



# FELIX



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## KING'S EDITOR REPLIES

The Editor of this newspaper was very pleased to receive the following letter from the Editor of "King's News", as a result of the front-page article that appeared.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your front-page article in your issue of May 22nd concerning criticism of "Felix". As Editor of a printed college newspaper, I feel that these criticisms are fair. You justify your paper's appearance by saying that whereas "Felix" makes a profit, if £2 can be called a profit, the glossy "PI" costs its Union Society between £200 and £400 a year. While this may be true of "PI" and other college newspapers, it is certainly not true of "King's News", the newspaper of King's College Union Society. During the last year, our total trading loss has amounted to under ten pounds, although fifty pounds has been spent on office equipment. Our circulation is only 1,100, and the paper only costs its readers threepence.

Why is it that our loss is only a minute fraction of that of "PI"? There are two reasons. Firstly, "King's News" is not a glossy newspaper. It is printed on ordinary newsprint, which I feel is more suited to a newspaper than the heavier magazine paper used by so many university and college newspapers. Secondly, "King's News" is not printed in London. While this has its disadvantages in the make-up of the paper - we do not see any proofs of the paper - it is certainly a lot cheaper.

By making these two economies, we are able to survive without making a serious loss. However, to print a newspaper in this way still costs money. This is where advertising plays its part. The printing bill for our paper comes to an average of £53 per issue, of which five-sixths is paid for by advertising. If you are so set against advertising, then of course you cannot hope to publish a printed paper; but surely it is better to have advertising in an attractive newspaper, than no advertising in an unattractive paper.

So, I regard your excuse as a rather weak excuse. If one college can publish a good newspaper without making a serious loss, then surely another can. It is only fair to point out that if Imperial College want a real newspaper, they will have to pay before they reap the benefit. For change-over could not be done for nothing.

Finally, I would like to reinforce your remarks concerning weekly publication. It is all very well for those who read a paper: few realise the time and trouble that goes into publishing a paper, or how difficult it sometimes is to fill all the gaps even in a fortnightly publication.

Yours faithfully,

David J. Hardwick,  
Editor, "King's News"

A re-reading of both my own front page article and the above letter has led me to agree that the argument I put forward about advertising was a weak one; however, it is true that no big advertiser would wish to appear in a paper produced by the present process.

To attract big advertisers - such as appear in the King's newspaper, we should first have to turn out a printed "Felix" - i.e. this means an initial outlay of capital. It depends on the Union as to whether this is eventually done.

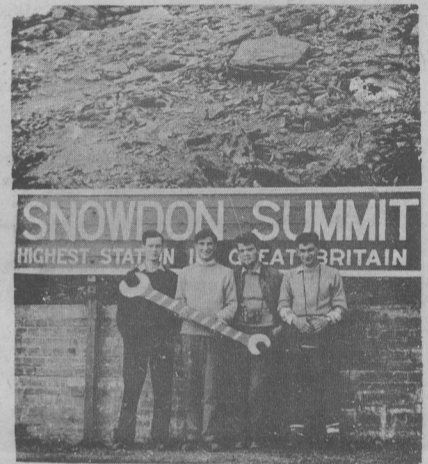
I should like to thank the Editor of King's News very much for his interesting letter and I think that he may have given the Felix Board something to consider carefully.

### THE MAY BALL

There is no doubt that the First Imperial College May Ball, which was planned in the face of severe student pessimism, was an unqualified success. The fact that the 300 double tickets were sold within 4 days and that first year students were in the majority do prove undoubtedly that there is space in the I.C. social calendar for an Annual May Ball.

The Entertainments Committee is one of the most hard-worked and least-rewarded committees in the Union and I should like to record here my thanks to them, and especially John Sheldon the Chairman and Susan Coombs the Secretary. It is to these two, with their imagination and relentless hard work, that we owe the success of the First Annual May Ball.

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



### CHADWICKIANS

Inspired by Mr. John Chadwick's dictum that "Constituent college mascots should be removed to a safe place as a reminder of the hooliganisms of the past", several members of R.C.S. moved the Guilds Spanner to one of the most peaceful spots in the British Isles.

Seeing the events of Field Cup afternoon, an anonymous geologist decided to walk off with the Guilds Clark-high implement, and did so, after which it was rapidly transported to the Hostel, and, the next morning, to North Wales. Apparently a large red and silver spanner is a great asset while hitch-hiking, as motorists stop out of sheer curiosity - the result being that it reached the Pen-y-Pass Hotel in the Llanberis Pass that same evening, and the summit of Snowdon before night-fall.

The only hitch in the operation was that the removing squad failed to get back down to the Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel before closing time. The spanner now rests high above the conflicts of mankind, secure from any but the most determined hooliganism, and seems likely to remain there for some time; a situation of which all keen Chadwickians should thoroughly approve.

P.K.

### TRAGIC DEATH

We would like to express our deep regret at the death of George Fraser, who demonstrated his skill as an athlete and as one of Britain's greatest climbers, during his period as a P.G. in Guild's last year.



# SELKIRK HALL A CLOSED SHOP ?



The following unsolicited letter was given to the Editor of Felix, by its author. After reading it, and being a little dubious about the somewhat personal remarks made in it and acting on a suggestion contained within the letter itself, the Editor sought a more official view of the Selkirk Hall situation.

This official statement is to be seen below following the original letter. I think it should be added that this statement, although termed official, is not by one of the 3 gentlemen named.

Dear Editor,

For the first time for a considerable number of years Selkirk Hall, the I.C. College hostel in Holland Park, is to be opened to postgraduate students. Whether or not this is a good proposition remains to be seen, and it is not my purpose to comment on it here. Next year will also be the first year of office of a warden from the Administrative Staff and it would be as well to point out that the warden is solely responsible for selecting applicants for admission to Selkirk.

The wider terms of admission have not been made public to members of the Union in general, indeed it was only by chance that the present residents of Selkirk were informed.

Those Selkirk residents who are to become postgraduate students next year and who wished to return next Session, re-applied for admission and were, for the main part, accepted.

To the best of my knowledge only three postgraduate applications were made from outside Selkirk. These were forwarded by Mr. J. Bell (Sec. I.C. Union), Mr. H. Espig (Chairman S.C.C.) and Mr. R. Garnett (Pres. I.C. Union). Of these three, Mr. Espig and Mr. Garnett have been accepted for residence. I understand that the reason for having postgraduates in Selkirk is that they might be a guiding influence on undergraduates in their work, and also to act as a "P.G. ~~student~~ governing body" to run the hostel.

These are the facts as I know and I wish to make the following comments:-

Firstly Mr. Garnett has already had three years' residence in the new hostel, the maximum permissible for a Union President in a College hostel. He is also a College Demonstrator and will undoubtedly have enough funds to afford alternative accommodation. Secondly, I read in the "Times" ~~it~~ that Mr. Espig has been awarded a Beit Fellowship of £600/annum. The same comments as above apply. Thirdly up to now it has not been found necessary to provide undergraduates a guiding hand. Nor is it necessary. Students are chosen students on those qualities which will enable them to work and manage their lives in a responsible manner. "Big Brother" tactics will not bring the erring student to heel.

Fourthly, it has been a general principle that residents should be selected in equal numbers from each constituent College, and that once accepted, providing there is no misconduct, he will remain in residence for two years. This year, however, a Miner after only 1/2 year at Selkirk, has been told that he will be unable to return owing to the excessive number of Minesmen. It would therefore appear that he is being pushed out in favour of Mr. Garnett, who is also a Minesman. Fifthly, certain residents at Selkirk have been invited back for a third year, despite the fact that it is generally understood and laid down in the rules for Admission of Residents 1959/60, that two years is the maximum period of residence in a College hostel for a student not holding Union office.

I feel, Mr. Editor, that these remarks speak for themselves and that your members of I.C. will be able to draw their own conclusions.

I should here mention that the fact that I am a resident at Selkirk in no way colours my opinions, since I shall be undertaking P.G. studies at King's College, Newcastle next Session. I shall be grateful for any correction that can be made to the content of this letter, and would also welcome a reply from those in a position so to do.

Yours sincerely,

R.D. Leigh  
Mining 3.,

- (1) There has been no change in the method of selection at Selkirk. How then has anything been kept quiet?
- (2) The addition of a few P.G.'s merely brings Selkirk into line with the general College policy as adopted in the other hostels.
- (3) Next year there will be five residents from each Constituent College.
- (4) The 2-year limit of residence applies to the Beit Hall and Garden Hall.
- (5) Some of the people who have been turned down for residence next year have been so treated on the advice of the retiring warden and others.
- (6) At £27 per term, Selkirk is not the cheapest place to live at. Perhaps all students with parents earning in excess of say £2,000 p.a. or with grants of £350 p.a. or more should be restricted from application to any College hostel.
- (7) Any Resident's Committee which may be elected, will be elected from the students and by the students. There seems no reason why any such committee should not operate in the same unobtrusive manner as the equivalent committees at the other I.C. Hostels.

- (8) In addition to the above named applicants for residence next year there were at least ten other P.G.'s, not resident in Selkirk, a reasonable number it would seem for the two places which were awarded. It is difficult to imagine why Mr. Leigh should choose to mention only one of the unsuccessful applicants unless the sourness of this particular grape (to use a somewhat mixed metaphor) is related to the position of responsibility to which that person has been elected.
- (9) Under the rules of admission to Selkirk Hall a student is not refused because he has already resided for the maximum period in the Beit Hall, since Selkirk Hall is entirely separate from the other Halls of Residence at I.C.

Perhaps spending one's time running a Union, for which the only immediate reward is the satisfaction of having done the work, for the likes of Mr. Leigh should thus exclude one from even applying for the facilities open to all members of the Union. It is a pity that Mr. Leigh has now left it too late to do anything more constructive for the I.C. Union than try to cast slurs upon those who have.

## I.C.D.S.

The I.C. Dramatic Society is the first non-Irish Society to visit Portrush, Northern Ireland, for the amateur season of Portrush Summer Theatre.

Imperial College is perhaps the premier scientific college of England, and is one of the largest constituent colleges of London University. It is also remarkable for having a large preponderance of men students - in a ratio of about 60:1.

The Society has produced a variety of plays, from standard repertory comedies to the London premier of "LOFTUR", Johann Sigurjonsson's Icelandic version of the Faust legend. In the last year, they have ranged from Moliere's "THE MISER" to Shakespeare's "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW".

The Society is a regular competitor in the London University Drama Festivals.

The Society will present two plays by Rattigan under his general heading "PLAYBILL". These are "HARLEQUINADE" and "THE BROWNING VERSION".

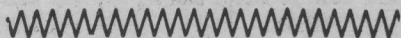
BRITISH MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
DANCE ALL-NIGHT SESSION

Chislehurst Caves, Friday June 12th

TICKETS - Tickets may be obtained in advance - see Details on Large Poster in your College - price 3/6d. Tickets will also be available at the Entrance Price 4/-.



EXAMINITIS



Feeling nervy, depressed? Suffering from vague emotions of foreboding and guilt? The chances are you have examinitis, a seasonal disease which claims thousands about this time, and has even been known to be fatal. This malady strikes by destroying the confidence and self-respect of the sufferer, laying him open to subsidiary attacks of swotting, fear of failure, worry and the hysterical reactions to these. The basic cure is therefore to restore the victim's confidence: and the methods of doing this can be divided into two classes:-

- 1) Methods based on increasing his internal confidence
- ii) Methods designed to destroy the confidence of others.

1. Under the first head a variety of treatments include:

a. Learn with extreme thoroughness a minute fraction of the syllabus, which engenders confidence out of all proportion to the effort involved.

b. Obtain one past examination paper and work out how to do the questions about six months before the exam. Then, whenever an attack threatens, look at this paper and think how easy it is.

c. Alcohol.

2. Under the second head may be included:

a. Disappear from the college 8 days from the Easter vacation, and reappear only on the days of the exams. If possible, bribe a friend to relay accounts of your continuous study back to college.

b. Be seen studying furiously in the library all the time. This is more effort than 2a, but carries more conviction. You need only be daydreaming over some journal, anyway.

c. Having carried out 1a, introduce your speciality into the conversation at any opportunity in great detail, remarking on its elementary character. If you have several specialities, the effect is more impressive: besides, they may even come up in the exam.

d. When actually in the examination room:

27 minutes after the start, go up to the front and take, very deliberately, one by one, three supplementary answer books. Refill your pen once 48 minutes after the start, and again 17 minutes before the end.

Allow your desk to become cluttered with all this (largely blank) paper, adding log-tables, blotter, hundreds of coloured pencils, slide-rule, ink, etc. thus giving an effect of furious energy and concentration.

Never be seen to stop writing even for an instant, even if you are forced to write sentences twice and cross them out again, or doodle on the blotter.

Walk out 2 1/2 minutes before the end, with an absolutely deadpan expression on your face, and slowly screwing the cap on your steaming pen.

D.E.H. Jones.

STROLLING ABSURDLY THROUGH SUBURBIA

Whilst remaining ever impressed by the literary eloquence of the London Transport Country Walk series, I am always left with the impression that a little more ingenuity could have been used in the description of the various itineraries. I therefore submitted the following description of a genuine walk route to the Editor, which he seems to have printed. Starting and ending in Southfields, the journey covers some of the most picturesque spots around the South West London district.

The route is presented in the form of a first-hand, eye-witness, on-the-spot, you-are-there account of the first annual Lavenham Road walking championships. The line-up at the start of this year's race, which took place under the steaming Temperate sun of Surrey and Middlesex, included only one competitor, who was later to be proclaimed outright winner. This fearless entrant wore a sports cap sports coat, and haversack; in his lefthand pocket was a carefully folded butterfly net, whilst in his righthand pocket was ..... his right hand!

The race began at 2.45 p.m. on Whit Saturday, the competitor setting off at a brisk pace in plimsolls, and without a map. Cutting across Wimbledon Common, the Queensmere was soon passed on the right, and the competitor restrained his impulses, knowing the his landlord had to swim there every morning.

Nipping nimbly across the golf course to avoid being golfed upon the head by a golf ball, he emerged on to the Kingston Vale opposite Robin Hood Gate. Turning left, he proceeded up the A 3, which leads to Portsmouth; however, it was decided that this might prove too far owing to the aforementioned Temperate heat of the day. And so he strutted through the thick traffic of Kingston, avoiding being trafficated en route.

Leaving the maddening crowds behind him he pointed his nose to the South for Hampton Wick, and the rest of his body followed amiably enough. Crossing the Thames, he arrived in Hampton Wick and carried straight on for Hampton Court. Here he was faced with the gates of Hampton Court on the left, and Bushy Park to the right. He turned right through the latter in order to avoid the maze - you will recall that he had no map and did not wish to get involved.

The trek through Bushy park led past the Horse Chestnuts in full bloom like a myriad of candle-bedecked Christmas trees twinkling with the light of the Temperate sun, which by now was losing some of its steamy heat and beginning to condense. The Moon was just visible to the left or right of the Sun, depending upon which way you stood, and it was observed that the former was chipped where Jodrell Bank radio-telephone calls had been bouncing off it. They have no respect for this the earth's oldest satellite.

Emerging from Bushy Park, he turned left, still in the lead, and then right through Teddington in the Borough of Twickenham - according to the notices to dogs on the lamp-posts, dogs can't read anyway. Crossing the Thames again, back on the South Bank, he turned left past the locks at Teddington, and began the long leg round the towpath of the Thames to Richmond. At 5.45 'The Three Pigeons' was welcome sighted, nestling by the river, with its beer garden commanding a fine view of the reach to Teddington. Arrived here, he produced the sandwiches and cakes from his haversack, both having been kindly supplied by his landlady. A couple of pints of Watney's beer were required to lubricate all the sandwiches eaten, the Cucumber ones being rejected owing to the contempt with which the stomach views simultaneous gifts of the latter vegetable with alcohol.

At 6.45, he arose and took the 6.45 express feet to Richmond, where he turned back up the hill, walking briskly to avoid the famous Lass. A fine view back over the course is to be had from this vantage point, with the river winding into the distance, yet travelling all the time towards the observer.

Crossing Richmond Park, the skyscraper skyline of Roehampton soon appeared, and was entered via Roehampton Gate. The later stages of the race passed the 'King's Head' at Roehampton, the 'Green Man', Putney Heath, and 'Burghley Hall'. The race ended at Lavenham Road at 8.30 p.m., after a total walking distance of about 20 miles.


The author of the above account is not entering to defend his title next year, having retired, not to write a book, but to draw up a map of the Wimbledon, Hampton, Richmond district. Asked whether his ambition was to walk again in any more of the season's big races, the winner replied that his ambition was just simply to walk again - ever! As he spoke, the three men hired to pull off his plimsolls gave up the task as an impossibility. The winner was therefore forced into the alternative of wearing this footwear until it dropped off through old age - like a leaf from a tree in Autumn, although not, perhaps, such an impressive spectacle.





# FELIX

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**EDITOR**

M.R.HONER.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

## Editorial Comment

With this Editorial, I reach the end of my service on "Felix". Have I been a good or bad Editor - or worse, just indifferent? Only you can answer that; for myself I know that above all I have enjoyed this position and the actual production of "Felix" (even when that has been left solely in my hands!)

Felix is more than just another student newspaper - it is a tradition that I hope I have strengthened, but an Editor must have a staff and eternal

praise and credit are due to the following regular members:-

Photographic Editor - Paul Forgers  
Sports Editor - Keith Ludlam  
Features Editor - Peter Crabtree

Production Assistant - Brian Roscoe  
Cartoonists - Eccle and Mac

Without two members of the Felix staff - our typists, Sheila Hobday and Celia Kyle - we could never have appeared (at any time). They say that they have enjoyed working with us - such women are rare!! To these people and to my predecessors (who wish to remain anonymous - for evermore) who have helped and to Mr. Tony 'Dreamboat' Ewart who stayed with us until attracted by higher things (?), I wish to extend my deepest thanks.

May I leave you with this thought:

I know most of you look, act and think like sheep, but that does not give you the right to stray all over the Beit grass. An eminent botanist has asked me to tell you to "Keep off the grass".



Editor



Tennis at Wimbledon, rowing at Hendly Cricket at Lords, a festival at Edinburgh, music at Llangollen: there's plenty of choice, with a few more suggestions for good measure.

The MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS opened last Saturday at the Empire Pool Wembley, and remain there until July 18th. There is much impressive acrobatics, and strange magic, though less emphasis on the animals than is usual in this country.

The Royal Tournament continues at Earls Court until June 20th.

The year the centenary of Big Ben is being celebrated, and to mark this is an exhibition at the Jewel Tower, Estminster, showing models and documents depicting the clock's history. Open until mid-September.

A tercentenary also occurs this year, that of the birth of Purcell: part of the celebrations include a version of Shakespeare's TEMPEST, for which Purcell composed the music. It opened at the Old Vic last Tuesday.

A new comedy at the Garrick Theatre having a promising cast is Farewell, Farewell Eugene: Margaret Rutherford and Peggy Mount are always good for a laugh, regardless of the script.

## NELSONS COLUMN

- (1) Peter Kassler has purchased a Vespa scooter, and it is rumoured that he is taking over Richard Garnett's 'L' plates. It is hoped that they will bring the new owner a little more luck.
- (2) A very dapper-looking Tony Ewart, alias "Mr. I.C.W.A.", was given a great send-off at Victoria Station last week when he departed for Peru. The party consisted of many sorrowful looking members of I.C.W.A. and a party of men looking as if they were thankful to be rid of him.
- (3) Last year's President's Dinner and Dance produced 3 engagements, so the men of I.C. are warned to be on their guard.
- (4) Now that the Hostel selections are completed Frank Irving is no longer able to dispose of an endless supply of free drinks in the Bar. However, present and future members of Council are advised that now is the time for the free beer to flow in the late evening.
- (5) Examination fever is running high. John Blok, an old veteran and now starting on his 3rd attempt, has put himself into hospital by trying to cut off his right thumb. He is now trying to pass his exams on compassionate grounds.
- (6) It appears that the stringent rules regarding the exclusion of ladies from the Bar have been relaxed lately. Mrs. Robb. spent one evening in there last week downing her pint.
- (7) Norman Crossland, the President of the I.C. Underwater Club has recently written an article for the Sub-Aqua Club magazine about the forthcoming expedition to the Azores. A photograph showing Clair Brooks is entitled "The only woman on the expedition." Close by it reads "The Azores - where science should be fun!" We are surprised at Norman especially since he is a married man.



FIELD CUP RACE: 1959

## It's worth knowing

Another such play is The Grass is Greener: the plot is weak as a whole, but the show is worth seeing for the excellent acting by Celia Johnson and Joan Greenwood. St. Martin's Theatre.

The twenty fifth season of the Open Air Theatre in Regent Park opens on 15th June with a performance of Twelfth Night.

If the cast of a film is any criterion, two which are worth looking out for in the next few months are The Wreck of Mary Deare, starring Gary Cooper and Charles Heston with Michael Redgrave, Emyl Williams and Cecil Parker, and Our Man in Havana, starring Alec Guinness Maureen O'Hara, Noel Coward, Burl Ives, produced by Carol Reid.

As long as comparison is not made with the play, the film of The Diary of Anne Frank, telling of the efforts of a Jewish girl and her family to hide from the Nazis in Holland in 1942, is extremely moving and well produced. The obvious limitations in making a film of an essentially one-room action apply, but the plight of Anne, played by Millie Perkins, will not be soon forgotten.

If you happen to be in a cinema at the right time, do not miss the trailer of Horrors of the Black Museum: but the film isn't worth seeing.

Letters  
to the  
Editor

S.C.C.

Dear Sir,

I was surprised and a little perturbed to read in your newspaper two letters criticising the S.C.C. in the terms "Disgusted, scandal and Sabotage". Surely the writers of these letters realise that had the decision been reversed there would almost certainly have been two more from your many readers who would have rushed to their pens with such words as "disgusted, scandal, sabotage, bolshevik, pacifist, fascist, warmonger etc."

Only two weeks ago the most popular sport in the Carnival fete appeared to be ducking the president. This circumstance is unfortunate, but whilst it exists let us be rational about it and realise that committees are groups of individuals and not just one scheming evil mind plotting to suppress and frustrate the student at every opportunity. Such committees are elected by the students through their respective societies and have a responsibility, not only to the few enthusiasts for a new society, but to the mass of students in general. Looking at a committee in this way and realising that it has no personal axe to grind phrases such as scandal, sabotage, etc. are reduced to the level of emotional ill-mannered, petulance on the part of those whose views have been rejected. Incidentally your correspondents should get together sometime, perhaps they could decide coldly and unemotionally just who rejected what.

Yours faithfully,

John R. Loe.

## I.C. CHARITY CARNIVAL

Following a motion proposed by the President, R.H.T. Garnett, the Imperial College Union Council reaffirmed at its meeting on May 21st its previous decision to hold an Imperial College Charity Carnival in 1960, the proceeds from which will be given to St. George's Hospital.

The exact date of the Carnival, i.e., whether it is to be held in the Easter or the Summer term is to be decided early in the coming session and it is hoped that it will be run in conjunction with what has been known this year as the May Ball.

It was also decided that priority will be given to the I.C. Charity Carnival over the Annual World University Service Carnival which is held at Bedford College.

**FOR SALE:** The R.C.S. Union complete with 2 sets of offices and a fire-engine. What offers? Very low reserve.



## PEACE SOCIETY

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of 'Felix' you published two letters concerning the Peace Society. This proposed society has received a great deal of publicity in 'Felix' this year and I feel it is time that someone cleared up the controversy surrounding it. The views expressed in these letters and those of Mr. Finney earlier this session are a blatant misrepresentation of the truth and are probably based on rumour rather than on fact. It is a pity that supposedly educated people cannot check up on their information before writing hasty letters to 'Felix'.

The Peace Society was not rejected by Union Council. When I informed the Council that the first reading of the Peace Society had been passed by the S.C.C., the members expressed no views. At the next meeting of the S.C.C. a number of societies stated that they were already doing what the proposed society was setting out to do. The S.C.C. which consists of 40 members therefore rejected the Peace Society because there is no need to have a new society which duplicates the work of existing societies. It is surprising that Mr. Finney, the proposer of the Peace Society, did not approach these societies to see what is being done on the topic for Peace in the Union before trying to form it. The International Relations Club have offered Mr. Finney the facilities of their club to hold functions concerned with Peace.

I would also like to state that the Peace Society was not to be a branch of the G.N.D. and when asked what the political views of the society would be, the proposer stated that it would be none political. There was no attempt to sabotage the formation of the Peace Society by Union Officials. The decision not to form the society was made by the S.C.C. which consists of 40 people drawn from the clubs of this College. I might add that the majority of the Members voted against the formation and very few voted for the society.

I hope that you will publish this letter in full so that the members of the Union may know what has happened over the Peace Society and may draw the correct conclusions.

Yours sincerely,

H.R. Espig

Chairman I.C. Social Clubs Committee.

Dear Sir,

I was sat, with nothing better to do, on a seat, when a young man approached me and asked me the best way to get out of it. I was set back a little as I didn't really know myself. Could you help me?

Yours &c. The Right Hon.

THE FIFTH EARL OF MUGH WAPPING.

## JACKBOOTS

Sir,

I was highly amused by the tone of Mr. Moir's letter in your last issue dealing with the difficulties of obtaining a fair hearing for Irving-type view-points in the face of the exaggerated bias shown towards 'egalitarianism' by the national press, etc. It conjures up delightful images of cringing fascists, their jackboots and rubber truncheons confiscated, their moderate and unobjectionable articles torn up, being kicked unceremoniously out of newspaper offices, or bleating meekly and unsuccessfully at public meetings in an effort to make their mild and reasoned pleas for the immediate construction of concentration camps for the liquidation of reactionary elements heard above the raucous din of the masses, intolerantly using their decadent and anti-progressive freedom of speech to proclaim such absurd bourgeois prejudices as the dignity of the individual.

However, from his own point of view, I fail to see quite what Mr. Moir is beefing about. Discarding as he does the concept of equality, why should he feel hard done by at not receiving equal treatment to the exponents of liberty at the hands of the national press? It is a failing common to all these 'progressive' authoritarian ideologies that their supporters assume that they should be the ones to be more, and not less, equal than others.

Thanks to Mr. Moir's enlightened ideas having been given a fair hearing in certain countries, we now know them for that they are worth. A fat chance of a fair hearing do the ideals of equality get in such countries .....

Yours sincerely,

D.E.H. Jones.  
(Chen III)

## VACATION PROBLEM

There was a rope passing over a pulley with a monkey on one end and a weight of equal weight as the monkey on the other. The rope weighed 4 cs. per foot.

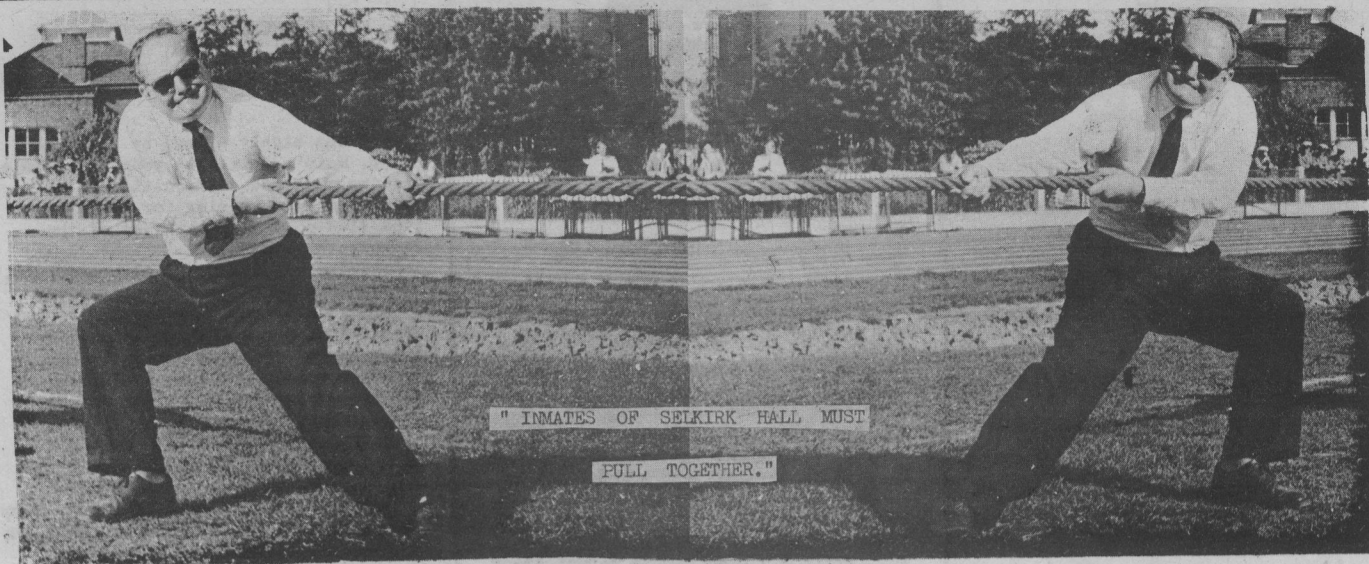
The monkey was as many pounds weight as its mother was years old. The sum of the ages of the monkey and its mother was equal to 4.

The mother is twice as old as the monkey was when the mother was half as old as the monkey will be when the monkey will be three times as old as the mother was when the mother was three times as old as the monkey.

The weight of the monkey and the weight of the rope were together equal to half as much again as the difference between the weight of the weight and the weight of the monkey.

What was the length of the rope?

Answers to P.A. Bevan through Union Rack. First correct answer to receive a pint of Keg from Mr. Bevan. First wrong answer to give Mr. Bevan a pint of Keg!



" INMATES OF SELKIRK HALL MUST  
PULL TOGETHER."

SECURITY INFORMATION

Dear Sir,

It is time that this unspeakable crime was revealed. To the South of the Union Building there lies a plot consisting of a beautifully maintained mosaic of building site turves, known as the Beit Quadrangle Lawn. Apart from Tortoise racing, this stretch of verdant pasture has an important function - to connect the Zoology Department to the Bar. A glance at the plan as seen from the Zoology roof, from the left of the dustbins, will show that the route to the Bar from this seething animal container, is very indirect. Those readers with an inherent mathematical ability will quickly calculate, and drinkers will see immediately, that if the paths had been built the other way around with the present South end to the North, then our route to the footrail and dart board would have been easier.

Who is to blame? It is obvious that the Staff of Zoology have thought up this cunning ruse as a deterrent to their worthy scholars' relaxation.

Now what difference does this make, you readers are asking? Why, the inhuman wastage of five seconds time per day - valuable time which is meant for drinking and dart play. (Incidentally, it is sincerely hoped that all who read this will show reverence to the word 'dart', by devoutly removing their coats raising their glasses and repeating my well-known toast of "Right then, down the old er - right then." May I take this opportunity of answering the continuously occurring question as to why I drink. I do so for the sake of medical science, to ensure that the colours of my stomach wall are perfectly preserved. To this aim I can unreservedly recommend the hobby of beer tasting.)

Solutions to problem:-

- i) Turn the Quad around.
- ii) Turn the Quad buildings around
- iii) PLUTL. (Pipe line under the lawn.
- iv) Open a bar in the Zoology Dept.

I see that the Bar is open again, and so I dip my dart point in the ink once more to remain,

Yours unbiassedly,

Charles Neville, Dart.

Research Lab.,  
Zoology Dept.

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ELECTIONS

It can hardly have escaped notice that elections are with us again. The notice boards have been inflicted with a rash of grubby, unreadable signatures. The internal notice board carries a series of smarmy profiles of would-be bureaucrats, identified by learing photographs. One would think that this was Scotland Yard's rogues gallery, were it not for the fact that the profile rarely corresponds to a true description of the subject.

Profile writers are a strange breed, worthy to sit in on the most diplomatic chamber. They sell their man with the air of a seasoned auctioneer, loyally hiding all his faults and boosting his assets, to such a degree that the whole thing becomes a downright lie. Why do they do it? One reason of course is free beer and cigarettes. It is the done thing for the prospective candidate to invite his loyal supporters to the bar at least once a week. Another reason is that the profiler likes to think that he is the power behind the throne. Yet a third reason is that he belongs to a clique which wants to keep or gain power. The following is a typical example of a clique at work.

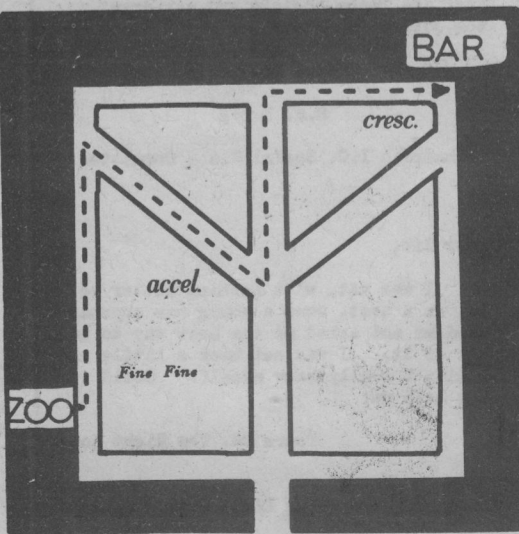
B proposes A for president and C and D second him. A proposes C for secretary and B and D second him. D proposes B for treasurer and A and C second him. C proposes D for committee member and A and B second him.

Believe me, it usually works.

Now what about these candidates who allow themselves to be displayed and lauded in such a fashion. What are they after? Partly of course it is power, but the most important reason is that they want to be "a somebody". THEY WANT TO BE KNOWN. To be just an ordinary student, a nobody, serving on no committees, is to them a sign of absolute failure. Even if they only become hon. junior assistant treasurer of the madrigal revivalist society they have become a somebody.

The most pathetic case of the nobody who wants to become a somebody is the man who gets himself proposed for 6 posts, hoping that he might get on at least one. To see him slinking away as the election results confirm him an insurable nobody is a sight to tear at your heart strings.

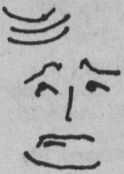
Personally, I am a self-appointed nobody and intend remaining so. Would anybody care to propose me for president?



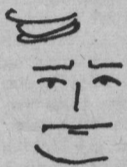
Well Doctor, It all started  
when  
I failed my finals



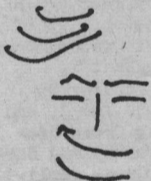
I AM WORRIED



I CAN'T WORK



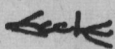
THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET INTERESTED



IS TO THINK OF THE ONE I AM WORKING FOR ~~1500~~



THAT IS THE TROUBLE !



Lost, stolen, or strayed from room two, Old Hostel, one four-legged comode. Would persons with any offers please contact Mr. Roden (Old Hostel Basement) or Mr. B. Cosens (via Union Rack.)

What has happened?

The hither to joy full student body.....



is now to be seen hanging around in dejected groups



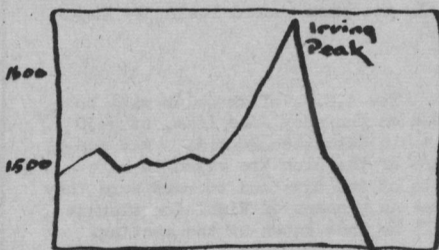
The attendance at the Bar has reached a record low

ODE TO THE FIRST FEMALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN GUILDS

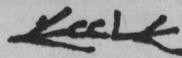
"Prithes maiden of my desiring, Are you not mistaken in your wiring, A generator set as well we know Should mainly function when the lights are low."



Even the prettiest girl cannot bring an eyebrow to flutter



and even the sales of felix have taken a tumble



To whom it may concern, ~~Keek~~ is now satiring.



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# SPORT

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## CRICKET

### ATHLETIC CLUB

For the last fixtures of the season our teams competing have been severely weakened by the demands of exams. The smallest team yet seen of 9 athletes faced the might of Walton A.C. and I.C. were defeated by 88 to 61 points. K.W. Ludlam won faglong and quarter whilst the discus went to A. Alcock.

The following day a rather tired team defeated weak opposition from Guy's Hospital at Brockley rise, in wet conditions.

On Sat, 23rd May, I.C. was at full strength for the toughest fixture of the season against Heidelberg, Southampton and Reading. Although the club scored the most points on the track, the Germans were completely on their own in field events allowing them to win the competition by 168 to 137½, with Southampton 90½ and Reading 76 points. In a howling gale our sprinting was superb, the relay being won in 44.3 seconds equalling the college record. Also, K.W. Ludlam brilliantly recorded 51.8 seconds to win the 44 yds.

On Wed. 20th May a weakened I.C. team smashed a much weaker team from Goldsmiths by almost scoring maximum points.

Finally, in the last match of the season it was very pleasing to see I.C. defeat St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford, at Hurlingham for the first time in three years. Notable season's personal best performances were 38' 4" for A. Alcock in the shot, and K.W. Ludlam's 51.1 sec quarter.

P.A. Raymond  
Capt. ICAC

#### SUMMARY OF SEASON

Apart from the tour to Germany, the 1958-9 season has now finished and it has been one of the most successful for several years.

We have competed in 11 fixtures, defeating 14 teams and losing to 3. Our notable victories were over St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford, Southampton, Reading and Cranwell. Losses were to Heidelberg, Bristol and Walton A.C. We were also victorious in the U.L. Champs., last won by the Club in 1956, with 20 teams competing this year.

No less than six college records have been broken and two equalled. Congratulations to the following for these performances:

A. Alcock Discus, 128' 0½"  
J. Cleator 1500 Stepplechase, 4:30.9  
C. Connolly Javelin, 175' 7½": Shot 42' 5"  
R.W. Hedge Long Jump, 22' 3½"  
A.M. McDonald 100 yds, 10.1 sec,  
220 yds 22.0 sec.  
4 x 110 relay (Curtis, Ludlam, McDonald, Soubry) 44.3. sec.

Six members of the club, Cleator, Connolly, Hedge, Ludlam, McDonald and Melbourne, have represented the University this season.

### GLIDING

The National Gliding Championships were held at Lasham during the week preceding Whitsun. It was the largest Gliding Championships ever held in the world with respect to the number of gliders entered. The contest was divided into two leagues, all Imperial College pilots flying in League I. Frank Irving and Bill Tonkyn were placed fourth flying their jointly owned Skylark III and won the Team Trophy, previously held by Frank Irving and Paul Minton. This trophy is awarded to the glider, flown by more than one pilot which is placed the highest. George Burton, also flying a Skylark III, finished sixth. This was an excellent effort by all the pilots concerned and puts them in the running for selection for the British team for the International Championships in Germany next year. Paul Minton and Bernard Davey flew "Phoenix", the club's Skylark II but were only able to make 31st place, partly because they were flying against higher performance aircraft and partly because "Phoenix" is no longer in the best of condition, a fact which was only brought to light during the Championships.

J.R.B. Spanton.

### TENNIS

Since the last report of the Club's successes were mentioned in Felix, the various teams have not been doing so well. As always the club is hit very badly by examinations in the summer term and the results show this. The first team lost their unbeaten record when they were trounced by L.S.E. in the U.L. Cup. Although we had beaten L.S.E. earlier in the season, their cup side was completely different from their former team. The 'A' team had a very good victory over Old Gowers by 7 matches to 2, but have since lost to Southampton and Nottingham Universities. The second team too have lost their unbeaten record losing to Kings, 6-2.

The A.G.M. of the club will be held on Thursday June 18th, at 5.30 p.m. in Committee Room A. All members of the club are asked to make a note of the date and to make sure they come as winners of Wimbledon tickets will be made known at the meeting.

P.A.B.

### ICWSC

ICWSC and Middlesex Hospital joint Swimming team tied 1st with Goldsmiths in the U.L.W.S. League div. I.

J.L.

What is gone with the money? Well, there are rumours that it is given to the first man to hit the "Whistle" tree on the Devon Tour and he then provides some of the evening's beer. However if you would like to call at room 77 in the New Hostel I'll tell exschaestly what it is used for (hic!!!).

Since the last report in Felix the 1st XI have played six games, of which two have been I.C. victories and the remaining four have been drawn. The annual Whit-Monday trip to Hook resulted in a good win for I.C. The home side slumped from 121 for 3 to 134 all out (Hearn 5 for 29; Clarke 4 for 12) and I.C. hit off the runs for the loss of 7 wickets (Hearn 65). There are two cricket teams which have the name "Hook", one in Hampshire and the other in Surrey, but, despite the valiant efforts of one member of the team, it has proved impossible to play both sides on the same day.

The second I.C. victory was against U.C. Hospital. In a very quick scoring game U.C.H. made 153 for 9 before declaring and I.C. scored 156 for 2 (Bartholemew 77; White 63 n.o.).

The drawn games have usually been closely contested: three of them have been played on Harlington wickets where it is a relatively easy matter to "bat out time". The game against Woolwich Poly. produced some very slow scoring and it was not until the last ten minutes of the game that runs came quickly. Thanks to the 'Poly' convention of declaring at tea time we were left with 135 minutes to score 123 runs (Woolwich 122 for 8) but it was only with ten minutes left and 30 runs needed that any real effort was made to push the score along. This can be attributed to a "middle order" collapse, for after an opening stand of 53 we were 72 for 6. We finally totalled 116 for 8 (Bushby 37).

Against South Row I.C. were bowled out, for the only time this season, for 122 (J. Webster 26 n.o.), and in reply South Row scored 110 for 7 (Calbally 3 for 21).

The last three games, two drawn (against S. Mersham and Charing Cross Hospital) and the victory over U.C.H., have been notable for the ability of the early order batsmen to score runs. We totalled 175 for 7 against S. Mersham, (Kapur 48; J. Webster 55 n.o.) who replied with 122 for 7, and 209 for 3 against Charing Cross Hospital (White 77 n.o. Kapur 55 and Bartholemew 47). Charing Cross replied with 146 for 8. This game was notable for the fact that in the last twenty minutes I.C. dropped six catches. The bowler who suffered most to the extent of seeing five balls fly off the edge into the slips or to the wicket keeper only to be dropped, was Betteridge who finished with 3 for 23.

At this stage in the season it is possible to assess the strength of the side. One notable fact is that despite losses due to examinations and to injuries the 1st XI seems to maintain its standard; this is a tribute to the strength of the 2nd XI. The first XI bowling is good and since the "tail" does not start until number 10 the batting is also strong but the one large cloud on the horizon is the inability of the close fielders to hang on to catches. This deficiency is the prime reason for the large number of drawn games. There is one consolation for this however and that is that each "chance" of a catch that is not taken costs the offending player 6d., and the definition of a "chance" is very liberal. cont. col. 2.