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### CARNIVAL PROCESSION COLLECTS

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The Carnival procession, winding its way through the astonished, bemused and generous inhabitants of Kensington, Fulham and Chelsea, looked a cross between a Mardi Gras shenadigans and a Pyjama Party. Although it was competing for attention against the Cup Final, it collected over £105. 0

### SAKE POPULAR AT I.C.

The Carnival Week received a warm send off at the May Ball, but by Monday the tempo was positively vibrating; a fast, colourful, and exciting evening was put on by the overseas societies. The pace was set by H.E., the Ambassador of Tunisia (fulfilling his first public appearance in England) briefly and fittingly. After a succession of guitarists, violinists, and comedians, the show reached a magnificent climax with the West Indies Steel Band. Mention at this stage should be made of Dan the Bomb who provided continuity with jokes not in his usual repertoire.

Meanwhile, back in the dining room, a constitution shattering assortment of national food was laid on — most popular? Chinese tea. Unfortunately, one could not participate wholeheartedly without serious risk of indigestion. At the bar, a delightful Geisha did a brisk trade in Sake, but beer still seemed to sell best.

After the interval some fine dancing by oriental beauties in national costume was followed by the popular Night Riders, a good noise group of U.S. Navy origins.

An encouraging feature of the evening, which also included films and dancing, was the large number of visitors who doubtless left with a good impression of I.C.U. profit of over £70 was made for charity.

### CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Won by C.G. Glasswel.

No. 28358

Amount raised — £358.16.4

### BARBECUE WASHED OUT

Unfortunately the Barbecue was washed out. There was some dismal dancing under the Marquis and most people adjourned to the Week's Hall Bar, where from all accounts, queer happenings were witnessed.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON FETE

The previous evening, at 4 p.m. G.M.T. a world record was attempted and broken at I.C. Mr. Heape swallowed two dozens eggs in the incredible time of 2 minutes and 11 secs. He had trained for the previous week on a dozen eggs (large) at lunch-time. The news was reported by the B.B.C. and made the front page of the Guardian and the Express.

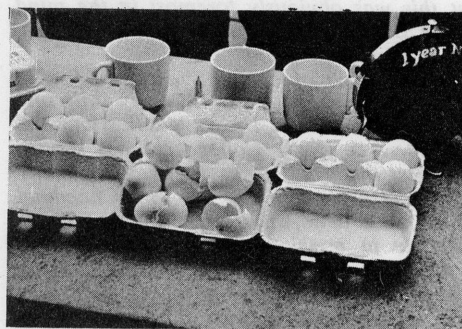
The Fete was poorly attended due to the weather being inclement. The Union at last got its chance to pelt the executive, which nearly got out of hand when at one stage, carried away by enthusiasm and successful marksmanship, the throwers didn't pay anything but just grabbed the rotten fruit and vegetables and let go.

The exhibition of Judo was the highlight of the afternoon. After watching a lot of girls were heard expressing their desire to learn, judo, much to the obvious annoyance and apprehension of their boy-friends.

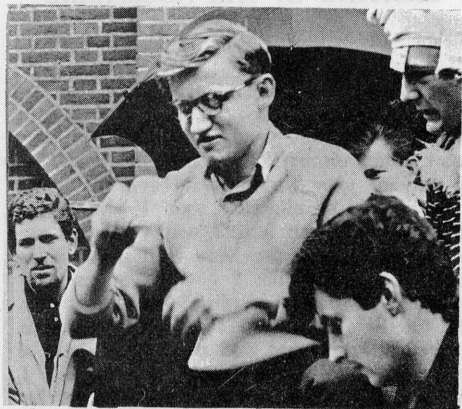
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## Letters

## to the Editor

FELIX STINKS

'Dear Sir,  
"Phoenix" and "Scrutiny", in order to increase their circulations, would pander to the more basic instincts of the students, the moral standards and general tone of our fortnightly newspaper were always above reproach.

I was therefore shocked when I opened my Felix dated May 4th to find myself staring at the nearly naked form of our (very attractive) Carnival Queen. Fortunately, Miss Petri does not lend herself to pornography but this was obviously foremost in the mind of the Editor when he had the picture printed.

In the name of common decency, I wish to protest most strongly that by inserting such material in a Union publication, the best interests of the College are not served. I suggest that this is not the way to render Felix solvent once more. Is Mr. Chandmal giving us a newspaper or a 'Playboy'?

People in positions of responsibility such as the Editor must see to it that any corruption of student morals must not occur because of perusal of their magazines. They must ensure that the contents of same are pure and decent.

## ORBITING IN THE NOOSPHERE

by CATCALI

Like my rival Colcutt has given up and Colcutt the second too and like how its only gonna be me this week as the Editor says like ("Quick man fill six pages or you'll go the way of your forefathers") and me being so alcoholically elevated that I almost orbited out like man here I was with this undulating female at the May Ball and I dancing and twisting like I got the aches man and what with seven pints fighting it out with the Salmon I said I must quick make for the youknowwhat and suddenly I hear a cry in distress. Finners I'm p... and like I always said if a man's drowning you got be thre with a straw and so I rushed to the bar and the barman he looked all queer so he could have been Martian (green he was and yellow looks) and so I rushed to the youknowwhat and my holy cow if it ain't someone (his stance curved like a Hockey stick) looking into the locked of the youknow with a mirror like the Chairman's inside he says like fast asleep and should I pull youknow to awaken him and suddenly a muttered she's got fabulous — and then a Howl Finners I'm p... and man like I made it away from those two lunatics and started reflecting how all these top cowboys are more alcohol inflated than a baloon in abrewery like when the previous night after the Carnival sherry party I staggered down the stairs past the door and past the reclining tott of was it the Chairman of Recreations recreating and past the quad into Oops the Secretary like he wanders out and gets into his whathecalls a car like starts and straight into a Mini-Minor and the swearing must have curdled someone's late night milk and he walks out of his car like he wants to cool off and the next thing he is yelling an infernally Freudian to the President of the Dancing Club Mike when I get married I'm going to have My 21st in your

I have the highest regard for the Carnival Queen, and we all realise that her motives in allowing the photograph to be printed deserve the highest praise, who can tell, however, where the Editor will lead us with his journalistic dabbling.

It just won't wash, Mr. Chandmal. If you wish to emulate the circulation figures of the Carnival Magazine, you'll have to find another way of doing it

Yours sincerely,

W. ALAN IRVINE  
Carnival Magazine Editor

## A PLEA FOR INSANITY

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, were most disappointed to read the comments in your last issue under the heading of "Your Guess" on page six column three. In this article, idiot or idiots unknown have attempted to place methodical interpretation on the labels "In", "Out", "Left", "Right", "Up", "Down" which one of us placed on the letter racks in the Union Office at the request of the other. Now isn't this just typical of the inhuman approach of the unimaginative, logic incensed technologist! Doesn't he understand that in this high pressure world of Lytle-Stacey organisation and Business Methods we need some nonsensical outlet for our frustrations. Let's have an Illogical Society.

Yours insincerely,

MR. & MRS. ROB  
(Ex-Ed. & Perm. Sec.)

bedroom and like Dad does he remember a thing the next morning O no he says took me twenty minutes to find what I call my car and O my God like You should have been in Weeks Hall the night when the sheep was barbecued and like I say Dad it wasn't only the sheep that was fried that night like here were the Secretary and President of I'd like to tell you but I can't and certain members of Council and soccer players and girl-friends and like this prominent ICWarian is sitting next to this Council member and hitting him and teasing him and O I'm so sweet and coy and you big bully and like how the big bully takes her and turns her around and smacks her daintily covered youknowwhat and the shenadigans that ensue like just then a man walks straight in through the door only it wasn't and the glass on the floor and on the door and like this is the third time in Week's Hall and it was only the other night I pass a locked door and I hear voices (almost ancestral) shouting and then I recognise them like Dad the President of R.C.S. says Hey Lawrie what do you think of my article for Felix and like Lawrie waits and says What do you expect pepole to get out of it expect confusion and Mac says there are five bloody good phrases in the article and Dad replies Law like you don't know what they expect confusion and Mac says there are five the line to prevent the all too prevalent tendencies of Technicalia and Law says I understood the last word Bloody good football team and like Mac says my ending's superb and Lawrie says Yea why don't you throw the rest Out and if this year's executive is like this what makes you think the next one's better like if you knew who was standing you'd chew your hat like Dad just wouldn't believe who these two Presidential candidates are, and like I said I must go back to James Joyce and Allen Ginsberg like he (Ginsberg) once told me why do you try and write like Shakespeare when you can write like God and now youknowwhat he means

## Our student guests

by Father IVOR SMITH CAMERON



Seen on a notice board outside a place of worship;

"SERMONS during the following Sundays will be on the following subjects;

GOD  
CHRIST  
COLOURED PEOPLE  
DISEASES

Put in this way they sounded quite significant!

The telephone bells rings. 'Oh, I'm sorry for bothering you, but could you help? My friend from Accra can't find any accommodation. He is studying at L.S.E.' Such calls are frequent yet what can I do? I know that the need is urgent while adequate accommodation for the persons concerned is scarce. But do something we must.

Of the 40,000 students from overseas studying in this country, over half of them are in the London area. In 1945, there cannot have been more than 1,500 in the whole country, but by 1950 this had risen to 10,000 and to 30,000 in 1955. Of the 40,000 at present in England, approximately 10,000 are at Technical Colleges. Another 10,000 are at the universities, and the rest at other institutes of learning, such as training colleges, Inns of Court, trainees in industry, commerce students, evening class students etc. Among the problems which confront visitors from overseas are the following:

1. Undoubtedly, the greatest problem is the sheer loneliness and utter isolation they experience in the 'big city'. English students coming up to London experience the same problem, although to a lesser degree. London is so unlike the little village or county town where you knew the rest of the youth club, or the other sixth formers. The students from India, or Africa or Malaya feel this loneliness even more poignantly; patterns of community life are so different here from what they were back in Bombay, or Kampala, or Georgetown, the change of environment so immense, that many fail to bridge the gulf and the sad result is an inadequate relationship in dealing with those of a different social and cultural background. It has been said "Living is Belonging". People who do not feel they 'belong' do not really 'live' in the full sense of the word. A man not fully integrated into the society which surrounds him, cannot give of his best. Though,

Continued overleaf.



he may be of outstanding cultural and intellectual ability, his contribution to the student world is stultified, and in some cases completely atrophied, because he is not 'at home' in his surroundings.

2. There is also the problem of colour prejudice. There is perhaps a grain of truth in what is called the British Reserve. But my observations of the public behaviour of the English student leads me to describe his behaviour in certain respects as anything but reserved. Much real discrimination is involved in the question of student accommodation. I am aware that there is an ever increasing number who view the whole question of colour discriminating in accommodation with horror and who are trying to do something about it. But the stark fact remains that over 20% of the advertisements in some of the London Local weekly newspapers bear the words 'no coloured'; and we may safely conjecture that many of the remaining 80% of landlords would never accept a coloured student. Their reasons, make little difference to the coloured student who feels snubbed, humiliated and inferior. When the man or woman so treated turns out to be a person of integrity, sensitivity and culture then the damage done can be lasting and far reaching.

3. The English often display an appalling ignorance of the home countries of the overseas students, and of their interests. Under the slogan of 'Never discuss religion or politics', many an Engliman successfully hides his indifference to both — an indifference which can so easily lead to a neglect of the more 'substantial' matters of life. In favour of the Twist, or the Cup Final. Often overseas students lose all interest in discussing any of their concerns and problems with 'English people because they believe the English have very little interest in or understanding of the various political or social institutions of their particular countries.

Why do we never seem to be able intelligently to distinguish between whether a man has come from British Guiana, or Jamaica, from India or Pakistan, from West or East Africa?

By failing in this respect we fail right at the start to make the proper initial contact with the person concerned, for each person is proud of his particular country and does not think it a compliment to be mistaken as coming from another.

Often because of these factors — and there are many others too — the vast majority of students from overseas retreat into themselves and limit their real personal relationships solely to those of their own ethnic or national groups, or bury themselves completely in their studies with the sole intention of getting a good degree quickly and then hurrying home at the earliest opportunity.

There are, of course, in addition the perennial student problems of lack of finance, climatic and dietary difficulties. It is small wonder then, that in view of all these factors that mental breakdowns among students from overseas are said to be greater in number than among English students.

There are certain problems which face students coming from the church overseas, which they have to face in addition to those I have already mentioned. Having been taught that the founders of the Christian Church in his own homeland came from the West, and most probably from this land, he is justified in seeking the confirmation of the Faith in the lives and witness the people of England. But seek he does in vain, for behind the mask of 'tolerance' in matters of the Faith, lies hid the cold fact of 'apathy' or 'indifference'. A very high pro-

portion of overseas Christian students have no contact with Christian life and witness when they are in England, and very few of that number link up again with the Church when they return home. It has been my privilege to be involved in the valient attempts of my own and other church traditions to do something about solving these various difficulties. I will end this article by making certain suggestions.

Although the problem of residential accommodation is being tackled, progress is slow. Visiting, as I do the various halls of residence it is only too clear that a sympathetic and considerate warden can bring out from a student qualities of leadership and responsibility. My experience — in this matter of overseas students in the various university and college halls of residence — shows that in general the number of places allotted to them is high and for this we have to be truly grateful.

But the problem of accommodation for the student who is not in hall remains, and is still largely unsolved. There are various hostels for overseas students run by church organisations, such as the Methodist International House, in Bayswater; the William Temple House in Earl's Court; or other bodies interested in the welfare of students from overseas, such as Zebra House in South Kensington; Impala House in Regent's Park; etc, or there are yet again halls of residence run by agencies of the various governments such as the Indian Students' Union; Hong Kong House; Malaya House; etc., but 20,000 students is a lot of students. The Church of England has plans for a very large Hostel in London which can act as a transit centre but the burning question of accommodation remains.

The British Council organises parties of students to visit certain areas in London — for example, areas like Acton or Balham. A regular house to house visiting is conducted along certain streets and accommodation is sought for students from overseas. Through this method the names and addresses of people who do not mind having students from overseas live with them is obtained. I would like to see such parties organised in Imperial College, and I would be happy to be included in any of them.

The people the overseas students get to know and like best are those students with whom they share a laboratory or attend a lecture with. During the vacation many of the overseas students have no home to return to and I feel sure that they would greatly welcome the opportunity to spend their vacation or a part of it — in the homes of their college friends. Hospitality may smack of 'the patronising attitude'. Friendship takes time to grow and one having taken root persists.

Finally a word to Christians upon whom a special responsibility rests. 'I was a stranger and ye took me in' was our Lord's word of encouragement to those who did corporal works of mercy for others. The least we can do is not to weaken the faith of a brother from the church in other land. He wants to see Christians living their faith not just discussing or talking about it. In the search for accommodation; in the inviting of foreign students to your home during the vacation; in promoting the various activities of student bodies working for the interests of the students from overseas, such as the International Relations Club, — in all these ways we must feel an obligation and a duty, although at the time perhaps it might not prove either convenient nor even congenial.

IVOR SMITH CAMERON

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## There's nothing wrong with this Union

by M.J. STACEY

Every year we hear a great deal of talk about what is wrong with the Union. Now potential solutions as there are critics. Now I am not proposing to put forward any kind of panacea for such short-comings as we have because I honestly don't believe that there is all that organically wrong with the Union. If anything, we diagnose an occasional malaise; nothing more serious.

What I am proposing to do is to examine a particular aspect of students in general, one that is of the utmost importance, yet one which almost never receives any attention. Their sense of perspective.

For the first week or so after students join this College, they suffer through speech after speech exhorting them to 'strive a balance' between work and relaxation.

Let's examine a few facts.

a. This is quite a hard working College; no courses are yet extended to four years although this is common in other universities, yet our standards are as good or better than theirs as evidenced by the salaries offered to our graduates.

b. This is an expanding College. The number of students capable of easily doing well is not expanding nearly so fast, but the College authorities are rightly reluctant to lower our standards.

c. This is one of the principal schools of post-graduates study in the country. About 1 man in 4 is working on a post-graduate course of research and a large percentage of these are from overseas.

I need hardly add that we are a predominantly masculine, entirely scientific or technological College situated in the largest city in Britain, or that our students mostly live away from the campus, and that this makes comparison with most other large London colleges difficult.

It is pretty clear what all this adds up to. Precisely the situation we observe and about which so many complain. We have a hard core of 'sport men', an uncounted army of 'brown-baggers', and a number of students variously estimated between 500 and 1,000, about whom little is said, but who fall somewhere between these two categories.

The most unfortunate aspect of all is that a lack of understanding and tolerance has grown up between the extreme groups. The men in the bar loudly inveigh the brown-bagger without ever accepting that there must be a very large number of people in this College who will be lucky to get so much as a pass unless they do little else but work, quite apart from the very studious types which tend to congregate in places like this. And let's be perfectly clear that a student's main job is to get a degree. As for the brown-baggers themselves, they usually resent the noisy self-assertiveness of the sport men, and fail to recognize their good fortune in being able to keep their tutors happy and still enjoy an active recreational life. Add to them the considerable number of married post-graduates and overseas students whose interests are generally very diverse and we are forced to admit that about one third of the student body will always take little or no part in activities no matter what inducements are offered.

The fault is not with the Union but with the people themselves, but here we run up against the rather intolerant group attitudes which are probably largely sprawned by the types of training our students receive. People who are continuously disciplined in equation and exactitudes unconsciously tend to be equally uncompromising in their assesment of their fellows whom they ruthlessly categorize. The prevalent attitude is that one falls into one group or another, and that once labelled, there is but a small chance of redemption. It is a severe indictment of the thinking of a student body that one is either destined for the 9 to 5 routine or else a highly active, obviously enjoyable, though extremely taxing existence as one of the fortunate few, while those who do struggle for a compromise are banished to virtual obscurity. This may appear extreme, but in reality is the choice which has to be made by everyone in college at some time.

Just what can be done to improve matters is a subject of endless debate. We hear optimists who glibly suggest that everything can be achieved by a judicious wave of a Presidential magic wand, while taking care never to be very specific as to the exact manner of the transformation. Sceptics on the other hand evince astonishment when anyone does manage to work up some corporate activity in which many students can take some part rather than it being the prerogative of a small group: for example, the Charity Carnival. But the principal obstacles remain — academic pressure and geographical environment, conspire to make regular, even though not particularly demanding, participation in Union life something of a problem for a great number of students. The College authorities have gone to great effort and expense to ameliorate the life of our hundreds of scattered digs dwellers. Next year, South Side will open accommodation for another 450 students and by the time the East Side residence is completed, our hostel capacity will top 1000 places. In addition to this, the pressure on the accommodation near the College is eased and many students can move closer. Freed from the nagging worry of train timetables, rush hour crowds, uneaten meals and refractory landladies, and all the many incident difficulties of digs, flats and even homes, the student who at present dashes for the 5.44 can look forward to some agreeable relaxation in or around the Union. Furthermore, as the number of students available increases, it is quite reasonable to expect a corresponding rise in the amount of activity around the Union. For this reason, if for no other, I am inclined not to agree with those who suggest that as soon as South Side opens, the student body will desert our present Union building in favour of some smart furniture and the mixed bar.

We are at this moments confronted with a task of some considerable magnitude and complexity, yet one that carries a commensurate reward. I think it is time to get our own thinking straight. We are all members of this Union, from brown-bagger to Executive Officer, and it is our collective interest that is at stake. It's time to stop dividing ourselves into watertight groups, and it's time to take a new look at the problem and to get things in perspective. Then it will be time to get on with the job.

## THE UNION IS MY SHEPHERD

by JOHN FAIRFIELD  
President of Mines

The Union is my shepherd: I shall not work.

To me the biggest problem of running a Union is doing just that and trying to get a degree all at the same time. Be that as it may, I would certainly prefer it that way rather than being a postgraduate President. The trouble with so many post-graduate Presidents is that they tend to devote far too much of their time in trying to run the whole outfit by themselves. To me the greatest proviso in running a Union is for the man in charge to have an efficient and effective committee behind him. I must confess that one of my major problems is time, and here of course you turn around and suggest that if I was a P.G. I would have more time. To this I say 'Yes', but still that it is not necessarily a good thing. The greatest essential is being in permanent contact with the entire Union and this is certainly facilitated by being an undergraduate. I do not suggest, however, that an undergraduate could ever survive as President of I.C. Why not? The time factor again. Within Mines and I.C. I have twelve boards and committees to sit on, most of which meet at least two or three times a term, so heaven knows how many poor old Si has.

As President of Mines I have a decided advantage over my two colleagues in that all Minesmen are thankfully still all under the same roof, which not only greatly improves departmental contact, but also staff-student relations.

I will admit that our numbers are inferior to our rivals within I.C. and this once again makes matters somewhat easier as far as running the Union is concerned, but considering that we are barely one quarter the size of each of the other two we certainly get more than our fair share of spoils (rowing excluded). In fact it was not until last year our five year reign as dual Rugby Cup winners was ended, and only three years ago we lost the Rector's Cup for the first time since it was initiated.

Being the size that we are we could easily get ousted out of nearly everything — that we are not is proof of the importance of everyone within the Union pulling their weight.

With the coming of South Side, Constituent College Union spirit will be tested to the full, so forget those 'Provincial Universities' and let Hall spirit take care of itself.

I shall fear no recriminations, for the Union is with me. The bar shall comfort me.

Another problem facing a Constituent College President is that he is automatically a Vice-President of I.C. — another large absorber of time. (Some day I'll get around to finding out whose lectures I should be attending on Mondays.) This of course, brings me to the question of having a deputy President of I.C. in addition to the secretary. I for one am wholeheartedly in favour of this, and had more of you bothered to attend the last I.C. Union meeting we could have had a quorum to discuss this. With the opening of South Side the pressure will really be on the Executive in earnest, but on the present showing of apathy we won't even have one (or a Council) next year.

The Union will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in a Council House for ever.



## THE EXPANSION

by LAWRIE AUSTIN

2 from 3 Permutation.

STUDENT : THE UNIONS : EXPANSION

*The permutation of three simple nouns gives rise to the problems of the Union Officials of I.C. and the Constituent Colleges.*

THE STUDENT UNIONS : THE UNION EXPANSION

### STUDENT EXPANSIONS

The batting advice given to the semi-paralytic batsman was "Hit out at the Middle one" so likewise being of a semi-sober (semi-paralytic) frame of mind I will kick-off with the Unions.

Since it is the Unions I will confine my remarks to I.C. and the Guilds. During the past few weeks I have heard the following questions asked and discussed at least a dozen times, "What's wrong with the I.C. Union this year?" My answer to this has been that in general there is nothing very wrong (at least no more than usual) and that part of the faults lies outside the control of the lads inside the Union Office. Just take a look at the record so far this year. The clubs and societies are extremely active and once again smoothly and efficiently run. The Union has emerged from the Staff-Student Officer discussions on the all important Student-Union expansion into South Side with flying colours, and at a time like this failure to put the students' point of view to the planning Staff and Administrative Staff might as well have caused a great deal of frustration and disappointment to future students of the I.C. Union. The Union building has, all in all, all things taken into account, all things being equal, been very well managed? I.C. has once again dominated U.L. competitions and has represented U.L. sporting and social clubs to a high degree. As I see it the only flies in the ointment are the I.C. Union Meetings. One Quorum out of three really is not good enough, and, in my opinion, due to two factors: 1.) Poor agendas. Who's fault? The Executive's? Or, perhaps yours Mr. Member? You see this year's President, Si Lyle has not "pushed or rigged" motions for Union Meetings but left it to the student to raise his own questions and suggestions. When two meetings are inquorate then it can only be assumed that everyone is "Happy" so to speak . . . however, if any Union member should be "Unhappy" then "T o S p e a k" is the solution . . .

2.) Poor, practically non-existent publicity of forthcoming Meetings. Unfortunately it has been realised a little too late that the average Union Member cannot read stereotyped notices from a distance ranging from one foot to infinity and like as not has been told (and even then several times probably) and persuaded to come along.

The Constituent Colleges play a complementary and not a separate part in the structure of the I.C. Union and the Constituent College Man should try to remember this; and at this point I will put on my other cap and mention Guilds Union. This year in Guilds we have had four Union Meetings and all of them have had an I.C. quorum present! Naturally, it has been very encouraging for us to see a revival in Union spirit and at a time when it was most needed. I admit that to date "sport in general" has been the theme and that in all cases attract-

ive agenda and publicity has set the scene for spontaneous humour from the Guildsmen . . . I have not been disappointed.

The next few years is going to be difficult for the Guilds Union Officers during the change over from the old dusty Waterhouse building into the three new shiny plate glass and polished wood buildings which tend to scratch rather easily and where it will be some years yet before the performance of the fire hoses have been fully determined! Varnish and polish when applied to Constituent Unions tend to leave a dull finish and it will be very much up to the 300 or so enthusiastic Guildsmen/women to carry the Union safely over this "transitional" river.

However, the expansion has not only created problems it has also solved one. The Union will have a large spacious, luxurious and well equipped Union Office in E.1. By tearing out the "heart of the old Union" by demolishing Waterhouse the expansion has thoughtfully created us a new one almost in the centre of the Engineering Buildings which will no doubt prove to be not only a centre of Union activities but also a meeting place for the sporting and social clubs.

The student expansion in Guilds will be completed by 1965 when the numbers will have risen from the present 1,200 to 1,500 and this increase will be almost entirely post-graduates, and consequently has forced the Union to review its policies. (For example next year there will be more post-graduates than undergraduate freshers.) Next year, for the first time, with financial aid from the Old Centralians post-graduate receptions as well as freshers dinners will be held in the first term.

For the student who finds time only for work I will leave him with the following Chinese proverb . . .

Confucius he says "All work and no play makes Jack richest man in the Graveyard".

## The Vicious Circle

by FINLAY MCPHERSON

A university education is one of the most sought after status symbols of today. The eager schoolboys come from miles around to obtain entrance to this College whilst principals remind the fresher of the ghostly figures of those who were turned away. But when the hubbub has died down and the final examinations have been taken, can the results be said to be educational? Or have you obtained a portable bibliography?

To raise a technical college to the level of a University one must have a system which teaches student how to think and more important still, how to communicate his thought. It is the latter problem which causes the most hardship. To communicate one's ideas to another, despite the perfections of language, has always been man's most difficult problem.

In this country in particular people are loth to exchange ideas and thoughts in case these confidences are misused. As a result many people are neurotic, self-centred, lonely and unhappy. They retain their thoughts and they seldom voice their opinions lest they be ridiculed. How often will someone pour scorn on someone's ideas while inwardly wanting to acknowledge them?

It is this problem, the problem of expression that the Universities must solve. Let us look at a specific example. The Royal College of Science. At the beginning of last year an analysis of the situation showed that many students knew little or nothing about the activities of the Department that they

were in, few of the staff knew what was going on in other departments, upon examination one found that the students and the staff wanted to get on friendlier terms but both sides were worried as to what would be the reaction of the other.

The R.C.S. Union looked at the situation for a considerable time and changes have been made in its structure to see if a better relationship with the staff within the large departments could not be attained. The system, comprising of a departmental committee in each of the three large departments, should go a long way in easing the 'barrier' that exists between students and staff. It should enable the students to know more about their fellow students as well as helping the staff to keep in touch with present day student feeling.

The possibility of this system lies in the future. It could be used by various groups such as entertainments to whip up support by getting the various departmental committees to organise sections; it could be used to provide a feed-back mechanism for complaints and suggestions on the course; it could be used to solve problems that may arise in a particular year or from a particular student. However, its main intention is to strengthen the Union and to prevent the all too prevalent tendencies to Technicalia.

In the book of a Chinese thinker who lived the 4th century B.C., Chuang-tsu, certain symbolic characters are conversing together, and one of them, called the God of the Northern Sea, asks, "How shall I talk of the sea to a frog, if he has never left his pond? How shall I talk of the frost to the bird of the summer land, if it has never left the land of its birth? How shall I talk of life with the sage, if he is the prisoner of his doctrine?"

It is important that both students and staff alike are the captains of their souls rather than the prisoners of their doctrines. A new system such as the R.C.S.U. have got, may help solve a situation but it is far from providing the answer.

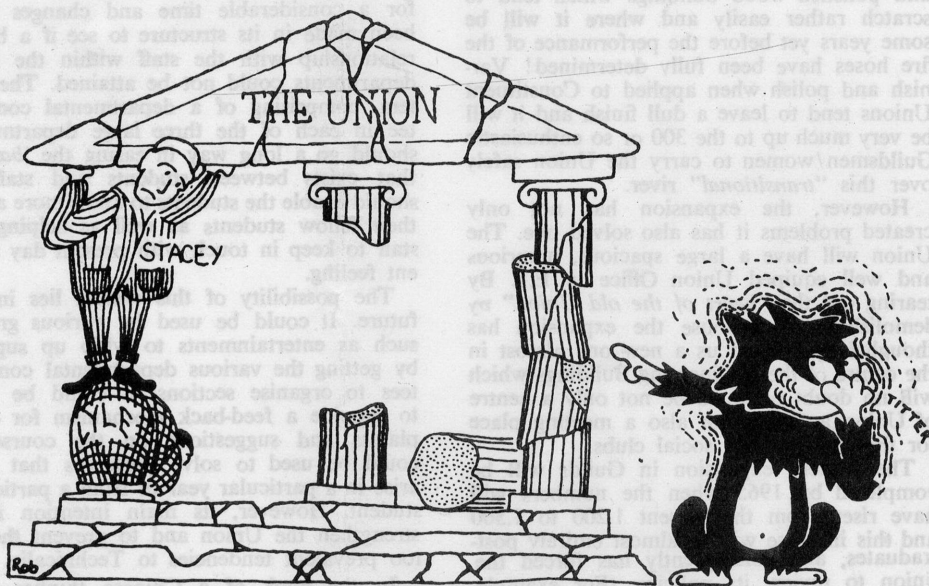
It is necessary for all at this College to talk, argue, debate, discuss, look, see and report, and above all understand. The back-biting, pernicious scrabbings of gossip-mongers; the lonely self-centred and, all too often, selfish way of life of the brown-bagger; the lack of understanding, the attitude of mind of an English, that most civilised of creatures although it is the reddish mantle of decaying Empire tea-parties that he wears, that attitude of mind which smiles politely and when you are gone waxes loud in vilification; all these things must disappear if we wish to become a University.

All the present problems stem from our inability to communicate; the problem of coloured students is brought about by the problem of the inexpressive, seemingly disinterested inarticulate frame of mind which is settling in this latter-day Urbana. The interest each person has in another is very real, for it is only by this common touch that one can enlarge and verify one's own experience whilst escaping from the private hell of loneliness. The difficulty is that everyone wants to find out at no personal cost what is the world which lies around. One can only discover, one can only communicate by accepting the responsibility for one's own actions and stepping out to meet the other point of view. Of course, all does not go well but not until people cast off their hysterical shell of enforced turpitude and step out to meet the challenge and see the world for the first time, will we even begin to approach the level of a University.

To think and not express the thought is to sow the seed and not reap the harvest.



# FELIX COMMENTS



"THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS UNION — M.J. STACEY

## QUOTES OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"Who's Bob Finch? Oh, yes, he is the quiet chap in the Accoustics Department."*

Chris Wronski.

*"You make me feel so humble."*

President of R.C.S. to a Guildswoman.

*"He was hiccuping rather towards the end but he was in good spirits."*

Carnival Organiser Bareford about Record Holder Heape.

*"The rest of my body might be in great pain but my toe-nails are in ecstasy."*

Martin Stacey.

*"I've done my bit."*

Krystina Bragieli after the May Ball.



THE EXPANSION

by LAWRIE AUSTIN



"THE VICIOUS CIRCLE"

F.D. McPherson



"Some day I'll get around to finding out what lectures I should be attending on Mondays."

J. D. FAIRFIELD

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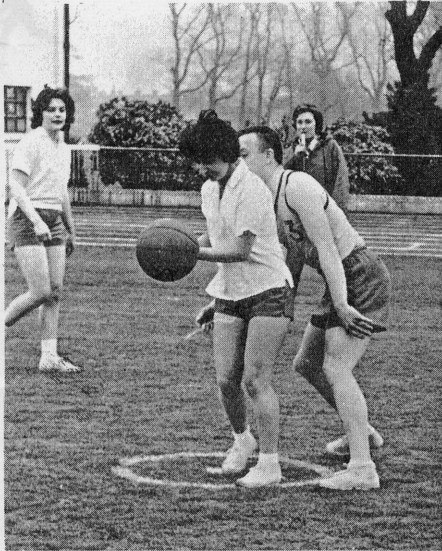
by A.B. SPICER

The Athletic Club's season got off to a good start at the end of the Easter term by winning both of its triangular matches. King's and University Colleges were defeated in the first match and L.S.E. and Queen Mary College in the second. A biting, icy wind prevented any really good performances but J. Harrison in the first match was only just beaten by Oladappo of U.C. in the 100 yds. sprint. Oladappo was later to win the University Championships' title in this event. J. Mood (52.0 secs.) and J.A. Bell's (16.14 secs.) winning times for the 440 yds. and 120 yds. hurdles respectively were quite good considering the conditions.

In the second triangular match I.C. provided the winners of every event with the exception of the Pole Vault and the High Jump. John Wood held off the challenge of Schumacher of L.S.E. in the 880 yds. to win in 2 mins. 3. secs., whilst Paul Clifton, who has added speed to his stamina this year, crossed the line first in the 440 yds. Other noteworthy performances were Turner in the Javelin (166'4"), Gordon in the Triple Jump (41'7½") and Creed in the Long Jump (19'11").

On April 28th 12 I.C. athletes journeyed to Manchester for a match against the University and Cheshire A.A.A. The College team performed better than was expected, indeed they held their own on the track but were heavily outclassed in the field events. John won a storming 440 yds in 50.4 secs and then was just robbed of the double in the 220 yds. by Brook of Cheshire in 23.0 secs. John Cleator courageously set the pace for the first mile of the 3 mile race, but alas he was not on top form this day and

## BASKETBALL REPORT



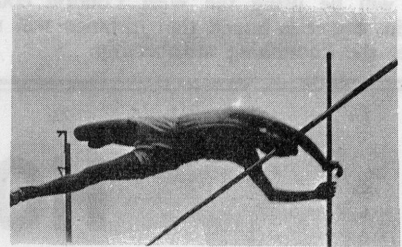
The Basketball team completed a great season by winning its fourth major trophy last Saturday, the London League Div. I. The game was described as "the best I've seen this year" by the League's Chairman. With 12 pts. down and four minutes to go things looked pretty grim but some very brilliant sharp-shooting brought down the margin to one point down and twenty seconds to go. Another foul on Rupf gave us the opportunity to win as we sank both shots to bring the score 56-55 in our favour.

Ron Hill of Manchester (a cross-country international) took over the lead and won in the good time of 14 mins. 5.6 secs.

## Inter collegiate sports-day

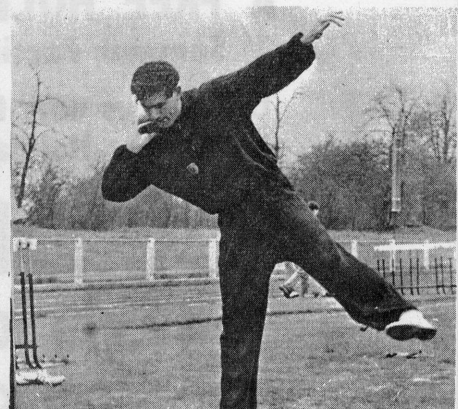


The inter-college sports held at Motspur Park on Wednesday, 2nd May developed into a real ding-dong battle between R.C.S. and Guilds. Mines, however, provided 4 individual champions, Alcock in the Discus (120'6½") and Shot Putt (37'9"). Asekun in the Pole Vault (10') and Nicholson in the High Jump (5'7"). Two new best Sports Day performances were set up: J. Wood (50.0 secs) in the 4400 yds. and J. Harrison in the Triple Jump (42' 11½"). Laurie Austin, the Guilds President beat all the hot favourites



for the Long Jump title with a leap of 20'4". Paul Clifton lead from start to finish in the half mile and won in the fast time of 1 min. 57.6 secs. Joe Fitzsimmons was second in 1 min 58.6 secs, a very good time for this fresher who shows great potential over this distance. Jock Henry, the College Soccer Officer, starting with a handicap of 40 yds. thrashed all opposition to win the Staff Race and a bottle of sherry. R.C.S. eventually made in their third successive victory by beating Guilds. The final scores were:

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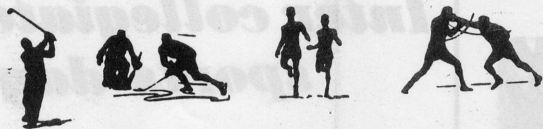
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### SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

#### NEW SQUASH COACHING A SUCCESS

This year has been one of mixed fortunes for the Squash Club. The standard has been considerably improved, but we have lost our own courts. The Club has a wide fixture list including some of the provincial Universities (Bristol, Leicester) and some of the Oxbridge Colleges. Our best matches are against the latter and the London Hospitals. The First team registered 14 wins and 12 defeats, while the second team were virtually unbeaten. At its best the team was extremely strong, but it was not often possible or necessary to field a full side. Some matches were played at the West London Squash Courts, where the College has a block booking all through the week — here there is a delightful bar and many a good evening was passed by a spirited team.

Mr. Nusrullah Khan of the Junior Carlton was engaged to provide free coaching to members of the club meeting with enthusiasm and considerable success; it is hoped to continue this scheme next year.

In the London University League the College was placed second to L.S.E.; there is room for improvement. During the next year we will be using the West London courts again, but it is hoped that distance will not deter the flourishing membership.

## SPORTS SUMMARY

### SOCCER REPORT

Last term the Soccer Club concluded a most successful season, in which the 1st XI won the U.L. Knock-Out Cup, the U.L. League Premier Division Championship and were runners up in the U.L. Six-a-Side Competition. The 2nd XI were runners up in the U.L. League, Division I (R), the 3rd in Div. II (R), and the 5th XI winners of Div. III (R).

There has been an excellent spirit throughout the 8 XI's run by the club, and this should remain, if not be strengthened, under next season's officials:

Captain — Dave Hunt  
Vice-Captain — Eddie Olding  
Secretary — Bill Riddell  
Jun. Treasurer — Brian Junbridge  
Fixtures Sec. — Cliff Matthews  
Social Sec. —

Next season 7 teams have been entered in the U.L. League as against 6 this season, and I hope that next season will be as successful as this, both on and off the field.

I must thank Willie Gough and Bill Riddell for their hard work and efficiency which has gone a long way to making this season so successful.

DEN. HARBURN

On Thursday, 5th April, the Cross-County Club left for a short tour of the Emerald Isle. We made the crossing by the night ferry — being "entertained" all the way by the Irish in their own inimitable manner. After a morning spent sightseeing around Dublin and procuring lodgings on the North Bank we were entertained by Guinness who claimed that the purpose of their hospitality was to make sure that all visiting teams to Dublin should not disgrace their Irish lads. Having shown us briefly how the liquor is made, we were given a really excellent five-course meal and introduced to their Foreign Stout (swinging) which unfortunately is not obtainable in the British Isles.

The next day the first match of the tour was a medley road-relay around Phoenix Park, Dublin. Entrants included Dunore and Clonliffe Harriers (who are the strongest clubs in Eire, the latter having the international Neville running), Avondale, and the Civil Service. Out of 10 teams the I.C. team came third to Clonliffe and Dunore.

The next day a meeting had been arranged at the Santry stadium — the fastest track in Europe — but unfortunately it was under 3 inches of water and consequently the whole meeting had to be reduced to just a 2 mile road race in which I.C. put in another commendable effort coming third again to Clonliffe and Dunore.

The team then left Dublin for the Hills which provided them with some excellent facilities, and training before leaving.

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