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A WELCOME TO ALL FRESHMEN

It soon became apparent as I sat down to write this article that I had three alternatives, a humorous article, a description of the Union, or a lecture. After further thought humour seemed out of my field, a descriptive article could only hope to summarize the speeches given by the clubs committees chairmen, and constituent college presidents — so a lecture.

Why a lecture? Please read on for the answer.

Apathy — the disinterest of students in their college — is common to all colleges and universities, and unfortunately Imperial College is not an exception. The dislike for apathy is not just a whim of the senior students, but it is an indication of the fact that students are not getting the most out of their college.

Most of us prefer to have some time to relax, and many of us have to watch that this rest period does not become extensive so that it constitutes wasted time. One way to avoid this is to participate in other activities, as here you can find not only a change, which in many ways is another form of relaxation, but you will also reap the benefits of learning how to meet and work with other people; and handle business and financial matters.

Naturally, this participation cannot be expected of all members of the student body. There are those whose ambitions are set on a career of post-graduate studies and research, and it is only sensible for these people to concentrate on their academic careers. However, the vast majority of students will enter industry where the demand is for a person with a broader outlook, and one who can feel confident in an atmosphere of business matters. So to these students, and this most likely means you, I recommend that all temptations to waste time or make excuses for being disinterested be overcome and you make the effort to participate actively in the Union activities. You will find no better place to develop the confidence I referred to above as here in the Union, where you will learn these things in a friendly and congenial, but business-like atmosphere.

While discussing the appropriate use of your time it is worth mentioning one fact of the

by

I.C.

PRESIDENT

S I L Y L E



Union set up which might appear to demand twice your time if you were to become an active member of the Union. This fact is the dual Union system which exists. That is, each of you are members of both a constituent college Union and the Imperial College Union. However, the I.C. Union is basically an amalgamation of the interest of the three constituent College Unions, thus participation in one Union leads to or constitutes participation in both. The only sphere where this is not true is that of Union Meetings. The meetings held in your constituent colleges should be a must on your attendance list as here you get the "spirit" of your college. This in turn leads to friendly rivalry and enthusiasm amongst the three constituent college Unions. The I.C. Union meetings on the other hand are of a different nature as they are the forum of opinion and discussion of matters and policy which affect all the students regardless of in which constituent college they have membership. Thus you can see that taking an active part in both Unions is not twice as time consuming, but you will find it is definitely twice as rewarding.

Well, I have told you only a few of the reasons why you should take an active part in your College affairs, but I hope they are sufficient to encourage you to derive as much

as you can from your college career.

How do you show this participation?

During the afternoon of Oct. 2nd all of the major clubs will have information booths set up in the Union Building, and here you can learn what each club does, and join those that suit your interests. However, join the athletics teams and/or clubs with the intention and ambition that the captaincy or presidency is your goal. As your ambitions grow you can expand your interests to a wider scope. But remember such activities are a two way streets as your participation in the Union brings to it new ideas and enthusiasm, thus not only do you benefit from its experience, but the Union expands and becomes a stronger body of students.

So do participate, but do so with properly appropriating your time so that in three years time when you graduate you can look back to both a successful academic and extra-curricular career.

May I wish you all the very best in your studies and I hope to see you around the Union. Remember if you cannot find any information you want in the Blue Book the Union Office is always open at lunchtime, and somebody there will always try to help.

Sincerely,

Your President

TALES FROM THE HOLS!

We asked students to tell us about any activities of theirs during the summer holidays which they thought might interest our readers. Here are some of their reports, collected verbatim.

1. From Miss Jossie Delgado, Chem 11.

I think that some of your readers might be interested to hear of my experiences this last summer in the glamorous world of films. It all began one bright summer's day as I was strolling through the park in my mink bikini admiring the flowers. A man came up to me and told me that I had a nice figure, for which I thanked him. Are you interested in Art he said. Well, yes I said. Being at university, one is naturally, isn't one. I'm glad of that, he said since I can visualise you in my next film, which will be very artistic. The human body, young lady — he was a very friendly man and always calling me young lady and putting his arms around me and — the human body, young lady, is the most beautiful creation in this world, more magnificent than even the greatest painting of Annigoni or any other famous artist, more wonderful than even the greatest miracle of modern science. We are going to immortalise

the human body, young lady, young lady, you and I, though in a tasteful way. We shall cast away shame and proclaim to the world the beauty of the human figure unadorned. It'll be a sensation. Since he was such a nice refined man, and had such a lovely way of talking, I accepted. Not every girl would have, but in the cause of Art who could refuse. And if by any chance the film in which I appeared, "Nudist Reverie", should be showing at your local cinema, look out for me. I'm the third pair of breasts from the left, the one tastefully holding a suitcase in front of her middle.

2. From Ralph Dashwood. Civil III.

...well, there we were, sitting in this Berlin pub, sampling the local brew, when this German bloke came up to us. He spoke English perfectly by the way. Why more of these foreigners can't take the trouble to learn the lingo. I don't know. And he asked us how we'd like to earn a spare bit of bier money. Well, alright we said, being low on the old hard stuff at the time. What gives. It's brick laying, he said. Anything for a giggle, so we all agreed. There was this wall see, had to be built four feet high...

3. From Gordon Smith. Phys. P.G.

I suppose I hardly qualify as a linguist, but I was able to persuade Uncle that I was the man for the job. It was a question of translation, dry you may say, but I found it asborbing. Threw my heart and soul into it. The idea was to provide accurate translations of foreign film titles for the purpose of advertising these films, while at the same time capturing the public's interest. Perhaps, a few examples will explain better what I mean. I flatter myself that these few are almost my best.

"Septembre en Avignon" — "Lust in the Swamps"

"Ein Kind" — "Bastard"

"Raviali e spaghetti" — "Blood, Sex and Pasta"

"Teresa y su hermano" — "Incest"

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Apology — we were to have printed here an account by Max Engles entitled "I saw freedom and laughter in the peace-loving Soviets". Unfortunately, Mr. Engles has been unavoidably detained and we were unable to obtain his report.

5.

Apologies again — we were to have printed here an account by Franklin D. Washington entitled "I saw freedom and love in the liberty-loving America.". Unfortunately business with the Committee of UnAmerican activities has left Mr. Washington with no time to complete his report.

Did you have any interesting experiences during the hols. If so, we'd like to hear about them. Send to us, on a postcard please, addressed to:

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THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 1961

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Associates and Diplomates, Honorary Associates and Fellows, are honoured by the College at the ceremony in the Royal Albert Hall.

Students and their guests are admitted without tickets at Main Door (Entrance No.6), and are asked to be seated by 2.45 p.m. Tickets for tea may be obtained from the Union Office, free of charge.

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SEAFORTH LYLE

It undoubtedly came as something of a surprise to many members of the Union to learn late last term that a Canadian had been elected President of the Union. For Seaforth 'Si' Lyle, although well known about the Union for his highly successful management of last year's Charity Carnival, had rather belatedly decided to throw his hat into the Presidential election ring.

Lyle was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1936 and since then has been accumulating an impressive record in both the academic and social spheres. While earning his Bachelor of Engineering and later his Master of Engineering degrees in Electrical Engineering at McGill University, he found time, at the expense of considerable sleep to be on the Board of Managers of the McGill Students Union, and was elected Chairman of the Students' Union Committee in 1957. Those who are familiar with the North America fraternity system will be able to appreciate the significance of Lyle's election as President of the Phi-Kappa-Pi in 1957, an office which can be compared with his present post. He is still, reluctantly, editor of the National Fraternity Handbook, and was, until recently, and much less reluctantly, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Fraternity. For the sake of the record, it should be added that for three years he was responsible for the lighting displays of the very elaborate McGill University Carnivals, and took a hand in organising University and Fraternity social activities. During his summer vacations he put in some time with industrial organisations, and was credited with two scientific papers while working with Westinghouse.

Si came to Britain on an Athlone Fellowship to work on automatic control, and will stay for two years. It is perhaps, only natural that he has already made his mark in this College, but few will know that he is President of the Overseas Science Students' Association, and also edits the 'Athlone Observer'. He finds English life very agreeable, clearly enjoys English beer, likes English girls, and has been known to join in distinctly English songs. In his rare moments of free time, he plays tennis, is a demon on an ice rink, and can give anyone a good game of bridge.

Lyle has no burning ambitions to revolutionise the Union, firmly believing that a smoothly operating organisation is best left to itself. To confuse this attitude with apathy would be a grave mistake, for Lyle is convinced that our existing facilities must be used with the greatest efficiency to ensure the maximum benefit to the student body as a whole. He has a watchful eye, and efficacious remedies, for wasteful or obstructionist practices.

His energy, determination to get things done, and his extensive view of current developments within the College amply qualify Lyle for the Presidency, and the Union can have confidence in his experience and ability to handle its affairs for the coming year.

Your Secretary



MARTIN STACEY

Martin Stacey, this year's Secretary of the Union was born in Bristol in 1939. At a tender age he, and his family, moved to U.S.A. Then they moved to Canada in 1949, New Zealand in 1952, and returned to England in 1954.

Martin completed his schooling at Wallington Country Grammar School, Surrey, and came to Imperial College in 1957. Martin always an enthusiastic student applied himself diligently to his academic work and graduated in 1960 with an honours degree in Chemical Engineering. During this time Martin took little interest in Union activities, but last year as Carnival treasurer he proved that these years of non-participation did not in any way handicap his capabilities. It soon became evident that these years must have added to his enthusiasm and energy as he fulfilled all the responsibilities given to him with the utmost dexterity.

Once he had found a balance between his PhD research project and his Union activities he promptly set about to enhance (?) his social reputation. His social career has now become widely diversified, and an appropriate part of it is now on the classified list.

We might now say that he is indeed ready for the position of Secretary of the Union. He is still enthusiastic, and capable to perform this task, so he will undoubtedly uphold the traditions of the Union.

I.C.W.A.

PRESIDENCY VACANT

Because she is unable to hold a grant for her research work in Micro-biology, Anne Hodnett will not be returning to the College for this session. This means a new President will have to be elected for ICWA early this term.

IN MEMORIAM



The death occurred on September 25th of the Secretary of the College and Clerk to the Governors, Mr. J.M. Corin.

John Madan Corin was born in Capetown in 1907. He was educated at St. Paul's School and Magdalen College, Oxford, and in the years 1930 to 1946 he was in India as a member of the Indian Civil Service. In 1949 he joined the Ministry of Town and Country planning, and in 1949 he came to the College as Financial Secretary. Mr. Corin became the Acting Secretary of the College in 1957, and in 1958 he took the post which he held at his death.

To his wife and two children the Union tenders its deepest sympathies.

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Editorial Comment

Our first duty must be to welcome all our readers on their arrival at or return to the College, and to wish them every success in the coming session. May we also hope that the postgraduates soon become innured to the long queues of unfamiliar and all-too-familiar faces in the refectory and the bar.

Felix itself is a little different this term and we hope that our readers approve. The very small type in last session's issues came in for a good deal of criticism, and we think that the present size is a definite improvement. Another innovation is an article by an ex-editor of Phoenix; we hope that those rude people who maintain that Felix' staff are illiterate will be able to tell the difference.

Freshmen may be a little confused over this Phoenix-Felix business so perhaps, explanations would be welcome. Phoenix was founded by H.G. Wells many years ago and is now a mainly literary journal appearing four times a year, whereas Felix is a mere twelve years old and is a fortnightly newspaper. These two publications are independent and are not subject to the censorship of the College or the Union, though the appointment of their editors must be approved by the Union Executive.

Finally, and to Freshmen in particular, before succumbing to the many societies passionately urging you to join their ranks you might consider joining the staff of these newspaper; there is room for talent and/or enthusiasm in every department and no previous experience is necessary. We have vacancies for typists, reporters and salesgirls, and in particular the Editor would like to engage the services of a Sports Editor and someone to assist him in setting up the pages at the printers' on alternate Wednesday evenings. Contact the Editor or any of the staff on our stand in the Concert Hall at the Freshmen's Reception.

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NEW HALLS OF RESIDENCE



THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE STAGE REACHED AT THE END OF LAST JUNE

Four new Halls of Residence are now being built for the College on the South Side of Prince's Gardens, South Kensington. These are due for completion next year and will raise the total residential population in the College precincts to over 600. The four new halls will be named Falmouth Hall, Keogh Hall, Selkirk Hall and Tizard Hall to commemorate the services to the College of Lord Falmouth, Chairman of the Governors since 1947; Sir Alfred Keogh, Rector from 1910 to 1922; Mr. Williams Selkirk, Fellow of the College and a generous benefactor; and Sir Henry Tizard, Rector from 1929 to 1942.

Four members of College staff have been appointed Warden-elect. They are Dr. K.E. Weale (Falmouth Hall), Dr. J.R. Butler (Keogh Hall), Mr. C.C. Seaford (Selkirk Hall) and Dr. A. Cameron (Tizard Hall).

FENCING CLUB

The first meeting this session will be on
Thurs. 5th Oct. at 1 p.m.
in the gym.

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I.C. CHRISTIAN UNION

On the Sight

by COLCUTT

Life at College during the vacation is not so very different from life during term-time; nobody has seen the President for weeks, the Secretary is still running round in little circles with his leather brief-case tucked neatly under his left arm, and the usual figures can be seen running straight from their departments to the bar and returning (not quite so straight) some time later. There is somehow an air of farcical scholarship about the place. One is at first surprised and pleased to see people moving with a definite aura of purpose, their faces shining with the yearning for knowledge, only to find the only knowledge they yearn for can be summed up in the oft-repeated question, "Where's the television set? If we don't find by Friday we'll miss Yogi!"

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It is interesting at this time to wonder what sort of year the Union will have. That it will be different to last year is undoubted, but how drastic will the change be? After the terribly English approach of last year's Union Executive, the aloof efficiency of President Hill, the down-to-earth-spade-is-a-spade semi-efficiency of Secretary Carter, and those three true Englishmen, Buet the talker, Greaves the dreamer, and business man Logan, the transatlantic approach of Si Lyle and Martin Stacey will inevitably make a great difference. That the Union business will be done with great efficiency beyond doubt. The vast executive experience of Lyle will stand him in good stead, and after the terribly efficient way that Stacey handled the Carnival accounts, no-one doubts his competence. But what of the life in the Union?

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Neither the President or Secretary has been involved in the social or administrative side of the Union to any notable degree, but their brilliant organisation of the Carnival indicates that they have ability and imagination. One hopes that they can use their independence to alleviate some of the strain between those groups labelled "the boys" and "the politicians" and the President can have a tremendous influence on the life in the Union. In fact some old hands at the Union game say that life in Union is reflected in the life of the President and his associates. I wish him the very best of luck for a lively and happy term of office.

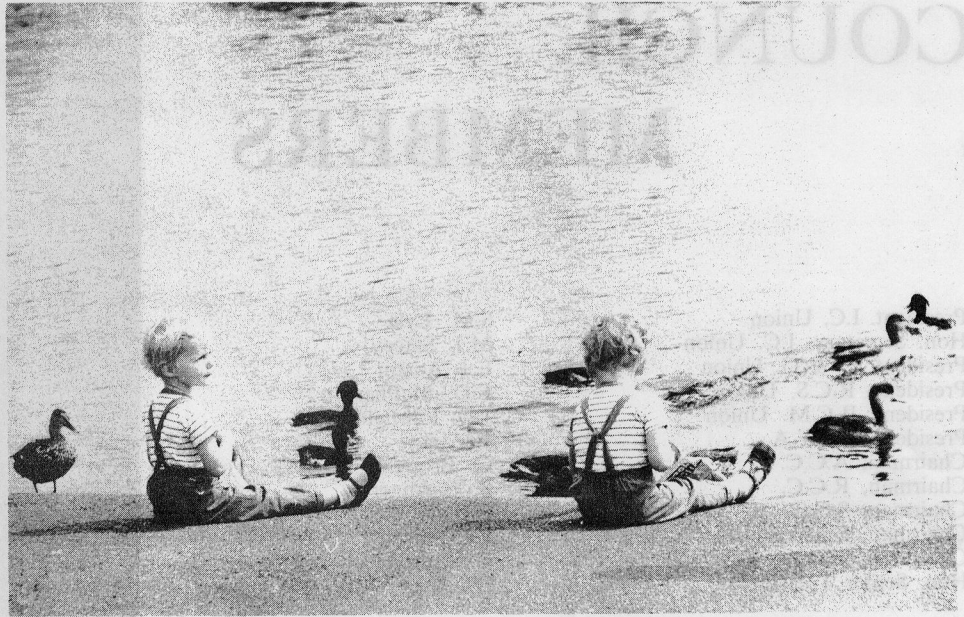
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by John Jennings

Congratulations to Mike Breggazzi, for not only did he win the Union General Award this summer, but he has become the father of a baby girl. Our best wishes go to Mike, Jan and the baby.

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The retiring President of the Union is still to be seen around the place occasionally, we wonder if he is going to get a job after all. The incoming President seems to be lying pretty doggo, but he has had some contact with the Editor so perhaps, he can fill us in. Perhaps Si has been keeping a constant watch on the chairs in the hall of the Geographical Society building. He may not wish to repeat the performance given by President Hill with a collapsing chair at last year's Freshmen's Reception.

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We overheard a strange remark in the Ennismore the other evening. Mr. Looome was saying, in the eve of his departure for Africa, of himself and Mrs. Cox. "We are just good friends!"

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Mr. Stacey and the College architect had had a tour of South Side one afternoon last week, ostensibly to study colour schemes. Judging by his comments he expects to see a new race of moles created in that warren rather than a new species of avant garde scientist. His views seem to echo those given by the retiring Union Secretary, "What with hidden lighting, shared lighting, half lighting, full lighting and concealed lighting some of the rooms have no bloody lighting at all."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Re-Colcutt's ambiguous remark about filling in, the only contact I have had with the President has been by the once-weekly pony express to the Pack Horse at Widop, where I have been lying doggo. I can only say that the President has not been there. It is a little early for me to think of filling in Colcutt, though things may reach this pass later in the session.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

Runners of any standard are warmly welcomed by the club. Fixtures for three regular teams are held every Wednesday and Saturday, both in London and throughout England. For those who like to train there are frequent runs in Hyde Park from the Union as well as weight and circuit training facilities.

The club are present University of London Champions and League winners with many members in the U.L. teams. The club also runs the Hyde Park Road Relay, the largest of its kind in the world, to which over seventy in the British Isles enter. A successful tour of Ireland and an attempt on Land's End — John O'Groats Relay record have been held in the past two years.

We look forward to seeing you at the Freshmen's Reception or in the Union changing rooms on Wednesday, 4th Oct., for a social gathering followed by tea in the Captain's room. Remember that runners of any standard are very welcomed, however, weak or strong, so why not join the club and see the country.

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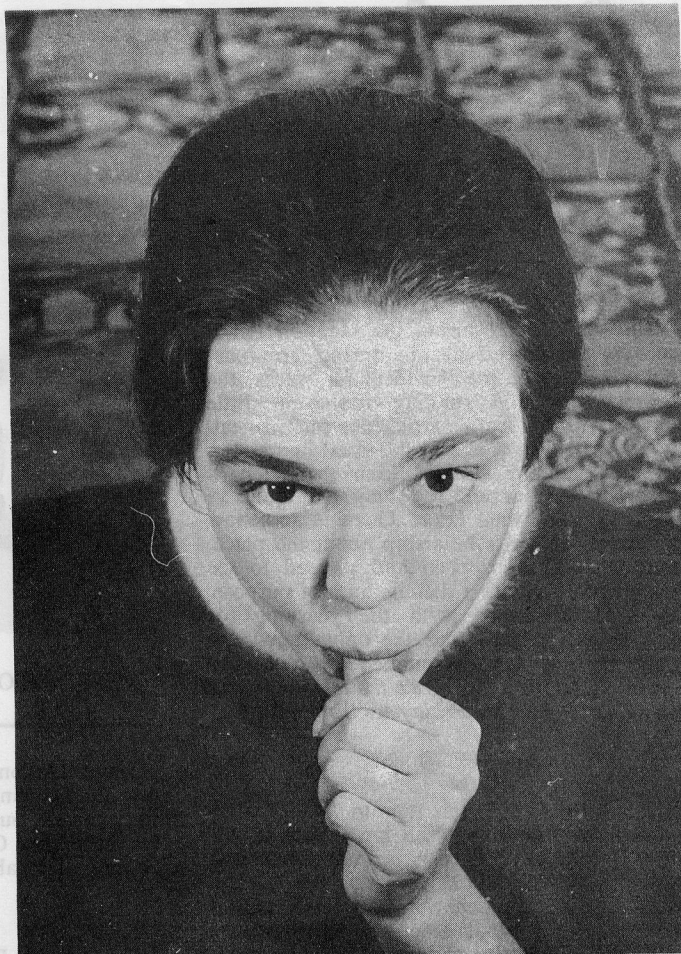
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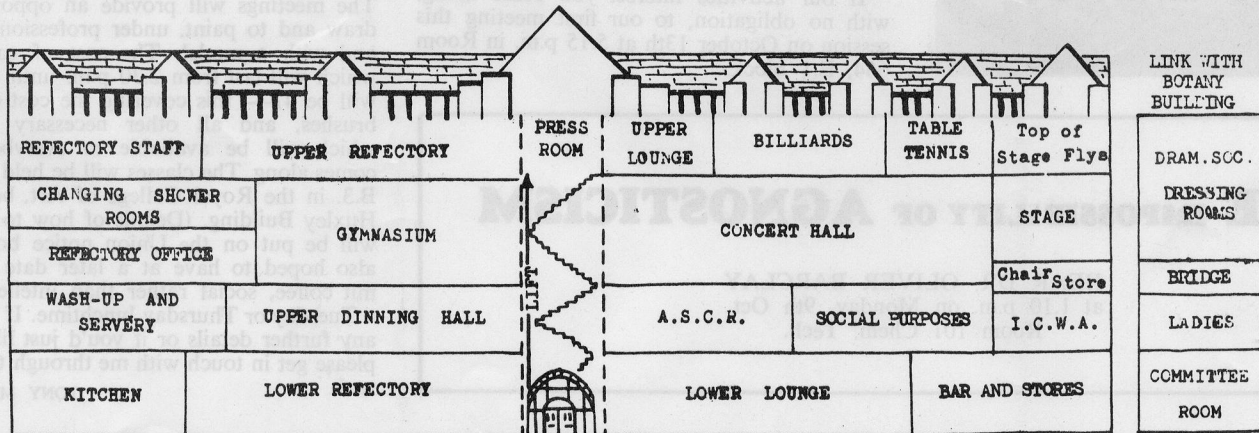
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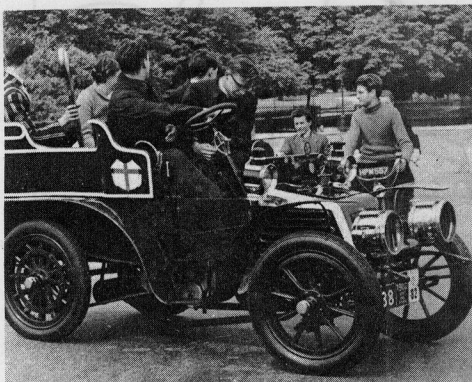
DEBATING SOCIETY

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Debating Society: as a member of I.C. Union you are also a member of the I.C. Debating Society.

The Society meets on Thursdays at fortnightly intervals, and debates motions ranging from political and religious to comic. The Society also takes part in competitive debating, entering the U.L.U. Debating Tournament, which it won three years ago. Last year the Society inaugurated a very successful inter-College Debating Competition, which was won by C. & G., who will be doing their best to retain the magnificent trophy; this looks rather like the F.A. Cup which was stolen a few months ago. It was presented by the Royal School of Mines.

Another innovation last year was the Society dinner. This was a very enjoyable function, which a high standard of after-dinner speaking and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

We invite all Freshers who welcome the opportunity of improving their speaking will come to the Freshmen's Reception and let the officials know of their existence and interest. Contact Richard Lewis or George Turner, Chairman and Secretary respectively. We do hope you will take this opportunity of practising your public speaking, for the art of self-expression is of great importance in many jobs. But even if this does not move you, do come along on alternate Thursday lunchtimes to be interested or amused, and certainly never bored



MOTOR CLUB

YOU should join the Motor Club whether you have a car, a bike, or just Shanks' Pony: here's why.

RALLIES. We have two rallies of our own each year and through us you can enter the rallies organised by other London colleges. If you are more ambitious you can, as members of our club, join the University motor Club (U.H.U.L.M.C.) at specially reduced rates and enter tougher event.

TALKS. Among our speakers last year were George Brown, the world solo sidecar kilometre sprint record-holder, and Raymond Mays of B.R.M. This year we hope to offer an even better selection.

FILMS. We do not offer Bardot, but B.S.A.'s and Bugattis can be seen at our film shows. We try to suit all tastes — road racing rallies and trials.

Among our other activities we have table-top rallies for the potential navigator and quizzes for the student of motoring history. As for visits, we have been to Lotus, Jaguar, Coventry-Climax, M.G. and the Montague Motor Museum in the past.

We must also introduce you to our college mascot, Boanerges. We are his guardians, he is our pride and joy. Who is Bo? He is a 1902 James and Browne veteran car, and as the President's official carriage he attends most Union functions. Only once in the past decade has he failed to make 'The Run' to Brighton. His upkeep involves much labour, especially in maintaining the polish on his large acreage of brasswork. Enthusiastic helpers are rewarded by an unrivalled experience, a ride in a veteran car.

If our activities interest you come along, with no obligation, to our first meeting this session on October 13th at 5.15 p.m. in Room 664, E.1 block.

THE ART CLUB

During the next few days you will probably be overwhelmed by requests, implorings, or direct orders as the case may be, from the organisers of the various college clubs and societies to join their numbers. This tends to produce confusion and even a temporary loss of identity as the strain of imagining yourself successively as rugby player and poet, marxist and conservative, humanist and christian, becomes too much. Only the most confirmed believer in the superiority of his own taste is likely to come out of this unscathed, and the alternative forms of hysteria that occur are the JOIN THE LOT TO HELL WITH WORK I'M GOING TO BE A WELL ROUNDED SOCIALLY INFORMED POLITICALLY ACTIVE CULTURALLY AWARE SPORTINGLY ABLE NON SCIENTIFIC SCIENTIST and the I AM UNWORTHY OF ALL THIS ATTENTION UNSUITED AND INCAPABLE FOR ALL THESE CALLINGS PERHAPS, I'LL TRY NEXT YEAR. The first hallucination seldom last more than a few weeks, never longer than a year; the second all too frequently continues for the full three years.

What has all this to do with the Art Club? Well, this club offers certain advantages, the first being the most opposite to my first paragraph of thumping digression. It isn't really a club, you don't pay a membership fee, and you are entirely at liberty to come once and never again, to drift in and out or to come every week as the fancy takes you. Secondly, this is an active rather than a passive club, not concerned with appreciation but with doing. Too much of this College is spent in imparting knowledge to the passive, and by implication stupid mind. This is a chance to do, to feel, to create for yourself. Thirdly, painting is for enjoyment for us, not the serious pursuit of aesthetic achievement. It doesn't matter if you have never picked up a paint brush before in your life or if all your drawings turn out like stick men. There will be somebody there to help you if you want it and nobody will laugh at you because you aren't a Rembrandt.

Why painting particularly? It's always difficult to rationalise anything you do but the best way of putting it is roughly this — by photography you record a sense, by painting you feel it. In a monochromatic flat world, colours and shapes become apparent.

After the talk the details. The Art Club will meet every Wednesday afternoon, beginning on the the second Wednesday of term. The meetings will provide an opportunity to draw and to paint, under professional tuition and with a model. The cost of each class, which will last from 2.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. will be 4/—, this covering the cost of paints, brushes, and all other necessary materials which will be available to everybody who comes along. The classes will be held in Room B.3. in the Royal College of Art, behind the Huxley Building. (Details of how to get there will be put on the Union notice board.) It's also hoped to have at a later date meetings mit coffee, social rather than intellectual, on a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime. If you want any further details or if you'd just like a talk, please get in touch with me through the Union rack.

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