles Curran came to college to debate the motion: "That the Government's Nuclear Policy is Inconsequential".

The Chairman, Dr. Allan, said that he had some doubts on the meaning of the word "inconsequential", but took the motion to mean that some people were in favour of the gov't's policy while others were against it. Accordingly, he invited Dr. Soper to speak against it.

"It is wrong for Christian countries to attempt to carry a cross in one hand and a nuclear weapon in the other", said Dr. Soper. He was also opposed to the policy on practical grounds: "It is reckless to muck about with cosmic forces which are not fully understood.

"Whom the gods destroy they first make mad", he said and carried on to condemn "silly men like Selwyn Lloyd and Dulles. It was wrong for Dulles to say he would go to war". He quoted Lord Birdwood who had said that he would rather die than live under Communist tyranny, and asked if Lord Birdwood would be willing for millions of other people to die because of his personal views. Dr. Soper advocated an international solution to the problem, as he thought national barriers to be no longer ~~opposite~~.

Mr. Curran disliked Dr. Soper's presentation of the argument, saying that it was not a choice between lunatics on one side and intelligent people on the other. Both Labour and Conservative governments had pursued the policy

It's worth knowing

Cochran's attempts to run a dilapidated dive, constantly visited by the police until he is ousted by a smart new boy with a rival establishment.

As to new films, apart from LA GRANDE ILLUSION at the Academy Cinema (mentioned in the last issue), there is DANGER WITHIN at the Odeon, Leicester Square, starring Richard Todd, Richard Attenborough, Michael Wilding and Donald Houston. This is another war story set in a prison camp, but for some reason, which is not very apparent there is one man who does not want the others to escape: however, for a film on this theme to receive good Press reports, as this one has, it must have something to raise it above the milieu.

Turning to exhibitions, on until next Friday at the Building Centre, Store Street, is LE CORBUSIER Exhibition celebrating the seventieth birthday of this versatile exponent of architecture, painting, sculpture and tapestries. Also at the same place is a permanent but changing exhibition of buildings and their equipment.

Then, until the end of next week there is an exhibition at Selfridges of "Leather Furniture on Parade", to reawaken any interest in the possibilities of a material which has lost much of its popularity since the war.

of the nuclear deterrent. He pointed out that there was a Labour government when the first A-bomb was dropped, and that it was the decisions of a Labour government to manufacture H-bombs and allow American air bases in this country. He quoted Earl Attlee: "I supported making the bomb, because it was the only policy which has kept the Red Army where it is". If Donald Soper thought Christianity was opposed to force, then said Mr. Curran, he should start by converting the Archbishops of Canterbury and go on to the Vatican. As he did not agree with capitulation to the Soviet threat, and as nuclear knowledge could not be eradicated, he thought the only solution was one to be brought about by political discussion.

Floor speeches were noticeably lacking in opposition to the motion. The theme of a number of speakers was that money spent on defence would be better used in the economic war for the support of the underdeveloped countries. Some people felt the Russians were ignorant. A number of non-politicians present thought the problem was all the fault of the "blasted politicians".

Summing up, Dr. Soper said he did not think the Russians were waiting for war, and therefore he was in favour of abandoning the cold war.

Mr. Curran thought that Communism was still a treat and that what was wanted was a bargain. "But," he said, "it takes two to make a bargain", and the Russians always stuck at the idea of foreign observers.

The Chairman declared the "ayes" to have it, after a show of hands, but the House was obviously quite evenly divided.

Letters to the Editor

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Dear Sir,

It was obvious, from the violent reaction from the floor at the Soper-Curran debate on Britain's Nuclear Policy, that there are a large proportion of I.C. students sympathetic to the cause of Nuclear Disarmament. If this be the case, why on earth do they continually fail to respond to the challenge and not support a Nuclear Disarmament Group at I.C.? Such a Group has existed since last March, and yet the response to a letter to Felix and a meeting last May was negligible.

It is true that the Nuclear Disarmament Committee has been severely restricted in its manoeuvres: the establishment is seldom enamoured to the thought of spontaneity, obvious in the condition for the formation of a new society. To have to pass a constitution through to two sittings of the Social Clubs Committee which meets one term is quite ludicrous. Furthermore, to forbid the use of notice boards without the concession of a right-wing Union Office is quite clearly designed to kill all initiative at birth; to have to stand off the pavement to distribute leaflets at I.C. is wicked, especially in weather such as this. How much warmer and congenial are the conditions inside the Union lounge?

In spite of the difficulties enumerated above, it is still possible for a Nuclear Disarmament Group to function effectively within the College. All that is required is a nucleus of some twenty or thirty people who are prepared to give a few hours a week. Considering the time spent by the average student sipping coffee or beer this would amount to a very small sacrifice.

In closing I would sympathise with with one of your correspondents Sir, who recently complained of the disappointment he feels about student life and attitude at I.C. I would add a further complaint: lethargy. I willingly salute my active opposition; at least they have convictions. I also acknowledge the devotion to duty displayed by the majority of Union officials, to whom we are all indebted. The irritant is the student who is unable to see beyond the pint, text book or confines of his college or home.

Yours sincerely,

David Finney

EDITOR'S NOTE

On points of information:-

- The constitution of a new society does not have to pass through two sittings of the S.C.C. Once the S.C.C. has passed it and it has been approved by the Union Executive, the society can be formed.
- The S.C.C. sits at least two or three times per term, more frequent meetings are unnecessary as there is insufficient business to merit them.
- The Nuclear Disarmament Committee has never applied for membership of S.C.C.



MAC REPLIES

Dear Sir,

Mr. Brookes' letter gives the impression that he is totally unaware of the position of the cartoonist when presenting such issues as that dealt with by my cartoon.

I think that it is reasonable to classify this cartoon as broadly "political" - in this context "political" denotes that it dealt with conflicting opinions, not that the controversy was of political origin. In such circumstances it is not the place of the cartoonist to state his own opinion (which is of no interest) but to observe the widely-held views of others and present them through his particular medium in a way that is (he hopes!) mainly humorous, yet with a slight undercurrent of acerbity.

I had always considered that anonymity was a privilege to be invoked by any writer - or cartoonist - who cared to do so, that it could even be a virtue. (I have certainly never heard the right to use a nom de plume questioned except in cases of blackmail.) Mr. Brookes, however, thinks otherwise. More, he dictates that I should think otherwise, for his parenthetic comment "is he ashamed to reveal his identity?" is not just an exclamation requiring no reply, but a challenge that he knows I cannot refuse. Thus I must sign this letter - sorrowfully, because I know of one person at least who will be very disappointed (he confided in me that "Mac" was really Mr. Garnett seeking solace in his old age by drawing!) - but I shall continue to use my "nom de cartoon". It is for the very 'great, and them only, to write their full names on their doodles, and I am certainly no Ronald Searle.

Yours, etc.

J.M. McNeil

(Aero. 1)

FRESHERS RECEPTIONS

Due to the increasing numbers of Freshers every year at Imperial College there has been for many years a very evident need for the streamlining of the Freshers' receptions, which are held by the I.C. Union immediately prior to the commencement of the academic session in October.

The main difficulty in the past has been the limited space and also the short time available in the afternoon. The Freshers' Reception next year will therefore occupy the complete day and more space will be made available in the Union Building for the social and athletic clubs.

Previously Freshers were separated according to whether or not they permanently resided in the vicinity of London, but the division will now be made into undergraduates and postgraduates.

This is only a small step, long overdue, but I sincerely hope that it will be the first one leading to a very much improved Reception.

R.H.T. GARNETT

President, I.C. Union.

NELSON S COLUMN

Members of the R.S.M. Union were amazed to hear at their last Union meeting, that their Hon. Pornographer had been locked in the Hostel room of an ICWarian of very high office. (She has made a special request that her name should not be mentioned in this column again) However, the Miners await their next meeting with bated breath.

Nelson congratulates Cleopatra upon hearing that Bedford College wish to print her Wallulk Bating in their newspaper. However, he doubts the accuracy of its interpretation, finding that his own is + 20.

Congratulations also to Guilds on organising the best Carnival of recent years, although one wonders whether the door-handles were torn off the Concert Hall doors by those trying to gain entrance or those trying to escape.

Whilst the competition for Mr I.C.W.A. of 1959 has aroused a great deal of amusement at I.C., Nelson would have thought that the ladies of I.C.W.A. were far more qualified than the men to propose the nominees - well, just look who's been proposed!

No wonder the Miners made a come-back in the Rector's Cup - half of them were watching International. no-holds-barred wrestling in the Albert Hall on the previous evening.

The other Thursday afternoon Nelson observed "Jezebel" almost obscured under a swarm of female models being photographed in Imperial Institute Road. In an exclusive interview, however, Mr. Peter Kassler BSc., A.R.C.S., President of the R.C.S.U., neither denied nor confirmed the rumour that copies are to be circulated to 300 female institutions throughout the country in order to attract more girls to R.C.S.

TOAST

Dear Sir,

With reference to the comment of your reporter on the activities of I.C.W.S.C., I would like to point out that although IC men are notoriously discourteous, only a small proportion of the "gentlemen" present at the Hall Dinner mentioned refused to toast "Victorious Women". I am sure that they, like myself, modified the toast to "Victorious ICWSC".

I am Sir, yours etc.,

Misogynist

MINES CARNIVAL

**MOSTLY
GHOSTLY**

OR

ME AND MY GHOUL

FRIDAY MARCH 13

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING

BY SIG

The writings of Sig are, to a rather obvious extent based on such material - emphasising ludicrous connections and exaggerations, such as one would expect to find in dreams. This, of course, requires little talent, but can provide both amusement and instruction for the participants. Amusement? because the human mind is not an entirely serious machine - there is always a place for that elusive quality called 'humour' and which we always consider everyone else has a twisted sense of.

For several weeks now, this column has been a vehicle for some rather curious articles - made up very largely of psychologically "loaded" material. This has been for a reason, naturally, and Sig hopes that his readers will find it of interest. First of all, by way of introduction, why should there have been any discussion at all of the 'rubbish' (as some have called it) that has appeared here? Admittedly, it was nonsense of a type. In fact, nonsense does not exist - everything has a reason and can be connected with something else - "nonsense" is merely something that does not appear to tie in with the accepted lines of thought or the customs of the particular society that you live in. If there is no nonsense, in the usually accepted meaning of that word, what then are we left with? Consider your dreams, for it is then that the careful guard that you normally have over your thoughts is no longer on duty. How often do we all dream what we are satisfied to call "nonsense". Yet it is this very material - without connections, relations or any obvious reference to our spatial lives which is constantly in the process of being moulded in our unconscious.

Was the writing of Sig necessary or important? The answer to that is neither "Yes" nor "No". Because they have been written directly, without the interference of thought and analysis, Sig's scribbles have appealed mainly to people who feel rather than think: such people are neither better nor worse than anyone else, they are just different. It so happens (otherwise he could not have written them) that Sig believes in the "engagement" theory of human existence which means that we are in instantaneous contact with the outside world. What we each make of, and with, this world depends on the mental attitudes that we each have, and have developed. It is a medical fact that, barring malformations, we all possess the same physical basis to our mentality. What differs between 'personalities' is the relative flexibility and nimbleness of that delicate machine, the human brain. This fact makes nonsense, in literal terms, of barriers, whether social religious or otherwise.

This also means that for anyone to claim a complete understanding of the human spirit or the totality of human wisdom, is as ridiculous as to claim that any one human language can contain anything but a fraction of the total of human truth and beauty.

The Chinese have a proverb:

"The bullfrog rent its throat trying to tell the eagle how to fly" This is a timely reminder to all who would write and tell others what they

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COLLEGE OIL-STRIKE



LAST NIGHT'S EXCLUSIVE PICTURE OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE GUSHER

YESTERDAY, STUDENTS OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE STRUCK OIL IN THE QUAD

LATER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE DENOUNCED AS "VICIOUS RUMOURS" REPORTS THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE OIL STRIKE AND THE RECENT ACQUISITION BY THE COLLEGE OF A JOB-LOT OF EX-GOVERNMENT OIL-AXES (4,500 WERE BOUGHT FOR 1/6d. AND HAVE SINCE BEEN SOLD AT £1 PER AXE).

MR. GARNETT ADMITTED TO A "WAIL" REPORTER THAT THE COLLEGE HAD HAD ENORMOUS LUCK IN RECENT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS (READERS WILL RECALL THAT ON MONDAY GOLD WAS FOUND IN PRINCE CONSOAT ROAD), ON TUESDAY LARGE DEPOSITS OF URANIUM WERE DISCOVERED UNDER THE ALBERT HALL, AND ON WEDNESDAY A VAST UNDERGROUND LAKE OF UNREFINED GUINNESS WAS UNEARTHED IN AN UNEXPLORED (AND THEREFORE POPULAR) REGION OF HYDE PARK.

WORKERS DIGGING IN THE MIRE OUTSIDE THE I.C. BOATHOUSE ARE CONFIDENT OF STRIKING A DIAMOND SEAM ANY DAY NOW.

"DON'T BE AFFECTED BY RICHES" APPEALS RECTOR

THE I.C. RECTOR SAID LAST NIGHT THAT HE HOPED STUDENTS WOULD NOT LET WEALTH GO TO THEIR HEADS. THE PRESIDENT HAD SET A SPLENDID EXAMPLE... HIS ONLY CONCESSION TO NEW-FOUND WEALTH WAS A NEW TIN OF SIMONIZ FOR HIS SCOOTER.

UNFORTUNATELY SOME STUDENTS WERE LETTING THE WHOLE COLLEGE DOWN. THEY DID NOT THINK OF OTHERS WITH THE RESULT THAT WORKERS AT ROLLS-ROYCE WERE NOW ON DOUBLE-TIME.

"IT WAS DARK AND DAMP DOWN THERE"

A "WAIL" REPORTER LAST NIGHT QUESTIONED A STUDENT ABOUT WORK ON THE OIL WELL.

"WITH ONLY ONE COMPANION I SPENT 3 MONTHS IN A CONFINED SPACE. IT WAS DARK AND DAMP," HE SAID.

LATER OFFICIALS DENIED THAT HE HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE DISCOVERY. HE HAD BEEN LOCKED UNDER THE STAGE SINCE THE R.C.S. CARNIVAL AND COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT 'TILL TODAY.

must do. But an excuse can be found for all who would write, surely, for, if they can produce one new thought during their lifetime, then all that has been wasted is only so by comparison? Human progress is not carried forwards by one great individual, but by a whole body of individuals. We are all great in some way, but it remains for us to find out in which way our greatness lies. All wishful thinking, you say?

As a final consideration of the material that is poured down the long-suffering throats of the "public" there is that element of distortion which is so essential in life. Without distortions of different kinds, there would be no art. An exaggeration upon a point in time and space, upon an event and an emotion produce the sonnet and the painting. The very exercise of the selective faculty by a human mind implies distortion of some kind.

We are all right, we are all wrong - because we are human. We possess emotions, which, because we are scientists, we are not supposed to allow to develop. In this case, we are all in danger of becoming mere cabbages. Because we are human, we have emotions. This is so much a matter of fact that to be ashamed of it, or to try to pretend otherwise is ludicrous and doomed in the end to failure. To those that think and Feel, Sig would like to try and explain how other people think and look at the world around him. But remember, because you look at the world in one way, and the rest of society in another, it does not necessarily mean that you are wrong. Ibsen's famous play "Pillars of Society" ends with the line "The strongest man in the world, is he who stands most alone".

Coming Events

Saturday, 28th February

Road Relay in Hyde Park.
Y.H.A. meeting in Wales.

Monday, 2nd March

I.C.C.U. "The End of the World"
by Rev. W.I.C. White in R.S.M. 1.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 3rd March

Wine Tasting Society Meeting: Brandy

Wednesday 4th March

I.C. Railway Society. All day
visit to Margam.

Thursday, 5th March

I.C. Union Meeting.

Friday, 6th March

Mountaineering Club Week-end.

Monday, 9th March

I.C.C.U. "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" in R.S.M. 1.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 10th March

I.C. Union Debate.
I.C. Railway Society. "The Post-War British Tramway Scene",
by W.J. Wyse.

Thursday, 12th March

"Surrealism" by Robert Melville.

CROSS COUNTRY.



The most important event during the past fortnight was the S.W.E.T.C. Trophy Race on 11th Feb. This race is a London Colleges Championship, run over a 4 1/4 mile course, partly in Epping Forest and partly on roads.

I.C. entered three teams and these finished 1st, 4th and 13th. The winning of this Trophy was a fine performance, as U.C. had held it for 4 years. We also provided the individual winner in John Collins, who finished 30 secs. ahead of Mitchell (U.C.) and Mead (Q.M.C.). The I.C. team was completed by Cleator (4th), Jaeger (6th), Briggs (9th) and Brown (15th); M. Barber, running for the second team, came 7th, so that I.C. actually had 5 men in the first nine positions.

The following Saturday, on our home course, our first team defeated the Metropolitan Police, and our second team lost to Brentwood School but managed to beat Old Brentwoodians. The outstanding performances in this match were those of O. Gilbert and M. Barber, who finished 2nd and 3rd.

On Feb. 18th, I.C. fielded two 'A' teams of equal strength, one to run against Q.M.C., the other to run against L.S.E. and King's. There was thick fog on the Q.M.C. course, and due to their Captain getting lost and taking three of our men with him, we narrowly lost the race by 25 pts. to 30 (rather good tactics!!) The individual winner was John Collins, who finished 4 mins ahead of the next man. Then came James (4th), Sandoz (7th) Smith (8th), and Huntley (10th).

Our other team beat L.S.E., but narrowly lost to King's 71, I.C. 76 and L.S.E. 88. Our scoring men were Tilly (6th), Warren (7th), Briggs (9th), Rayment (11), Clare (12), Cheeny (14) and Barker (17).

Last Saturday (21st Feb) the I.C. first team lost to Aylesbury A.C., but defeated Deptford Park A.C., while the second team again defeated Pearl Assurance. J. Cleator was first I.C. man home (5th) in the excellent time of 28 mins 56 s. The I.C. team also comprised Bernard and Brown (equal 8th), Tilly (10), Gilbert (11), and Warren (15). In the second team Rob Cheeny improved his personal best time by more than a minute.

HYDE PARK ROAD RELAY

Tomorrow, 28th Feb., is the date of the Eleventh Hyde Park Road Relay, which will be started by Brian Hewson at 3 p.m. at the West end of Rotten Row.

The race is larger than ever before, as 64 teams have so far entered, so that at least 384 athletes will be competing. We believe this is now the largest Relay race in this country, and probably in the world.

Favourites to win the Sir Roderick Hill Cup are Loughborough College, but it is impossible to forecast who will take second place. This is traditionally the position occupied by Imperial College, but many other teams will attempt to displace them. Durham the new U.A.U. Champs should do well.

RUGBY

ON TO FINAL

I.C. once again meet Kings in the final of the U.L. Cup, having beaten Wye 5-0 in the semi-final on February 11th. The game, played at Wye, was unexpectedly long and hard fought, and it wasn't until the second ten minutes of extra time that I.C. managed to score to the great relief of the large number of enthusiastic supporters.

In the first half the expected superiority in the scrum did not materialise, and play was very even, with a slight advantage to Wye who had the slope.

In the second half, although I.C. seemed to be pressing harder, several dangerous breaks were made by Wye's competent backs, but no side managed to score.

Twenty minutes extra time, having been previously agreed upon in the event of a tie, was played. I.C. managed to hold off Wye's last downhill challenge and in the second ten minutes the I.C. backs showed their true form when an outside break by Tony Seed with the ball quickly along the line put Paul Buet over the line in the left hand corner. Dai Phillips produced a magnificent kick to put I.C. 5 points up. From that moment onwards the true I.C. superiority in the scrum showed and for the last five minutes 100% possession of the ball from the line out made the I.C. victory certain.

Both the team and the now hoarse I.C. supporters spent a very enjoyable evening in Wye leaving the GEORGE at 10.30 under the watchful eyes of the whole Wye police force.

Without the wonderful support given to the team by the I.C. spectators the result may well have been different. We look forward to seeing them at Motspur Park for the final on Saturday, March 4th.



On the following Saturday the 1st XV played O.M.T. 'A' in a mood of anticlimax and won 12-0 after a rather disappointing game. Last Saturday they lost their 3rd game of the season, 6-9, rather surprisingly to a good R.A.F. Farnboro' side, the 2nd XV winning 32-0.

The "Bards", fresh from their convincing win over the Merchant Taylors, crushed a powerful Harrow XV at Harlington last Saturday. The forwards dominated a rugged pack battle and, with excellent service from the base of the scrum, the free scoring backs, combining aggression with a rock-solid defence, contained the opposition within their own 25 for the major part of the game.

The team, well led as usual from the pack by Dave Tittley and inspired by the re-appearance of ex-captain Bill Shakespeare (The Bard), showed a consummate skill which bodes well for their future match against the 'B' XV on the morning of the Cup match, March 14th.

The result: The Bards 23 pts
Harrow 0 pts

Scored: Jim (2), Jack, Bill Big Mike, Terry, Ginger, Slim Jim (1 conversion)
Missed: Rush (4 conversions!)

ICWSC

The only match played in the last fortnight was a squash match against Kings. After having lost 5-10 at the beginning of the term, I.C.W.S.C. turned the tables to win convincingly by 4 matches to one. Of the 8 matches played against the 1st teams from other colleges this season I.C.W.C. have won 5, a very good second.

CRICKET

ATTENTION OF ALL PEOPLE INTENDING TO PLAY CRICKET THIS YEAR is drawn to notices posted on the Cricket Club notice board (which adjoins the Bar), giving full details of the Club's activities and arrangements for trials.

The I.C. team will be chosen from the following:-

J. Collins, M. Barber, A. Larkum, J. Cleator, J.F. Jaeger, O. Gilbert and D. Briggs.

Help is needed with the work involved in running this race, and with the Crosscountry Club Dance in the Union in the evening. Volunteers should apply to Dave Briggs (Relay Organiser) or to G.P. Tilly (C.C. Captain).

HOCKEY

The fortunes of the Hockey Club have unfortunately taken a turn for the worse. The 1st XI after losing only one match last term, have won only three of their eight matches this term. Our defeat in the semi-final of the U.L. Cup by U.C. (4-0) was a bitter disappointment. The margin of the defeat was somewhat harsh, as two goals were scored after we had lost full-back Macrae through injury. We did not take early opportunities and were defeated by the better team (on the day).

Injuries and illness are two of the reasons for the loss of form. Another may be summed up in the phrase "nothing succeeds like success". Last term we were riding on the crest of a wave; we had beaten Battersea in the cup and were going from win to win. This term started with frustrating cancellations broken only by defeat on a frozen pitch. There is still time to break out of this vicious circle, and end the season on a winning note.

Now, as you probably all know, Jim Carter, our vociferous and ebullient goalkeeper, is enlivening a hospital ward with a broken ankle. We wish you a speedy recovery Jim.

SPORT

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SOCCER CUP

Earlier in the afternoon the two teams had trotted out onto the pitch to a great roar of welcome from the large crowd of supporters, in which I.C. students far outnumbered Kings. The two sides lined up along the centre line to be presented to Professor Sir David Hughes-Parry, B.C., M.A., D.L.D., D.C.L., Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Chairman of the University Athletic Ground Committee, and after the National Anthem the game began in almost ideal conditions.

The experienced I.C. eleven, containing ten players who have appeared for University teams, settled down much more quickly than their opponents, and caused the Kings defence much trouble by feeding their extremely dangerous wingers with a stream of long passes. However, the goals did not come and gradually Kings were allowed to come more and more into the game, but were unable to burst through the solid I.C. defence. On one occasion a goal was only prevented by Dytham kicking off the line.

After the interval, I.C. really began to get on top with both wingers being continually set in action by their team mates, and only a great display by the Kings goalkeeper prevented a score before Pritchard performed his great deed. This gave the team a tremendous boost, and from then on Kings were subjected to continuous pressure, which was encouraged by a powerful roar of "I.C., I.C., I.C.," from the touchline. The second goal came when Coups forced the ball home and the same player began the move for the third by breaking away down the right wing. His centre was met by Crawley whose shot was only partially saved and Casemore was on the spot to complete the scoring. On several other occasions the forwards very nearly added to the score, and once Coups hit a weak goal-kick with a tremendous first time shot which produced a magnificent save from the keeper.

After the final whistle I.C. skipper, Dai Joyce, his ambition now achieved, triumphantly led his team up into the stand to be presented with the Cup. Every member of the team had played his heart out in this great performance, and had so worthily earned the medals they received from Prof. Sir David Hughes-Parry. Finally the team lifted their skipper aloft with the Cup, and carried him into the changing rooms to the accompaniment of the cheers of the I.C. supporting contingent, to all of whom the club would like to extend its thanks for their encouragement. Then while the crowd dispersed to the bar or back to I.C. by coach, train, or on the two mascots "BO" and "JEZ", the team celebrated their success by drinking from the Cup. Later the team returned with the Cup to I.C. where it is hoped that it will remain for many years, in company with the rugby Cup for which I.C. play Kings in a fortnight's time.

RECTOR'S CUP MINES TIE WITH

GUILDS

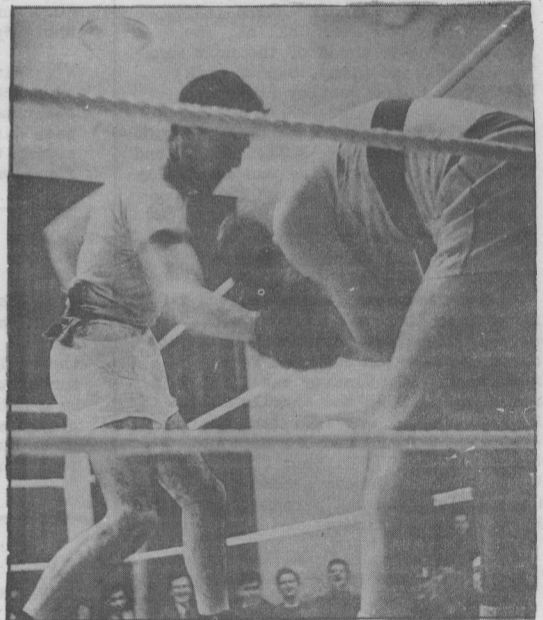
This year, for the first time, the entry was limited to two boxers in each weight from each College. This naturally led to the cream of the talent being brought forward and a more balanced programme.

A close contest was forecast from the start and the evening lived up to its expectations. Minesmen were resplendent in dinner-jackets and cigars and the Guildsmen (probably saving their dress shirts for the Engineer's Ball the next evening) were more modestly dressed. (Two prominent Guildsmen appeared in cloth caps and mufflers!). The entire audience was enthusiastic and very alive to the sport inside the ring and outside too. Vocal and musical (trumpets and bugles) support was much in evidence.

Until the very end the scores were absolutely level. Before the finals were boxed only one point separated the three Colleges. The eventual result put Mines and Guilds (who won last year) even with 45 points each, and RCS a shade behind with 39 points. This does not give an indication of the quality of the individual bouts, some of which were very close indeed. Several dark horses were brought to light and this augurs well for the I.C. team next year. The standard of boxing was due to the efforts of the team captains and the I.C. trainer.

Another innovation was the award of a cup for the best loser which was very kindly presented by the Club's President, J.C. Seaford Esq. It was won by J. Fairfield of Mines. Another Minesman P. Mousset-Jones was voted the best stylist in the competition.

It is very difficult to pick the best bouts of the evening. The memorable highlights were: Wronski vs. Bridges, Vine vs. Ebsworth, Owen vs. Cox, Miller vs. Lance; also the stylised fists of Mousset-Jones and the cool efficiency of Yorke and Faulkner. Many of the losers too ought to be congratulated upon the plucky display they provided.



The individual Champions were:

Flyweight.....	P.Sribhibhadh	(R.C.S.)
Bantamweight.....	H.Kirpalani	(C & G)
Feather weight.....	A.Cox	(R.S.M.)
Lightweight.....	D.Young	(R.S.M.)
Light welterweight...	G.Yorke	(C & G)
Welterweight.....	L.Williams	(C & G)
Light middleweight.	T.Banks	(R.S.M.)
Middleweight.	P.Mousset-Jones	(R.S.M.)
Light heavyweight.....	P.Vine	(C & G)
Heavyweight.....	C.Wronski	(R.C.S.)

In conclusion the Club would like to thank the gentlemen of the L.A.B.A. for the hard work they did in judging and refereeing the bouts. We should like to thank Dr. Weale for giving away the prizes. John Bramley was a masterful compere and his handling of the audience a display of pluck and science in itself. Also the seconds who worked in the two corners for so long and with such efficiency. Those who helped to organise the evening can find no words sufficient to thank Mr. Henry for the splendid job he did in organising the officials and boxers. And to those who came to watch our thanks for making it a successful evening.

SWIMMING

Last Saturday the I.C. swimming and water polo teams went down to Bristol for a match with Bristol University. Unfortunately Bristol could only field one man in each event so we put two single-string teams in the swimming events. The result was a win for the I.C. first strings with 23 points to Bristol's 15 points and I.C. second strings 10 points. Since there were only nine I.C. men this was a particularly fine effort and demonstrates the versatility of the team. Two fine lengths by Macmillan being the highlight of the evening.

The water polo match was won by six goals to one, hat-tricks to Barham and Jones giving us the necessary score. I.C.'s team had only four first team players in the water.

The first team won a league match against Q.M.C. last Tuesday by 3 goals to 2. Both teams were lacking two of their men because of the U.L. team's tour of Germany, but due to our greater reserve of players we beat the league leaders; this was their first defeat this season.