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RUGGER WEEKEND IN PARIS

The Rugger Club toured Paris over the New Year and played one game against "The North of France", drawing 6-6. There was no lack of activity in other directions as the report shows.

'DOES ANYONE HERE SPEAK ENGLISH?'

Of the many perplexing problems discussed in the Union bar last term, the question of the rugger club's tour to France over the New Year week-end claimed many a pint of frothy wisdom before its final settlement. Despite some verger-like rope-pulling at a high level by Bill Robinson, the end of term saw little more than a vague promise from France and with 36 hours to go such trivialities as travel, fixtures and accommodation in Paris still required final confirmation.

From out of this chaos eventually came enough order to assemble some twenty-odd of the club at Victoria on the morning of December 29th. Knowing that Dick Edwards was in the party it was decided to meet an hour before the time of departure of the boat train but even the stoutest hearts missed a beat when, with a couple of minutes to go Pip Clemo was given up as lost. Not that it really mattered - he was only one of the forwards!

On arrival at St. Lazare the boys were met by a fairy godmother in the form of Paul Vallet who modestly stated that all was arranged and prepared. Very many thanks, Paul, for the marvellous job you did on our behalf!

That was the last we saw of several of our party, apart from the game on Sunday, but rumour has it that a group of young men headed by a leader known only as "Moose-tache" contrived to uphold the finest traditions of the club, I.C., the British Navy and sundry other organisations throughout the course of the week-end. The "intellectuals" headed by Doc Sparkes made a tour of the Louvre, Notre Dame and many other places of interest, but even this palled and they finished up by asking the local representative of Thos. Cook where the best cabarets were to be found.

Much to our disappointment, the second game which was to be played at Vieryon was cancelled owing to some 12 inches of snow on the ground. The game played on New Year's Eve in Paris was hindered by 3 inches of snow and an iron-hard surface. Of the game itself opinions seemed to vary. Some said it was good, some not so good, whilst Stan Coppleman said that by far the best item of the afternoon was the playing of the French military band and the rendering of "Rule Britannia" (suitably amended) by the British United Services XV at half time. The match played against a North of France XV was drawn, each side scoring six points. I.C. went into the lead when Brian Lappin kicked a magnificent penalty goal from the touch-line and at half time were leading by 6-5 after David Evans just beat Dick Elias in the touch-down for a try wide out on the right. Possibly the greatest spectacle of the afternoon was afforded by Ian Grieve who, clad in colours blazer and immaculate I.C. rugger kit put the linesmen at the 'Varsity' game completely in the shade.

After a large meal at the expense of the French Rugby Union the team adjourned to the Place Pigalle where, having regard for the moral stature of FELIX, our reporter lost his note-book. One brilliantly outstanding performance by Derek Hughes is worthy of note. He contributed to the success of a French Cabaret by a delightful rendering of three English madrigals but had barely informed us of the fate of a certain Mr. Bangelstein before his recital was somewhat abruptly terminated.

The New Year was brought in to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and thereafter followed a night of modest celebration along with the British Combined Services XV. We say "modest" advisedly since Chris

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In future FELIX notices will appear on the PHOENIX notice board.
Anyone who can spare an afternoon on occasional Sundays to help in the make-up of FELIX is asked to sign a list which will be displayed there.

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE AT I.C.

The University Grants Committee of the Treasury visited the College on Wednesday 17th January. The Committee visits the colleges of the University once every five years to gain some notion of how their largesse is absorbed.

After a whirlwind tour of the College and a lightning lunch the University Grants Committee invited the officers of the Union to meet them. Holding no brief or notion of what was expected, the Union officers soon regained their customary aplomb and for half an hour asked and answered questions of the eminent men seated opposite them. In particular the projected extension of the Union building was mentioned and some time was devoted to discussing our over-specialised curricula. Other topics mentioned were grants to research workers and I.C.'s use of the University Union at Bloomsbury.

Among the members of the Committee is Sir Andrew McCance, the eminent metallurgist, a graduate of R.S.M., whose name has been mentioned as the probable distinguished visitor for the 1951 Commemoration Day.

INTER-COLLEGE EXPERIMENT

SOUTH KEN. LINK UP ?

For some time now there has been increasing aggravation for some sort of interchange of ideas between the sundry faculties housed in our neighbourhood, and much support has been promised to those who have raised their voices. At last a tentative but concrete step has been taken in this direction, and a Committee, supported wholeheartedly by the Rector, and consisting of the Presidents and "Social Secretaries" of R.C.S., R.C.A. and R.C.M., has been set up. This has now been reorganised to include interested and capable people who are not Officers of the respective College Unions, in order more effectively to bring about the aims of the project. These are:- to promote and foster social relations - as a start - between the colleges concerned and others, by the arranging of debates, reciprocal invitations to the activities of social and academic societies, and the organising of occasional social functions.

The outcome of deliberations to date is the organising of a discussion, followed by a buffet and dance on Monday, 5th February. It will be held in the Gym. and Upper Dining Hall, and the topic for discussion will range around the place of music, art, and science in University education. It is hoped to include among the attractions an Eminent Personage to stimulate discussion, and this practice will be maintained at future functions.

It is to be hoped that readers will support this venture with the enthusiasm it deserves, and also bear in mind that the discussion will be primarily by and for them, and even if they've nothing to say, get up on their hind legs and say it. Write it down in your diary now, and keep an eye open for notices later on. XXX

ENGLAND BEATS WALES

In the Amateur Soccer International Wales was soundly defeated by England, 4-1, at Leicester on Saturday.

At Swansea, the same day, Wales succeeded in defeating England at Rugger by 23 points to 5.

Do not fill up this space until told what to do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HALL DINNER

Sir - Polypheme, in your last issue (so long ago), took the Musical Society, among others, to task for supporting Dinner in Hall. I must admit that in organising this shameful affair I was somewhat embarrassed at the response from our music makers in College as well as those who help us from adjacent colleges. We totalled 80. Very nearly everyone wanted to come. Polypheme thought that bringing so many people from one club destroyed the main purpose of a Dinner, viz to enable people of differing opinions to come into contact with one another; yet what better example could you have of people of differing opinions than scientists and musicians?

Polypheme (who I take it is a male giant) asks, why not hold a club dinner in the proper manner like law-abiding Union members? But surely to do this would only result in separating the musicians from the rest - a pity, I think, for both parties. Would it not be better for Polypheme to ginger up "the rest" until there is such a clamour for places at Hall Dinner that no club could stand a chance of swamping Hall Dinner?

But I agree - 80 was rather too many when our accommodation is still so limited.

Yours faithfully, D.M. Tombs.

*It would seem a "Club Dinner" were more appropriate to giants like Polypheme.

The following letter written to the Editor of the 'Evening' is reproduced exactly as received. It supports our statement that FELIX will print almost anything!

stevens terrace

Dear Sir

Just a few lines I was reading the 'evening' about the houseing shorted well I thinks those people who have got fats and house to thereself should be made to share them all given up and let somebody with children we gota single girl liveing in stevens terrace and she as got 4 room and wont share them and there are plenty more like her I think it time the council done something about it your truly

Mr W C

Philosophical Group

A Philosophical Group has been started within the Literary and Debating Society. Philosophy is included in the syllabus of science students at many continental universities. It is felt that Philosophy is an interesting subject for discussion and differs from political discussion in that the results arrived at can sometimes be of practical value.

The group will invite speakers to address them on subjects of philosophical interest and discussion groups will be held. If there is enough interest it might be possible to arrange a course on philosophy at Imperial College.

The first meeting of the group will take place on Thursday, 8th Feb, in the Zoology theatre at 5.15 p.m. Dr. Whitrow of the Maths. Dept. will speak on "Philosophy and Science". Watch the notice boards for further meetings.

P. Wegner, Vice-Chairman.

'BRAINS TRUST'

Jan. 8th, 1950.

Sir - For several years the annual programme of the Literary and Debating Society has included a Brains Trust. We have invited several notable personalities to I.C. for this year's event, arranged for Thursday, Feb. 27th.

For the maximum benefit from the 'Brains', an ample supply of really worth-while questions is required. I therefore appeal to the readers of FELIX to produce as many as possible, and to send them to the Secretary, Lit. & Deb. Soc., via the Union letter rack.

Yours faithfully, Paul G. Jeffery,
Hon. Sec., Imp. Coll. Lit. & Deb. Soc.

'IMPERIAL COLLEGE EXPEDITIONS'

Jan. 5th, 1950.

Sir - It gave me very great pleasure to read in your last number that I.C. are considering organising further expeditions. The 1938 Jan Mayen expedition undoubtedly brought great prestige to the College, but I am certain it did far more than that, in the case of individual members. They gained an experience and a sense of achievement that is difficult to put into words, but which were well worth all the sacrifices that had to be made in order to take part in the expedition.

As in most exploration, whether it be topographical or purely scientific, it is extremely difficult to explain to the materially minded people, just what is the use of it all. Fortunately, the man who is keen to go and find out things for himself, is not really worried by what other people think, and when his quest is over he is more than certain that it was well worth while.

Since the war, apart from government sponsored large expeditions there have been few scientific expeditions other than those organised by various universities to take place during the long vacations. Such 'long vac.' expeditions have developed greatly in the last 2 or 3 years and there have been as many as 6 or 7 different University expeditions in the field each summer. These expeditions, from St. Andrews, Bristol, Birmingham, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Oxford, to mention some, have covered a wide field of investigation in such places as Gambia, Persia, Kenya, Norway, Spitzbergen, Greenland and Jan Mayen.

It is good therefore to feel that the spirit of adventurous investigation is reawakening in the form of a combined I.C. effort, and I very much hope the expeditions will be a great success.

Yours faithfully, A. Stephenson,
Reader in Surveying, Dept. of Civil Engineering.

(Mr. Stephenson is also director of surveying and curator of instruments at the Royal Geographical Society; in this capacity he has supplied many expeditions with instruments and advice; in addition he has himself been a member of many expeditions in recent years.-Ed.)

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Partly as a result of interest shown during the Mission in London University last term, the LIFCU has arranged a series of meetings on the Christian Faith, to be held every Monday (except during exams.), at 1.15 p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre. This series is specially designed for those who know little about the Christian Faith - and perhaps consider it illogical, or irrelevant to present-day circumstances - and wish to know more about some of its aspects. Questions will be invited.

We are confident that the facts that will be presented are worthy of the consideration of every true scientist - and abundantly worth putting to the test.

Geoffrey S. Bishop, Hon. Secretary.

Sir, When is Committee Room B coming back into circulation?

Yours disgustedly,
A.Cue.

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Wilson paid 3/6 for a half and R.H.G. Weighill of the Services XV was asked 7/- for a coco-cola! It is believed that the record for the evening was created by Paul who retired to bed at 11a.m. the morning following. For those who could remember her size in nylons and favourite perfume there followed a few hours frantic shopping and on the morning of the 2nd we said "goodbye" to Paris with heavy hearts and light pockets. A mid-channel storm made many regret the excellence of French cooking and the finer points of the New Year's Eve celebrations. If you would hear more of this tour, the Union bar any Saturday night, 7.30 till 10.30 is the best place to find out, but readers beware! The answer to the question "Do you speak English?" must always be NO!

J.R.H.

EDITORIAL

NO NEWS IS SAD NEWS!

When the Editorial Board sat round the table last week they could find few crumbs for our voracious cat. We sat and thought, we sat, Felix jumped into the editor's lap with a plaintive look in his eyes, the sports editor ran round the table and the rest of the board dozed off. Then one of the brighter among us showed us the reason for our so far empty pages: No news! Nothing had happened this term! The ghost of apathy haunting I.C. After the frolics of last term - the Spring of our year - the slothful genie of the brown bag was reappearing, encouraged and emboldened by the prospect of exams. Or could we hope that the general torpor was just the aftermath of Christmases too well spent?

Whatever the reason, FELIX had then received only two letters, a few entries for Coming Events, a piece of string and a brass button. Now this is not good enough for a college of cat-lovers. FELIX expects better treatment of felinophiles. If things get no better the FELIX Board will be obliged to go out and make their own news by burning down the Union or shooting the President.

At the time of writing we have received a few more articles and news items and we hope that drastic action will prove unnecessary. However, we would urge you, our readers, to make more use of our correspondence columns. In FELIX you can air your grievances, grind your axes, communicate with your elders, castigate your enemies or perhaps even raise a laugh. There is plenty to write about. What has followed last term's bold words about a college mascot? What has happened to the Beaver Club? What of the controversy over divided loyalties in sport? Has the refectory - so soon - balanced its budget? And its food values? Bones of contention are simply littered about the place. There are dozens of topics that deserve publicity and discussion. If FELIX is to be more than a last resting place for the hidebound notions of the editor and his minions, you must take up your pen and write! We print almost anything!

A little tardily, FELIX wishes you a happy and bustin' New Year.

PHENIX



OFFERS £1000 TO ANY MEMBER OF THE UNION PRESENTING THE "STONE OF SCONE" AS THE UNION MASCOT. THE NEXT ISSUE APPEARS ON FEBRUARY 5th. (Dept. Mislding. Advts.)

SERPENTINE REGATTA

According to the "Observer" of Dec. 31st. 1950 a three day rowing regatta will be held on the Serpentine in Hyde Park this summer. It is hoped that with the support of the Amateur Rowing Association leading rowing clubs will take part in a complete "Miniature Henley" on the half-mile Serpentine course. There will be races for eights, fours, pairs, and sculls, starting at the Bridge by the Lido and rowing in a west to east direction. The races will be open to rowing clubs in all parts of the country. The dates proposed are August 9 to August 11.

LUNCH-HOUR RECITALS

C & S BOARD ROOM 1-15 THURSDAYS

1 FEB. VIOLIN & PIANO RECITAL - MOZART
C.H. BAMFORD & NIGEL COXE.
8 FEB. CHORAL - MODERN & 17th CENTURY.

Correspondence for attention of Mr. B.H. Warms from the Brown Tintube Co. (Manufacturers of Heat Exchanger Elements, Elyria, Ohio) has been seen in the Union Rack recently.

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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UNIVERSITY ARMADA

(At a recent U.L.U. Council Meeting it was suggested that the University hold a Carnival Procession on the Thames this summer. The following account has been written by a FELIX reporter well known for his prophetic writings)

Fifty minutes after the procession was due to start, eager crowds lining the Embankment from Chelsea to Hungerford bridge were rewarded by sounds of music, fireworks, and profane language from upstream.

The delay was caused by the unfortunate circumstance that the barge representing Domestic Science, normally employed by the Wandsworth Borough Council, had not, when taken over for the Carnival, discharged its cargo of refuse, and the occupants of the barges following it had protested so strongly that its position had had to be changed to the last place in the procession, where it was towed at the end of a long warp. Their steering was consequently somewhat erratic, and it is understood that Battersea Bridge and Albert Bridge will be closed to traffic for some time while repairs are carried out on the piers.

The long procession was towed by the S.T. "King Coal". The first three barges, carrying the officers of U.L.U. plus tableau representing "The Spirit of the University" were completely obscured by smoke during the entire proceedings. Space does not permit a description of the whole fleet. There was a massed orchestra playing Handel's Water Music, though unfortunately the music, and eventually most of the orchestra, were drowned by the rather ambitious fireworks contributed jointly by the R.S.M. Mining dept. and the R.C.S. Chemistry dept.

The previous night the advice of a prominent member of I.C.B.C. had been sought on the problems and rules of navigation. The gentleman concerned had been in the bar at the time, and it seems that a false impression of the true facts had been obtained. As a result, when, at Chelsea Bridge a westward bound string of barges was encountered, whereas the Master of the King Coal altered course, rightly, to starboard, the barge manned by L.S.E. somewhere in the middle of the procession, steered to port. In a few seconds the scene resembled a log-jam on the St. Lawrence.

The following brief conversation then took place between the two tug skippers:

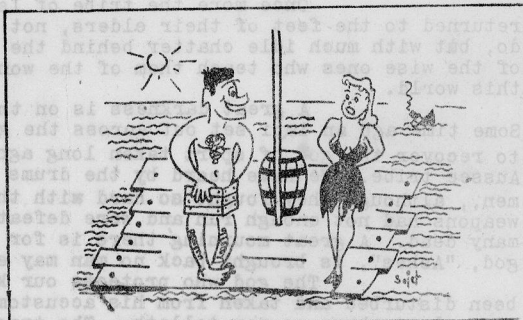
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At this point 17 young ladies on the barge representing the Women's Colleges fainted and were transferred to the Hospital's barge, where they were detained for the rest of the afternoon. The master of the King Coal cast off the remaining barges and went home for tea.

The Lord Mayor, officials of the University and several M.P.s, waiting on the terrace of the Palace of Westminster, were surprised to see the procession drift past them roughly in line abreast, but agreed that the change in plan had probably been made to save time.

The ultimate fate of each craft taking part is unknown, but isolated, and doubtless exaggerated reports have been received. Several barges jammed across the spans of the Exhibition footbridge thus causing panic at the R.E. headquarters, and were rescued by the river Police. The Polytechnics were carried up Barking Creek with no means of propulsion. The Women's barge was rescued by the crew of a South American ship berthed in the Pool and has not been heard of since. One of the barges is reported to have run aground at Southend and the occupants to have perished of exhaustion while walking towards the land. The U.L.U. officers, in the first barge, landed at Margate Pier where they were mistaken for Nigger Minstrels and have been drawing large crowds for the time of year.

It is understood that next year the University plans to hold a procession from the Aldwych to Senate House, on foot.



"It seems to me the only way to be saved is to fly a flag from the mast."

PROFILE ~ OLDEST INHABITANT

Veteran post-graduate students vying for endurance records as full members of I.C. Union may as well give up hope; for the oldest inhabitant is almost certainly G. J. H. McCall, post-graduate Geologist.

Born in 1820 (and still going strong) Joe comes from mixed Irish and Scots stock, who were it seems highly prolific. His great grandfather had twenty children, including three sets of twins; his grandfather married twice having eight children by his first wife and seven by the second. Joe himself comes from a comparatively small family of seven, he being the last straw.

After leaving ST. Edward's School, Oxford, where his masters described him as being bone lazy, Joe came to I.C. in 1938 to study Chemistry. After two years he decided that even the army was better than Chemistry: he was commissioned in the R.A.S.C. and, together with a few others, was sent to conquer Madagascar. The conquering hero was then posted to East Africa, and for some time was stationed at Jiggiga (sic) - his experiences here can be described only over a pint in the bar. (For those interested, Joe drinks mild).

In 1946 Captain McCall returned to I.C. looking not a day older than when he left; he deserted Chemistry for Geology, though still retaining an interest in certain fields of Chemistry such as fermentation. He finally graduated in 1949 top of the year with first class honours showing that it is possible to put extensive effort into both academic and social aspects of college life.

Most of us know Joe as a result of his wide sporting interests. He has represented I.C. in hockey, squash, and cricket, and also plays a good game of poker dice, using an Irish halfpenny as a lucky charm. Since he returned to I.C. he has been captain of the I.C. second hockey XI, which as a result of his leadership has the finest team spirit in I.C. and is universally known as Uncle Mac's boys. This spirit is such that of those who have graduated to the first XI some have worked hard for a passage back again. Joe's other union activities include: the secretaryship of the squash club, the Vice-presidency of R.C.S. 1949-50, and membership of I.C. Council.

A profile on Joe McCall cannot be complete without a mention of his 'Monumental Evenings'; their magnificence can be appreciated only by first-hand experience. But it is on record that Charles Bristowe once encountered him chanting 'Paddy Reilly' in a west-bound tube train trying to get to Cockfosters! However, these celebrations have become less frequent, for it seems that his views on bachelorhood are being modified: his friends suspect he is 'looking around'

(Erratum: for 1820 read 1920.)

N.U.S.

In the N.U.S. referendum on the question of affiliation to the International Union of Students 18,806 votes against 15,632 were cast against continued membership of I.U.S.

Membership of N.U.S. is 105,000. Imperial College has had no connection with N.U.S. since R.C.S. disaffiliated last year.

I.C. Union,
Jan. '51.

Sakubona M'Futa,

Once more the tribe of Isee have returned to the feet of their elders, not as we do, but with much idle chatter behind the backs of the wise ones who teach them of the wonders of this world.

A great darkness is on this tribe. Some time ago an impi set out across the great water to recover the god of sport taken long ago by the Aussee tribe. We have heard by the drums that our men, although they fought so hard with their willow weapons had not enough run and were defeated, with many dead. A great mourning there is for until this god, "Ashes", is brought back no man may eat meat.

The god who protects our king has been disturbed and taken from his accustomed seat, to a place where no man telleth. The trackers have lost the spoor of his violators.

A great darkness there is, Oh father,
Your son,
Umfaan.

FAIRGROUND FROLICS

Ask anyone about the R.C.S. Christmas Carnival and they will tell you that it was one of the occasions of the year. Thanks are especially due to R. Pascoe and J. M. Grocock, upon whose shoulders fell the monumental task of organising this most enjoyable evening.

Fantastic murals inspired by Rex Dadd put everyone in the right frame of mind as soon as they entered the Union, and so right from the beginning the show went with a bang. The company never lacked the inspirations of Bacchus - thirsty throats were well supplied with lubrication by Joe McCall and his two shirtsleeved barmen. Their costumes, designed by Joe, would have stood them in good stead if they had entered the fancy dress parade. Costumes of special note were those of Don Webb, wearing a fortune teller's tent, and Tony Embleton and partner wandering around as a pair of coco-nuts.

The Cabaret this year was first class. A satirical ditty (with choreography) by David Greenfield and Joan Spencer; slapstick nonsense with flour, water, and beer by Guildsmen Jack Howarth, Stan Coppleman, and Derek Crossley; and the now famous Zulu war dance by the old firm of Bock and Dark - this time in full dress of grass skirts and black greasepaint, and armed with real assegais and shields.

Dancing went on till four: when the band departed athletic couples continued to records whilst others could be seen littered about on sofas; the rest were nowhere to be seen.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE AT I.C.

(With apologies to the Prime Minister)

The following changes are announced as a result of the purely apocryphal correspondence reproduced below . . .

Miss June Mahon - Chairman, Athletic Clubs Committee.
A.V.S. de Reuck - Hon. Secretary, Imp. Coll. Union.
N.L. Samways - Chairman, Social Clubs Committee.

My dear Mr. President,

Having now served as Hon. Secretary for over 5 months, I am feeling the need for some relaxation and I would be grateful if, at your convenience, you would relieve me of my present appointment. If I can serve you in any other capacity I shall be happy to do so, but I place myself entirely at your disposal.

Yours very sincerely,

D.K. Nicholas.

My dear Old Nick,

Thank you for your letter. I am very grateful to you for the good work that you have done in your exacting office. I should be very glad if you would continue to serve with us and desire you to take over I.C.W.A. where I am sure you will find the relaxation you seek.

Yours sincerely,

D.Y. Coomber.

**GUILDS
CARNIVAL.**

FRIDAY FEB 9

VIEWPOINT

On this page we hope to print, from time to time, articles on controversial topics and matters of general interest. Contributors will be given a carte blanche and the Editor, therefore, accepts no responsibility for the views expressed. The first of these articles concerns the new London newspaper, "University".

PAPER UNIVERSITY

The great cry of despair, which incidentally has lately acquired a hint of the same monotony as the bleating of many sheep, that students at this College have no university life misses one significant fact. London is not a suitable home for a university.

With the world's greatest city to explore, why blame the students who refuses to give up time to organise dances for those who have to be cajoled by publicity into dancing? Why blame him for refusing to play rugger or row for a college which will support him only if mascots be jeopardized on touch line or tow-path? What student in his senses will pay a bob to see his companions' endeavours to act when the New Theatre offers him the finest in the land for one and six?

If we in I.C. have tended to miss the obvious, sister colleges have shown themselves even less perceptive. Recently a fortnightly publication has emerged from U.C.'s Pi. office, the intent of which is clearly to promote a "University of London Spirit". As a solemn seal to these intentions the paper is called "The University".

So far two 4-page editions of "The University" have been printed. They give news of goings on at other colleges and discuss at great length the proposed disaffiliation on political grounds of the N.U.S from the International Union of Students. (I.C. Union disaffiliated from the N.U.S. for similar reasons some years ago). One page is devoted to reviews, articles and a short story and the fourth page to University sport.

The newspaper is well brought out. Really up-to-the-minute news is included and if the affairs at U.C. tend to attract an undue share of attention this is probably the fault more of other colleges than of the editorial board.

The articles are good and the reporting, in general, excellent. One write-up is marred by an abominable trick of using a question and answer form with no finite verb in the interrogative. The staccato effect produced is probably intended to rouse the reader - it certainly achieves this but not more readily or less painfully than would rack or thumbscrews. But in general we may say that "The University" is the product of a lot of very hard work and quite considerable journalistic and literary talent.

It is unfortunate that this talent is so wasted. London University has a definite function as an examining body, as a useful pool of athletic strength to compete with other universities and as an organisation in which colleges within fairly easy reach of each other can find suitable opponents and rivals. London University can and does serve no other real purpose.

It is useless to compare London with Oxford and Cambridge and other universities where all students from whatever college attend the same lectures. Here in London each college is an independent unit struggling against almost overwhelming odds to avoid becoming a 10 to 5 sweat shop. Any deployment of forces to foster an unrealisable and only dubiously desirable "London University Spirit" is not merely a waste of time but might possibly be a disservice to the individual colleges.

The contributors to "The University" should consider whether the joy of writing for a very large but particular public is justified when that public has only a very nominal cohesion.

M.H.

ANSWER TO CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

The clue to this problem lies in the fact that nobody would say that he was a black man, for a black would say he was a white, since he always lies, and a white, telling the truth, would give the same reply. So when the second and third men both said that they were white men, they were giving no clue to their identity. In the same way the first man must also have said that he was white. So the second man's statement about the first man's reply - that he was a black man - was untrue, thus proving the second to be a black man. On the other hand, the third's answer that the first had called himself a white man was true. He thus proved himself to be a white man, and eligible for rescue.

COMING EVENTS

- SATURDAY, 27th JAN.
 I.C.R.F.C. v. London Welsh 'A'. Home.
 I.C.H.C. v. St. Catharine's, Camb. Home.
 I.C. Badminton Club v. U.C. (Women).
 I.C.A.F.C. v. Cambridge Falcons. Home.
 I.C.C.C.C. v. Northern Poly.
- SUNDAY, 28th JAN.
 I.C. Mountaineering Club. Meet at Harrisons Rocks. Leader, W.I. Stanton.
- TUESDAY, 30th JAN.
 I.C. Mountaineering Club. "Mountaineering" by Prof. G.I. Finch. 5.30 Botany Lecture Theatre.
- WEDNESDAY, 31st JAN.
 I.C.C.C.C. v. R.N.C. Greenwich. Home.
- THURSDAY, 1st FEB.
 C. & G. Engineering Soc. Distinguished visitor's address A.C. Hartley. Room 15 Guilds 5 p.m. Followed at 7.30 p.m. by Annual Dinner.
 I.C. Mus. Soc. Violin & Piano recital, Council Room, Guilds, 1.15 p.m.
 I.C. Badminton Club v. Northern. Away.
 I.C.A.F.C. v. Paris Univ. Home.
- FRIDAY, 2nd FEB.
 I.C. Lit. & Deb. Soc. Joint debate with Bedford Coll. (At Bedford), that "as Bacchus lights his torch, so we must follow his debauch".
 I.C. Youth Hostels Group. Joint meet. with Bedford Coll. to Jordans & Henley Youth Hostels.
- SATURDAY, 3rd FEB.
 I.C.R.F.C. v. St. John's Coll. Camb., Away.
 I.C.H.C. v. Harrow. Away.
 I.C. Badminton Club v. Goldsmith, (Women). Away.
 I.C.C.C.C. v. Battersea Poly. Away.
- MONDAY, 5th FEB.
 L.I.F.C.U., I.C. Branch. "The Christian Faith: Does it change with the times?" by J.R. Hill. Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.
 Inter-Collegiate Discussion & Dance - RCA/RCM/RCS. Music, Science and Art in University education. Upper Hall, I.C. Union, 5.15.
- TUESDAY, 6th FEB.
 I.C. Squash Club v. Kings Coll. Away.
- WEDNESDAY, 7th FEB.
 U.L. Hockey Cup.
 I.C. v. Westminster Hosp.
 I.C. Railway Soc. Visit to Clapham Junction Signalling School
 I.C. Badminton Club v. Kings, Mixed. Away.
 I.C.A.F.C. v. Westminster Bank. Home.
- THURSDAY, 8th FEB.
 Philosophical Group, Lit. & Deb. Soc. First Meeting. Dr. Whitrow on "Philosophy and Science", Zoo. Th. 5.15 p.m.
 I.C. Mus. Soc. Unaccompanied choral music. Council Room. Guilds, 1.15.
- FRIDAY, 9th FEB.
 I.C. Chem. Soc. "Some Modern Ideas on the Nature of a Bond" by Prof. C.A. Coulson, D.Sc. F.R.S., at 5.15 p.m. in R.C.S.
 Guilds Carnival 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.

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THE MASCOT

The Felix and the Teddy Bear
 Were both proposed together,
 To cheer the hearts of I.C.'s men
 In fair and foulest weather,
 But though at once great talk arose
 Of Action there was none
 We left some other brighter sparks
 The Coronation Stone.



SPORT



RUGGER

I.C. were beaten by the Royal Veterinary College 3-0 in the first round replay of the U.L. Cup; they were unfortunately without two of their regular players, Kenyon and Severn, due to injuries.

Despite heavy rain which had fallen in preceeding days the pitch was in good condition and after losing the toss I.C. kicked off into a slight breeze. The play was very lively and the Vets. showed superiority in the set scrums and line-outs.

The only score came by way of a try by the Vets: the ball went lose during an I.C. attack, a fly-kick failed to find touch, and an attempt to fall on the ball by an I.C. player was unsuccessful. The Vets. seized the opportunity and followed up fast to score a try near the corner, which was not converted.

In the second half I.C. fared better, their forwards strove valiantly but lack of finish thwarted their efforts, and when the final whistle blew, I.C. came off the field tired and perhaps unlucky losers.

SOCCER

Mid-Season Review

I.C. Soccer is passing through one of those unhappy periods which comes to all clubs at some stage in their history. Two years ago I.C. won the U.L. Cup, provided both teams for the final of the U.L. six-a-side competition, and had five players regularly in the U.L. team including the captain.

This season I.C.'s only link with U.L. is the secretary Wally Goss who is a referee and not a player; add to this the fact that some senior members of the club are not giving Stuart Williams the support he deserves, and it is not surprising that I.C. are out of the U.L. Cup and that the 1st XI at least will prefer to forget the six-a-side tournament. Nevertheless, there are signs of improvement, and 6-0 victories over Wadham College, Oxford, and Civil Service Strollers together with a draw against Corinthian Casuals 'A' and a 4-2 win over R.M.A. (Sandhurst) hold out hopes of a much brighter future.

The visit of the Dutch footballers from Delft was cancelled by them at the last moment, Don Bowtell receiving a telegram which read: "Sorry can't come, team too strong. Letter following". Whose team was apparently left to our imagination! The letter following duly arrived and it appears that our Dutch friends had arranged to come over in a tanker but that at the last moment the ship was sent to Korea and, with other methods of transport seemingly too costly, the Dutchmen decided to stay at home.

The 2nd XI finished last term with a run of 6 games without a win while the 3rd XI which has won 6 out of the last 7 matches seems unable to achieve much in the league. Both these teams are being let down by members not playing regularly while the 4th XI is suffering from the acute lack of interest which killed the 5th XI in its very early infancy. Some people seem to overlook the difficulties involved in compiling a fixture list after the season has started and then, after complaining at the lack of games, manage to be otherwise engaged when a fixture is arranged.

IS THIS A RECORD ?

The following is reproduced from "The University", Jan. 13th, 1951: "The course at Roehampton had been changed to avoid crossing the Portsmouth Road and the distance was slightly increased to just over 52 miles. E.F. Whitlock (Imperial College) was an easy winner in the Individual Championship, running in, looking remarkably fresh, in the excellent time of 28 minutes 13 seconds."

We join with "The University" in congratulating Ted Whitlock's magnificent performance. His average speed appears to have been 110.5 m.p.h.

HOCKEY

With half the season past, records of matches played give the following picture:-

	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS	
				FOR	AGAINST
1st XI	13	4	2	66	22
2nd XI	4	0	5	29	17
3rd XI	5	2	3	18	14
4th XI	2	0	5	19	24
Mixed XI	1	1	2	5	6

The 1st XI with only five of last year's team still playing has now blended into a workmanlike side playing the direct, open and fast type of game which is rapidly becoming associated with the name of the Club. In the last six matches 33 goals have been scored with only 2 against. In the U.L. Cup competition the semi-final has been reached for the third year running with excellent prospects of reaching the final. The next opponents are Westminster Hospital on February 7th (away).

The 2nd XI, playing solidly in defence, still lacks punch in the forward line where the onus of goal scoring rests all too often on the shoulders of the centre forward; this partially explains matches being lost on three occasions by the odd goal.

The 3rd XI can justify a good record despite many team changes and the 4th XI is still manifest when fixtures can be obtained.

Special mention should be made of the Club's County player, E.C. Green who has recently played for Middlesex on two occasions.

B.W.P.

NETBALL

A TALL STORY

On Thursday at 9.15 I.C.W.A. turned out on to the Netball Court for a needle game against a representative team of the hostel men. The match had been in play but a few seconds before it became obvious that the ladies needed a few Jacks to raise themselves to the height of the game. At half-time they were on even terms but gradually the gap widened and though I.C.W.A. tried hard, the final score was 9-4 to the men. Hearsay tells me that I.C.W.A. are changing their motto to "Never say die". No, never do.

Elizabeth Canning.

SAILING

From its inauguration in 1949 the Club sailed on the Welsh Harp, a reservoir in N. London over a mile in length where fine racing is possible. Sailing mainly Fireflies, a 12 ft. Dinghy of high performance, the Club, last year, beat United Hospitals, Reading, and Kings, lost narrowly to Cambridge but were soundly beaten by Oxford. This year, Reading have been beaten on their own water, and high hopes are entertained concerning the senior universities.

I.C. is now affiliated to U.L.S.C. and in this fixture provided two crews out of three. From being the 'Cinderella' of the colleges, I.C. is now one of the strongest due mainly to an influx of extremely competent freshers. The first Inter-College points race has also been won by I.C.

In their spare time members have built a slipway, erected a hut and have made many additions to the amenities of the site. All this has been achieved by the considerable and whole-hearted co-operation of the constituent colleges. It is felt that this club, perhaps more than any other, exemplifies the spirit of University first and College second, a spirit which is not always shown in other spheres of sport.

T.R.