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IC VICTORY IN RELAY

day, thanks to a brilliant last lap by John Cleator. Taking over 37 seconds behind the Leeds University man he proceeded to narrow the gap to 15 seconds at the half way mark and then finally to take the lead only half a mile from the finish. Incidentally at the same place at which we lost the lead last year.

Eighty runners, another record entry, lined up for the first lap of the 3 mile course encircling the Serpentine. Birmingham led the way but were soon overhauled by Edinburgh who retained the lead to the first takeover. Pete Roy running the first lap for I. C., had a steady race and handed over to fresher Jo Fitzsimmons. Jo ran well against stiff opposition to hand over in the tenth position. Edinburgh increased their lead over Birmingham, but T. Briault, running for St. John's Camb., brought his team through the field from 43rd place to hand over the 3rd position. In doing so he broke the course record with a time of 13 m. 57 s. John Young, running 3rd for the College, brought us up steadily to finish in 6th position. At this stage Edinburgh were still leading, but Leeds University with a good effort by T. Totton, were in second place. The fourth lap saw a dramatic change in the lead; Geoff Wood, the Leeds runner, took first position just after Hyde Park Corner and had opened up a 200 yd. gap by the finish: Nottingham University had moved to second place. John Collins, his 7th time competing and surely the veteran of the I. C. team, brought us up to 4th place, less than a minute behind the leaders. He handed over to Ted Wilkins who overhauled the Nottingham runner at the half way stage to take second place.

Then came John Cleator's fantastic last lap and a thrilling victory for the College, with a new course record of 88m.31s. This is the first time since 1949 that I. C. has won. However, on that occasion only nine teams were entered.



Herb Elliot, running for Jesus College, Camb. in the last lap, took his team up ten places to 18th, claiming the fourth fastest time in doing so. Queen's College Camb. who were always just out of the limelight, were the first minor college (with less than 500 men students) in 10th place.

After the race Lady Hill presented the Sir Rodric Cup to Chris James, the I. C. captain and the Imperial College Union Cup to Queen's College.

RESULTS

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| 1. Imperial College (Record) | 88m. 31s. |
| 2. Leeds University | 88m. 40s. |
| 3. Nottingham University | 89m. 15s. |
| 4. Manchester University | 89m. 24s. |
| 5. Birmingham University | 90m. 01s. |

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| 1. T. Briault (St John's Camb.) | 13m.57s. |
| 2. R. Hill (Manchester) | 13m.59s. |
| 3. J.A. Cleator (I. C.) | 14m.07s. |
| 4. H. Elliot (Jesus College Camb.) | 14m.09s. |
| 5. A. Murray (Edinburgh University) | 14m.17s. |
| 6. E. Wilkins (I. C.) | 14m.22s. |

I. C. TIMES

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| 1. Roy P. | 14m.52s. |
| 2. Fitzsimmons J. | 15m.14s. |
| 3. Young J. | 15m.11s. |
| 4. Collins J.H. | 14m.45s. |
| 5. Wilkins E. | 14m.22s. |
| 6. Cleator J.A. | 14m.07s. |

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: Being a personal interview with the Great Man himself:

After the race Herb Elliott told me that he hoped to run against New Zealander Peter Snell, the world mile record holder, in the Empire Games at Perth, Australia, in November this year. However, this depends on his studies which he deems more important than running (which he still does for "fun").

PICTURES :

Above — John Cleator at the finish.
Left — The Start.



TRIAL BY JURY



Gilbert and Sullivan is a standard choice for the Musical Society and can be, at its best, most entertaining, if a bit archaic. It was interesting to see the Producer, Mr. Peter Rodway, had got away from the D'Oyly Carte prompt book to some extent, though it is debatable whether increasing the number of people on an already crowded stage is a step in the right direction. We were, of course, subjected to the male chorus in line abreast on the apron of the stage, but apart from purely personal dislikes, the whole production was treated in exactly the spirit and the overall effect was a very entertaining performance.

Once again the Wagnerian approach crept in to some extent, particularly with the leading soprano, but most of the time lead roles were performed and sung in very much the right manner, although there were times when humorous byplay detracted somewhat from the main action. The orchestra seemed very much more at home with Sullivan's music and per-

formed most creditably, although the timpani and strings were occasionally overpowering. The set suffered once more from overfilling the stage and the painting of it appeared a little bizarre. The lighting, designed presumably to tone with the colouring of the set, was also rather unusual, but, in the back-drop effect, did succeed in being most effective. The most notable performances were those of Maciej Smolenski as the Usher, Neil Murray as Counsel for the Plaintiff and Dave Rymer as the most Learned Judge. These three carried the piece along with spirit and great humour and were ably supported by the remainder of the cast. The Public and the Jurymen, although there seemed to be an awful lot of them on the stage at once, entered fully into the general entertainment of the production. Mention should also be made of a charming performance in the interval by the stage crew, much appreciated by some sections of the audience at least.

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BASTIEN and BASTIENNE

This opera, written by Mozart at the age of 12, must essentially be performed in a very light manner. The orchestra's tendency to plod on some passages, and the somewhat Wagnerian interpretation of soprano, did not help this conception. The tenor voice seemed more suited to the mood of the piece, but was unfortunately, often inaudible, and, although the characterisation seemed correctly orientated, the result was not entirely successful. The part of the Magician, Colas was effectively sung and performed, but with a regrettable tendency towards pantomime demon king, without the correct costume. The hat gave a faultless performance, but the costumes in general were entirely unsuited to the piece. The set, though well and robustly constructed, with a particularly impressive tree, appeared to clutter the stage to such an extent as to leave no room for the performers. It looked pleasantly rustic and was very well lit, but there was just too much of it.

FILM

THE THRONE OF BLOOD

7 p.m. Fri. March 2nd Concert Hall.

In *THE THRONE OF BLOOD* Kurosaura has taken the plot of Macbeth and used it in a Japanese setting. It is inevitable to compare this film with Shakespeare's *Macbeth* since Kurosaura has been so faithful in his interpretation — Dashizu (the counterpart of Macbeth) murders Tsuzuki (Duncan), Asaji (Lady Macbeth) tries to wash the blood off her hands — yet at the same time it is no imitation; rather have both Shakespeare and Kurosaura used the original in *Holinshead*. In the 16th century Japan was in the turmoil of civil wars with continuous feuding between the war lords. It is this period that Kurosaura has used convincingly for his tale. Without the poetry of Shakespeare, the crudity, treachery and violence are more obvious and the result sometimes hysteria. This is emphasised by Lord Washizu's death — a barbaric act in which he becomes pincushioned with arrows until he is almost split apart. The acting is different but good. Kurosaura has used many of these actors before and like Bergman and Ford prefers to keep his cast together. The tradition of the no play has produced its own style of acting in which emotions are shown with the eyes and body whilst retaining an expressionless face. Japan has a prolific film industry making more feature films than any other country (1958, Japan 516, America 288) yet only Akira Kurosaura's films have consistently appealed to the western eyes. His ability can be assessed from his films: *RASHOMON*, *SEVEN SUMARAI*, *THE HIDDEN FORTRESS*; and I would place *THRONE OF BLOOD* second after *SEVEN SUMARAI*.

A.J. WALKER

DRAMA

WILLESDEN DRAMA FESTIVAL

Having won the U.L.U. competition with an extract from "*A Sleep of Prisoners*" by Christopher Fry, John Webb chose the latter part of the same play as the I.C.D.S. entry for the Willesden Drama Festival in the hope of emulating that success.

Once again the lighting and sound effects help the cast considerably. The set was extremely simple and effective. The two lecterns in the church (used by the prisoners of war as a billet) aided the grouping of the actors.

The main part of the extract consisted of a dream about the burning of Shadrac, Meshac and Abendego in the furnace; the characters were represented by the corporal and the two privates (Mike Combs, Ed Field) who played the scene in a shaft of red light. Meadows (David Cain) provided the link connecting dream and reality, but it was the forceful portrayal of the corporal by Tony Forey that highlighted the production.

The Festival ends on March 6th; this production should come high up in the final choice of the Adjudicator.

The Dramatic Society are presenting "*Arsenic and Old Lace*" on March 13th to 16th inclusive; it is hoped that you will enjoy this production . . . when you come . . .

BRYAN HOOPER

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATING COMPETITION

Guilds win again

The Intercollegiate Debating Competition for the Imperial College Debating Challenge Trophy was won by Guilds again this year. Guilds beat RCS by 279 to 256 points and also beat RSM (303-219).

The first debate was on the motion "This house believes that Americans worship false gods." The RCS team of Christine Bradford, Jon Bareford, Bob Finch and Finlay Macpherson proposed the motion, while Si Lyle, Srinivasan, John Simpson and Asit Chandmal opposed it for Guilds. In her opening speech, Christine Bareford failed to really attack American gods, and she had a tendency to be facetious, usually fatal in a serious debate. She also read a great deal of her speech, as did Simpson and Bareford, and this too is fatal especially in a competition. Si Lyle, who started by saying that he had great pleasure in at last doing something for his constituent College, spoke well but rather slowly and appeared to tail off suddenly when 8 minutes were up. Srinivasan has the potentiality of a good debater, and he spoke well. The only criticism of his speech was that he halted noticeably between each of the points he was making, instead of leading smoothly from one point to the next.

The last three speakers were the experienced trio of Bob Finch, Asit Chandmal and Finlay Macpherson. Finch spoke in his usual manner, but unfortunately he too tended to be facetious, did not bother to refute any of the points of the opposition. His speech seemed to suffer from a lack of adequate preparation. So, as the judges said, it was only the last

two speakers who really got their teeth into the motion. Asit Chandmal, summing up for the opposition, made a very good and witty speech (*'Manroe and Mansfield merely represent the excess sugar of a diabetic decade'*) and he very successfully ridiculed and refuted the proposers' arguments. Perhaps, the one fault in his summing up was that he spent a little too much time tearing up his opponents' arguments and not enough summing up his own side's. McPherson made a brilliant speech. At one point it looked as if he would swing the vote, but it was impossible to make-up for the inadequacies of his side. Perhaps, two charges could be levelled against McPherson, wrong order of speaking of the team and neglecting the possibility of including an American or Canadian to replace one of the first two speakers. These tactical mistakes do not detract from his extremely good summing up, but at the same time, probably lost RCS the debate.

The second debate, in which Guilds proposed the motion that "This House fears the future", was practically a walk-over for Guilds. Each of their speakers was better than his opposite number and Guilds were far better organised. Lyle proposing, spoke of the dangers of 'getting soft' in the Affluent Society, and the very real dangers of the 'misuse of the Machine Age'. He quoted from an article by Prof. Minsky of MIT, and in general convinced the audience that machines were terrible ogres with fiendish designs on humanity. Lyle's speech was excellent. Simpson, speaking second, spoke of the dangers of nuclear war and of nuclear arms spreading over the world. Srinivasan, speaking third for Guilds, spoke of the dangers of over population. He said that this was an extremely urgent and almost insurmountable problem, which birth control alone could not hope to solve. (*'Using contraceptives is like eating a chocolate with the wrapper on, or taking a bath with gumboots on, and in any case, the only certain method of preventing conception is a glass of water, taken not before or after, but instead of.'*) The Mines team were rather badly organised, did not put up many arguments, and with little evidence. This may have been due to the fact that they thought their first speaker would be asked to sum up, instead of their fourth speaker. The speaking on the Mines side was good on the whole and their first speaker certainly has the potentialities of a first rate debater. Asit Chandmal, summing up for Guilds started his speech nervously but soon warmed up to his accustomed easy wit (*'Hope always goes hand-in-hand with youth, but in the case of the members of the opposition this hand-holding has reached the climax of a passionate embrace'*).

On the whole, these two debates were extremely enjoyable. The President of Debates is to be commended on his handling of the Debates, and his method of arranging the hall similar to the U. L. U. Debating Hall in an improvement. In his summing he aptly said that *'the Debating Competition had been won by the New Delhi branch of the Old Centralians'*. The Judges, Wilson, Tomlinson and Weale performed their hard task in an admirable manner and deserve all the thanks and gratitude of the Debating Society.

SCRUTINY

The latest issue of Scrutiny is a considerable improvement on the last one, which displayed an almost neurotically aggressive attitude towards Council and the Union Establishment. In his issue, however, the Union and its officers get away with practically no criticism, and one wonders whether Scrutiny has not become part of the Establishment after all. The departure of John Cox from the College must have left a considerable gap in the ranks of the anti-Union brigade and the Editor may have come under the influence of our President's powerful personality during his visit to the Union Office.

Stirring apart, this issue has many commendable features. "College Social Affairs" has some relevant and well-judged observations to make, and the identity of the commentators is at least hinted at by their initials. An interesting euphemism occurs on page 5, where unruly behaviour disrupting lectures is termed "somewhat eccentric". "Juvenile" or "Offensive" might be better adjectives.

Bob Finch counter-balances John Cox's pro-Communist article in the last issue with a more critical approach to the same subject, and Mr. Levitt delivers a concentrated and effective broadside against Mr. Kubba's anti-Israeli article in particular and the Arab League in general. Mr. Kubba is cut down to size even further by what is perhaps the best article in this issue, Mr. Sekey's "The Patern of Propaganda". Levitt and Sekey have contributed the sort of articles that justify Scrutiny's existence, for one can't help feeling that in the case of several of the political-religious articles, the subject is covered far better elsewhere.

However, the Editor and his staff are to be congratulated on the issue, which goes towards filling a gap in the range of student publication available. Next issue, perhaps, we may return to the critical attitude of the previous issue combined with the factual approach of this one. How about a searching and factual article tearing Felix to pieces, Mr. Pearson?

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Yours Apologetically,

PETER JENSSEN, Phys. 1

Dear Sir,

In view of the criticism I have incurred in certain quarters, I would like to clarify my position concerning my letter of the last issue.

I have never suggested that the captain of the Rugby Club was failing in his duty to the first XV, and would congratulate him on having reached the final.

Yours sincerely,

S.P. GARDINER

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Mr. Abdul Ben Mahamad's letter in your last issue concerning interesting Lancashire Hot-Pot. I fully agree with him about the noise made by these interesting creatures when in full cry; it really is awesome. The wild variety are now very rare, but I can well remember seeing one running in Blackburn just after the war. As Mr. Mahamad says the noise was terrible and it did a considerable amount of damage, knocking over two tramcars and carrying off a couple of mill-girls.

Blackburn was always a favourite haunt of the wild Lancashire Hot-Pots, no doubt because of the superstition widely believed by the somewhat backward inhabitants of that town, that they brought success to the local football team. On the latter's performance this belief did not have a very sound foundation.

D. GILBERT

SMALL ADS.

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MAY BALL, 1962: Application forms for tickets for this year's May Ball are now available in the Union Office. Tickets this year are only 45/- double.

Dear Sir,

Si Lyle's proposal that an I.C. Honours Society (surely a better name could be found!) is an idea that requires serious thought by Union members. At present, how is appreciation shown by the College to a student active in College affairs? The Union General Award has no popular appeal and certain extra College Clubs award their own seal of favour by conferring membership on selected individuals who meet their specifications by being of a certain type.

There is, therefore, no way in which we can recognise the efforts of those who have given service to the Union but don't belong to any clique or grouping within it.

NEW HALLS OF RESIDENCE

There is cause for much jubilation at the moment, the New Hall on South Side is to be opened next year and soon some more halls are to be started on North and East Sides.

It is now a good opportunity for a little reassessment of the situation preferably dispassionately. This is what the writer has set out to do.

The Government has decided, quite arbitrarily, that it would be a grand idea to pour millions of pounds into technical colleges. As I.C. is the closest to Westminster it was the obvious choice for the largest share to be given.

This share takes the form of some £20 million or more. The College authorities, poor benighted technologists that they were, were naturally bewildered by this vast sum. They looked around and compared the "amenities" offered by this College with those offered by Oxbridge and saw one glaring omission: Halls of Residence.

It was also noted that the products of Oxbridge got on in the world, becoming Prime Ministers, Managing Directors, Stockbrokers and successful tax dodgers. Whereas the ex-I.C. students became simple engineers, scientists and hole diggers.

It was obvious, putting these facts together, that residence in a Halls of Residence while at College is the key to success in the after life. Thus, we have the reason for the building of the Halls of Residence.

Now for the excuse.

A student living in close proximity to his fellow students, of all classes, nationalities, ideas and ideals will naturally take part in discussions about the world situation, religion, ethics, politics, philosophy and the latest plight of Jayne Mansfield and also broaden his outlook and learn to live with his fellow creatures.

It will also be easier to a Union spirit if a large number of students all live close and together.

In fact the actual results are that the average person ignores everyone with a different outlook and background and spends his time drinking coffee until 3 a.m. to the detriment of his degree and his attendance at morning lectures. Either that, or getting drunk in the bar and returning home bending lamp-posts, making unholy noise, being sick on the stairs and pouring beer and water over those sensible enough to go to bed early but who left their doors unlocked. There are of course

The establishment of a fraternity or society for which people become eligible as the result of service, of a sufficient level, to the Union is a basic necessity in this College. What is a sufficient level of service is difficult to define but surely it can be resolved so as to be acceptable to the majority and not to pander to the limited sense or values of a small, but influential, section of our Union.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM P. MACMILLAN

316, Muster Road,

Dear Sir or Barron,

It is not Asservation,


It is not Asseveration.

It is not Assavation.

It is ASSEVERATION.

Yours Frustratedly,

A.N. AUTHOR

P.S.  note; what about "them as want to but are never asked?"



the 1st year) are those who take an interest in the Union activities.

Why can't the authorities face the simple facts, which are self evident. Interest in Union, academic societies and clubs, general studies and so on is very small and will stay that way.

The average student here is far more interested in his work than all these hearty "Let's play at politicians" games or becoming a pseudo intellectual so he can talk rubbish about anything.

One is far better off trying to master his subject, be it engineering or action painting (riding bicycles over canvas). Rather than trying to become a good citizen just because it is expected of one.

Please let us have less nonsense about spending thousands of pounds on Halls of Residence but let us have more money for laboratories, research or scientific libraries for the true students of this College.

COLCUTT

Wonder if he made it. Suppose he must have done — somebody always gets you there in the end. I don't think I've ever seen quite so vociferously canned before. None of this "reluctant as I am" business; we just could not get him off that table. That beer race was a bit harsh, though. After all, a six-pint jug, even if it is only half full, is not really fair game for a yard. But at least we let him think he was drinking beer. Thank goodness the bar does not stock an assortment of liquors. Still, it was a good send-off and we wish Si and Mrs. Si every happiness.

It seems to have been a busy week-end one way or the other. That was a really fabulous effort by the I.C. runners; they must be really dedicated people, these runners. Didn't see any of them in the bar after about seven o'clock. Plenty of other runners around, though. I do wish the Refectory Committee would pluck up enough courage to invest in a reserve stock of pint glasses. Perhaps, they think that if they stock enough glasses to sell out of beer this is enough. But I was thoroughly fed-up with trying to explain to drinkers why they could not have a pint, and no doubt Howard and Arthur are completely chocker. When you think about it, eight gallons is an awful lot of beer to serve in half-pint glasses.

These Music Soc. people really are the limit! Is nothing sacred? I should have thought that was one door that was not suitable for advertising, firstly from the purely, shall we say, aesthetic angle, and secondly that there is such a thing as word-association. And in that context, what a title — "*Bastien and Bastienne*"!

Thinking along those lines reminds me of those puerile little people who attacked Mrs. Robinson and removed her personal, not



Union trophies. If this paper does circulate to other Unions, I hope the people concerned will have the decency to return her property, preferably accompanied by an apology.

Since I disagree with most of what Si said in the last issue, that makes me a reactionary. It does seem to be rather dragging up the dregs when you have to try and label any criticism with a nasty word even before it is made. Funny too how many so-called visionaries assume they are the first to have ideas about improving any present system.

I will not bore you with a breakdown of Si's proposals and my opinions of them, but I'll just humbly try to give a little information combined with an appeal, not from reaction but from experience. Every year the retiring president of the I.C. Union writes a report on his year as President. These reports are confidential and intended for the next President. Please read them, Si, and try to base some of your actions on their experience. They really did know this Union and its students, and neither changes very much.

TOUCHSTONE WEEKEND

THE VERY DEVIL

The last Touchstone Weekend held at Silwood Park on February 10th-11th was on "*The Very Devil*" — The Problem of Evil, and was introduced by the Rev. Charles Davey. The number present was not large, possibly because people were frightened either of the subject or of being addressed by a clergyman. In fact it was a fascinating topic, affording unlimited scope for discussion and argument, and nobody could object to the excellent manner in which it was presented. While it is a pity that so few take advantage of the opportunities given them, it must be admitted that smaller number do make for a more intimate and enjoyable weekend, and a better discussion.

Some of the main questions arising were: What do we mean by Evil? It is perhaps a power of Bad as 'God' is a power of Good? What constitutes a bad or evil act, and can we produce a generally acceptable definition, or some form of absolute standard? Also, what and why is a feeling of guilt? If it is the consequence of an uneasy conscience, then what is conscience and why does it work so differently for different people?

Consideration of these points led to the conclusion that evil was a personal thing,

though precisely what we mean by 'personal' was another problem. Essentially a third party was involved, and furthermore a knowledge of right and wrong and a conscious misdeed seemed to be implied. In attempting to find an absolute standard of morality, "*Do as you would be done by*" was generally accepted as a basic criterion, but any attempt to go beyond this produced a rift between Christian and atheistic factions present. This controversy rapidly broadened into the perennial issue "*Why believe in God*", which was prolonged to the early (or in some cases, not so early) hours of Sunday morning, and subsequently continued, but not concluded. Of course neither side convinced the other, but it was good fun, and by no means useless.

Touchstone weekends are not devoted entirely to serious discussions, and Sunday morning was completely free, so with weather nearly perfect for the time of year, Windsor Park was a popular venue for many of us, while others made up lost sleep, or relaxed with the Sunday newspapers. Most of us converged eventually on "*The Cannon*" and the "*Thatched Tavern*". The proceedings concluded on Sunday afternoon with the presentation of the discussion groups' conclusions and the speaker's summing up.

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On the outskirts of Shrewsbury it was decided we needed more petrol, so in we drove to find a garage; Oh, what fun!!! Anyone who is contemplating a trip there in the near future can obtain composite travelling instructions free of charge. The result of our trip was several precious pints of petrol lost, and almost an hour wasted. Our last stop was an A.A. box, with no success, so after a short "ceremony" we drove off.

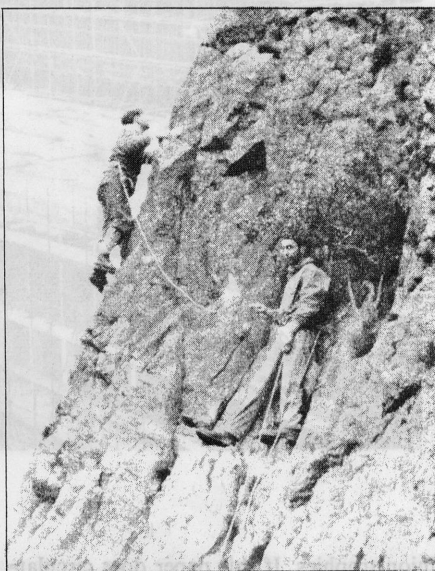
At 40 miles from our destination the petrol gauge showed empty, and continued to do so until we ground to a halt at 5 miles short. Half a gallon, originally for the Primus was poured in the tank and off we went again. This took us to almost the top of the Llanberis pass, so after a "short" push we free-wheeled down. After unloading, the party split into "them as were" and "them as were not". The latter went to the climbing hut, and the former pitched camp.

The following morning the trials and tribulations of the night before seemed well worth it. For the Llanberis Pass being the most forbidding of all in North Wales makes the scenery majestic; the cliffs of Snowdon were snow capped and sombre, while the other side of the valley was bathed in sunlight. Breakfast over it seemed a good idea to obtain some petrol for the Dormobile. We free-wheeled until we ran out of "slope" and were then towed to the nearest habitation by a milk-float. A brief telephone conversation with the nearest garage in Llanberis left no option but to hitch-hike to pick-up some petrol. A member of H.M. Forces did the necessary and after a dice with death the machine was drivable.

On returning to camp we found that most of the party had already set-off on the various climbs (one notable exception was "man mountain" who had been waiting for the Dormobile to come back, he was "rather upset"). The standard of climbing in the Club at the moment is of high-standard and the cliffs of Llanberis make a good training ground, there being a full range from difficult to extreme.

Each man knows his own standard, and until he knows he has improved, keeps to it. Conditions varied; on the sunlit side the wind made things a little tricky, whereas snow and ice made climbing on the other side hard work. Saturday evening was spent at the P.Y.G., and after several pints and the inevitable discussion of deeds done and deeds to come we retired to bed.

Sunday thanks to good weather, gave us plenty of climbing. In the early evening we loaded up and set-off back to London. Normally such a report as this finishes up with



... and they returned back in the early hours on Monday, after an uneventful ride." However, with a few miles gone a rattle-ing was found to be the exhaust pipe which had broken loose; Welsh wire solved that problem. Just outside Llangollen we were witness to a car accident and to crown it all our driver (known to the Staffordshire Police as Dr. Dobson) was booked for speeding. We did arrive in the early hours though.

C. & G. MOTOR CLUB DINNER

The annual dinner of the motor club was this year noteworthy for being the best attended in the history of the club. This was partly accounted for by the large number of guests present, the ladies obviously finding motoring a necessary evil of their male companions. It is possible that the attendance was in some way representative of the strength of the club, being probably the largest in Guilds with a membership of over 130.

The guest speaker was John Bolster, technical editor of Autosport and a man with a wealth of driving experience. Dressed for the occasion in a deer-stalker and a Sherlock Holmes overcoat he found driving Bo from the 'Rose' in Fulham Road to the Union more than a match for his skill. The Rose is incidentally worthy of Felix Pub Guide, as many motoring enthusiasts meet there to discuss their weird machinery over a pint.

Replying on behalf of the guests to the president's introduction, Mr. Bolster told something of his experience in motor racing, mainly in connection with 'Bloody Mary' a 'special' which was conceived while still a schoolboy, but which raced successfully until post war years despite its vintage origin. His career as a racing driver, he said culminated with an unfortunate accident in which he broke his neck.

It was disclosed during the course of the speeches that the president of the club, Mr. Moore, was leaving the College for five years to become Professor of Mechanical Engineering at New Delhi University. This is indeed a great loss for the club as Mr. Moore has been president for the past sixteen years and it is only due to his leadership that the club has attained its present popularity.

After the dinner, conversation continued in the senior common room giving opportunity to talk to the people on the inside of the motor industry, such as Leonard Rootes of Singer cars and to the guests from the racing side of motoring.

All Change

This year seems to have become one for proposed changes. Fortunately most of the proposals have been flatly rejected by the reactionaries that Mr. Lyle criticises. It seems to have been forgotten that before a change is adopted the two questions, "Is there anything wrong now?" and "Does this change provide a remedy?" must be answered affirmatively.

Usually the answer to the former question is assumed and that to the latter ignored. Of course, if anybody looks hard enough they can always find something wrong with any system. It seems a pity that this year's top men spend too much time looking for small wrongs while a greater one is being created. The time that the President and the Secretary spend in the Union Building is very small. They can hardly even be available for a chat over a few beers, which is a method adopted by some of the more approachable past Presidents.

When its disadvantages have been pointed out there is no defence forthcoming. They have no arguments in favour and have ignored the possibilities of arguments against.

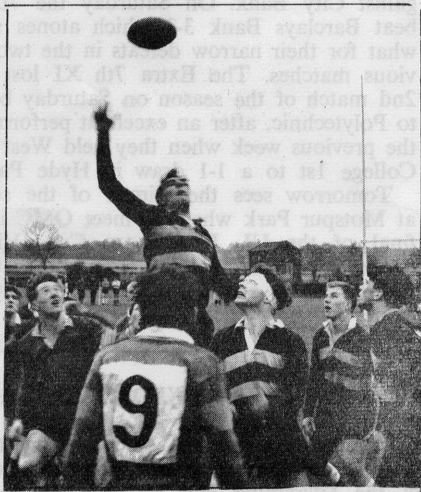
Since the proposal for a Deputy President has already been brought up in this paper it seems fit to mention it here. "There is too much at the top; we need someone who can

take over from the President should he for some reason become incapacitated." Thus, goes the argument. I think it would be a good idea to have one man whose duty it was to be deputy president thus saving undue work for the Vice-Presidents who have enough to do. However, is the basic premise of the argument correct? Is there really too much work for these people (Pres. Sec. & Clerk). I have it on good authority that the Clerk has never had a lazier year than this, and in the years when the Clerk has been hard worked there has been little for the Secretary to do. It seems that two people's work has already been spread over three, and I think it unnecessary to increase this to four. To cover the second point of the argument all that is necessary to change the name of the Hon. Sec.'s post to that of Deputy President, which, in effect, is what he is already.

Under this scheme the Clerk would still do the secretarial work and would once again be fully employed. The President and Secretary could share the committee work between them instead of duplicating their work, as at present. In fact, little would change except that there would be no doubts as to the person to represent the President in his absence. The scheme has the advantage of being simple and effective.



THE BIG DAY 10.2.62



"ALL SYSTEMS GO" 21.2.62

BUSY JOHN

SAT. FEB. 10TH WEDDING

SUN. FEB. 11TH

MON. FEB. 12TH

TUES. FEB. 13TH

WED. FEB. 14TH SEMI-FINAL CUP 0-0
DRAW

THURS. FEB. 15TH RATHER TIGHT

SAT. FEB. 16TH U.L. v. SARACENS
9-3 LOST
(KICKED PENALTY)

SUN. FEB. 18TH Hmmmmmm !

MON. FEB. 19TH WEDDED BLISS

TUES. FEB. 20TH

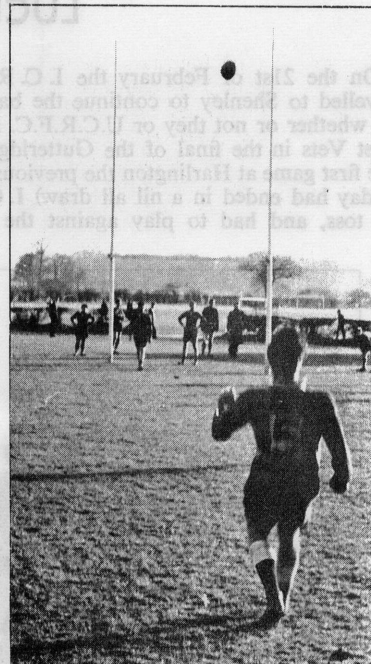
WED. FEB. 21ST SEMI-FINAL REPLAY
8-3 WON
(CONVERSION)THURS. FEB. 22ND DRUNK AGAIN
(OLD BOYS)

FRI. FEB. 23RD OFF TO PARIS

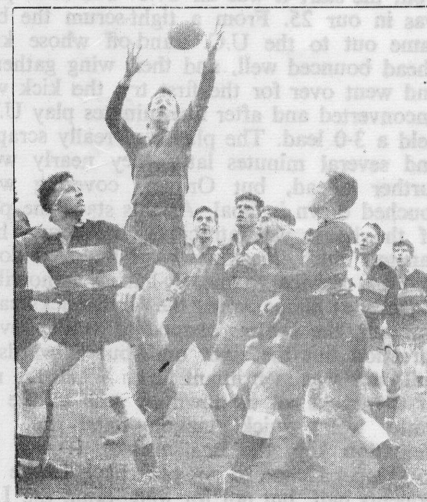
SAT. FEB. 24TH SAW INTERNATIONAL
(THEY LOST)SUN. FEB. 25TH U.L. v. P.U.C.
9-0 WON
(PENALTY)

MON. FEB. 26TH BACK FROM PARIS

TUES. FEB. 27TH COLLEGE I SUPPOSE



INTO THE LEAD 21.2.62



EARTHBOUND 14.2.62

Intercollegiate Rugger

R.C.S.R.F.C.

In October, with the nucleus of last years very successful team remaining, prospects for the coming season were bright. However, several factions have combined which have resulted in the club having a rather lean season. The records at present are:

1st XV P — 13; W — 2; L — 2;
2nd XV P — 8; W — 2; L — 6;

After the I.C. 1st XV had been selected, we were faced with the problem of building a team almost from scratch. The trial, as usual, revealed some talent but left a lot more unseen so that for the first few games the teams were never the same twice running. This term, after a good start, sees the loss of another key player to I.C.; and exams. have once again meant that the first XV have been

very unsettled. The second XV, as is inevitable for a reserve team, has been very unsettled too; and unfortunately at times has not been fielded owing to lack of man-power. However, it has produced some good performances at those times when reasonably constant.

Prospects for the Sparke's Cup Match, when I.C. and U.L. players are valuable are good. Hence, another will take place on March 7th and 23rd and all support will be very welcome.

C.G.R.F.C.

The rugby season of 1961-62 started off in the usual manner with a rather chaotic fresher's trial. From a total of 40 the talent was sorted out and with a heavy fixture list to fulfil, the prospect looked promising. How-

ever, as usual, the I.C. Wednesday team took a heavy tool on our playing resources; all the first team positions have at one time or another this season been filled by Guildsmen with ten playing regularly. This does credit to the Club but reflects rather obviously on our record. To date the Guild's first team has won two matches and drawn one, but mention must also be made of five cancellations, four of them consecutively. The second team, under Chris Head, consists mainly of the unbeaten I.C. B.7 team and can show a much more impressive record, with seven won and one drawn. A third team has been regularly chosen but difficulty has arisen in arranging fixtures. However, they have done well in winning four out of seven.

The Club membership to date is over sixty and an impressive turnout is guaranteed for the Sparkes' Cup. The support of all Guildsmen is vital for these matches which will be played on the first two Wednesdays in March.

A. TAURINS

LUCKY VICTORY

On the 21st of February the I.C.R.F.C. travelled to Shenley to continue the battle to see whether or not they or U.C.R.F.C. should meet Vets in the final of the Gutteridge Cup (the first game at Harlington the previous Wednesday had ended in a nil all draw) I.C. lost the toss, and had to play against the wind;



from the start it was all U.C. and soon play was in our 25. From a tight-scrum the ball came out to the U.C. stand-off whose kick ahead bounced well, and their wing gathered and went over for the first try, the kick was unconverted and after five minutes play U.C. held a 3-0 lead. The play was really scrappy and several minutes later they nearly went further ahead, but Orman, covering well, touched down in goal. At this stage the play of the backs was atrocious, the scrum half ran too much, his kicks were knocked down and his service to the fly-half was horrible. Equally at blame, when the U.C. backs came through, the centres seemed to run in every direction but the right one, but Edwards at full back was in brilliant form. When the rest of the backs let us down he rose to the situation well; quick tackling and fine anticipation kept the line in tact. It was left to skipper Kehoe to get play back in the opponents half, but not for long. Soon the I.C. team were doggedly defending their line. Within the space of four minutes four penalties were awarded against I.C.; a pretty good example of the low standard of play to which we had sunk. One of the kicks right in front of the posts was thankfully missed. It was Edwards who stole all the glory and praise; a brilliantly judged tackle by him nipped another U.C. scoring effort in the bud. So at half time we were down by only 3 points, but how lucky we were, it could well have been many more.

The second half started with Ravno, after catching, running some 40 yds. before being stopped. This was just the tonic we needed and for a moment things began to click. However, it didn't last, and play soon degenerated to the first half fiasco. Bad passes, interceptions, failure in playing the ball; all quickly resulted in Orman and Edwards being worked overtime, and the touchline supporters almost gave up. Mrs. Vine kept morale high, and the willing voices once again pleaded with their team. A Ravano "up and under" showed how advantageous a high kick was; with the sands

of time running out Dave Howard followed his example, a beautiful kick dropped just by the posts, was fumbled and Johnson was sent over to put I.C. back in the game. John Fairfield's boot has seldom let us down, and his conversation from ten yards in gave us the lead, and the much needed shot in the

arm. Suddenly we seemed on top; an orthodox passing move gave Johnson another great opportunity, but the pass was bad and he knocked on. Then U.C. pulled all the stops out and played switched dramatically to the I.C. end, but man mountain Edwards was there again (how well he played) and play reverted back to the U.C. end. A set-scrum some ten yards out gave I.C. the chance to showed just how superior their pack was, and they did this in no uncertain manner, a well controlled push, and Smith had the ball over for try number two. Fairfield's kick was just short (8-3). The last seconds ticked by and it was all over, we were through; to complete another part of the amazing last decade of I.C. successes.

POST MORTEM

- J. EDWARDS — *Enough said.*
 B. ORMON — *He too was magnificent.*
 A. BUTLER — *A big disappointment.*
 P. JOHNSON — *Redeemed his early errors with a try (just).*
 R. RAWLINGS — *What he had to do he did well enough.*
 A. SMITH — *His worst.*
 D. HOWARD — *Dependent of scrum half it follows that his game was not all that good.*
 B. RAVANO — *A little of the fire was gone.*
 M. VINE — *Poor start, but good final (5-2).*
 K. WRONSKI — *Hampered with teeth problems, could have been the reason why he was not as his best.*
 R. PLACE — *A tireless worker, but seemed out of things.*
 J. FAIRFIELD — *Tried hard, but in Beckham, was playing against a man tipped as a future England player. But that boot made the day.*
 M. WILLCOX — *Tackled like a trouser, but must remember that he is not scrum-half.*
 R. MILLWARD — *An indifferent game; but at most faultless.*
 J. KEHOE — *As captain the responsibility for victory or defeat rested on his shoulders, and as a result his game was affected.*
 GENERAL SYNOPSIS. *Must improve March 10th.*

SOCCER CLUB

With the season three-quarters gone the club's success is still very much in the balance. The 1st XI could have won the Premier Division of the University league last Wednesday by beating Kings, but a goal in the last five minutes only just earned I.C. an undeserved draw, 2-2 and the outcome of the league will have to wait until the last match in a fortnight's time with Goldsmiths. This poor display against Kings followed two good league victories over UC and QMC but last Saturday saw Southampton University beat a lethargic IC side 4-1.

The second XI after a moderate start this term again have a good chance of winning their division of the league by virtue of 3-1 win over Kings II last Wednesday. The 3rd XI who were leading Division II (R) of the league at Christmas also made a bad start this term but may yet gain promotion. They completed their league fixtures with wins over UC IV and QMC III by 3-1 and 2-1 respectively. The 4th XI are still without a league win, but the 5th XI seem certain of winning Division III (R) of the league, having won their last 8 league matches, the latest being 3-0 and 5-1 victories over Northern Poly II and Chelsea II, respectively, but lost 9-2 to Brunel College I on Wednesday, their only defeat this term. The 6th XI have suffered a lot this term from cancelled fixtures but won their only game in the past fortnight, 5-0 against City Bank. On Saturday the 7th XI beat Barclays Bank 3-2 which atones somewhat for their narrow defeats in the two previous matches. The Extra 7th XI lost their 2nd match of the season on Saturday by 4-1 to Polytechnic, after an excellent performance the previous week when they held West Ham College 1st to a 1-1 draw in Hyde Park.

Tomorrow sees the climax of the season at Motspur Park when IC meet QMC in the final of the UL Knock out Cup. Victory would mean that the Cup would come to IC for the fourth successive season, so why not come and help cheer us on?

D.H.

I.C. THRASHES OXFORD DOLPHINS

Fielding very much a second string team, Oxford University Dolphins were well beaten in the Swimming and soundly thrashed in the Polo. Cambridge Tadpoles paid us the compliment of swimming several varsity match players but were still downed in the Polo. The strength of the College's swimming and water polo teams can be gauged from their excellent record against other University First teams.

	Swimming	Water Polo
Cardiff Univ (A)	D 28-28	L 8-4
Cardiff Univ. (H)	W 37-21	W 4-3
Bristol Univ.	L 34-26	D 3-3
Southampton Univ.	W 34-28	L 4-2
Oxford Dolphins	W 35-25	W 10-1
Cambridge Tadpoles	L 33-27	W 3-2

The first team is still undefeated in the UL water polo league, excellent wins against NCL and St. Mary's have us fairly confident of the Gold Medals. Battling along in 3rd place in a tough 2nd Division League are the 'old lags' whilst the freshmen team in the 3rd Division is also lying third.

The Eastern Foreign Tour of the Guilds Swimming Club and the match against RMA Sandhurst will wind up what has been a great year for a very enthusiastic and high spirited club.

W.M.