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MORPHY DAY SPORT SHAKES TOWPATH

Morphy Day dawned cold and wet, and despite blue skies later in the morning, this initial set-back was enough to deter many from both sides. However, there were sufficient present to form the traditional crocodile across the whole length of Putney Bridge.

Guildsmen mustered in the Mech. Eng. Entrance whilst R.C.S. congregated outside the Chemistry Building, then made their way to South Ken and Gloucester Road Stations respectively. At South Ken, the ticket collector was unable to count above forty-nine, resulting in about 250 Guildsmen commandeering a whole train; unfortunately, R.C.S. tried to board the same train at Gloucester Road. One gentleman gained entry only to lose his trousers and be deposited thus attired(?) at Parson's Green.

It was decided this year to make an attempt at renewing interest in a traditional English game which has declined in popularity over the years, namely "sacks of sawdust-collecting thereof." The two teams, the numbers of which were not stipulated, faced each other fifty yards apart and after the presidents of each had assaulted each other with a shilling cream flan, battle commenced.

RCS appeared to be far better organised, in the initial stages, for within minutes of starting they had five bags (sacks, of course) behind their lines. However, as the battle waged to and fro, under a constant hail of flour and water bombs, seasonal fruit and sods (grass variety) the RCS total was depleted through commando raids by a few Guildsmen reinforced with a few Minesmen.

It was evident that after a few minutes that the game had taken a far more personal nature, for many had found themselves trouserless much to the delight of the young ladies present; however, only one gentleman found himself in the river.

The game was called to a halt after twenty minutes, Guilds running out winners by five sacks to four.

After a number of final skirmishes attention was fixed on the river, and each crew was supported enthusiastically by members of its College.



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At 1.0 p.m., the raft and a primitive telephone (for taking soundings) were finally launched under the watchful eye of a solitary policeman. At first attempt, the raft capsized and several

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Trousers in the breeze

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Editorial

STOP PRESS

The Editor wishes to apologise to contributors for omitting some recently submitted articles. Short staffing problems at the printers has resulted in an eight page issue instead of the intended ten pages.

QUOTES

You needn't put in a report on Hockey this week, Chairman of ACC to Editor of FELIX on being told that he had been dropped from the first team.

I taught ten year olds everything. ICWarian describing vacation training.

While few of us wish to know the future, many hope—reasonably—to have a hand in shaping it; and this requires acquaintance with what may lie ahead. But traditional methods of probing the future are no longer in favour. Crystal-gazing has obvious limitations. Witches are prophets only of ultimate doom. So today one turns, in the first instance, to the appointments officer for the pathways to the future. We, for our part, would like to elaborate what lies along one of them—Unilever Research.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of "Felix" there appeared an article suggesting that I.C. would do well to join N.U.S. The authors of that article, Messrs. Bob Finch and Les Massey, may be said to be "slightly left of centre" in their political outlook; in fact, the whole question of joining N.U.S. is thought of by some as being just another "Socialist stunt."

I have no political connections and I am not worried about the politics of N.U.S. Indeed I gather that N.U.S. has been very restrained in expressing any political opinions in recent years. What I do know is that N.U.S. campaigns for adequate grants and good facilities for students, it runs a Student Travel Agency and organises Drama Festivals, Debating Tournaments and many other schemes. It is probably true that the I.C. Vacation Training Scheme is better than that provided by the N.U.S., but on the other hand N.U.S. provides many services and schemes which a single college union just cannot give. Not the least of these services are the student concessions which are available on all sorts of goods from typewriters to tape recorders and from cameras to canoes.

What would be the cost to I.C.? The I.C. Union would have to pay nearly £200 per year for subscriptions plus some conference expenses. Then there would be quite a lot of secretarial work to be done and a post of N.U.S. Secretary would have to be established in I.C. Union.

Is it worth the trouble? Nearly all the other university students in this country have the benefit of the services of N.U.S. and I think that I.C. students should also be able (without paying 15/- for a separate subscription) to make the most of these services. If we members of Imperial College want to join N.U.S., then it is up to us to decide.

ROY ELLIS.

Dear Sir,

I have recently been able to look through and compare the newspapers of a wide variety of Colleges and Universities. In most cases, it appeared that a large and informed staff produced the many items of news necessary for its survival. Many of them were newspapers in the truest sense of the word.

Comparing these with your paper, the most immediate difference appears to be the lack of actual news which Felix shows. This would seem to be due in part to a shortage of staff, and in part to a lack of relevant information.

I submit that were every society and club to send to the Editor a complementary ticket to every function in the college calendar, the "Felix" (and, incidentally,

the clubs concerned), would benefit substantially. This would enable the Editor either to attend the function himself, or to send a member of his staff, thus creating a closer tie between College and newspaper, and a better and less journalistic "Felix."

Yours,

J. M. COMBES.

Sir,

The last edition of "Felix" contains a statement by Mr. H. T. Lovenbury which purports to be a "reply" to an article appearing under our three names in your edition of 17th October. We would like to make some brief comments on this statement.

Apart from being factually inaccurate and misleading, Mr. Lovenbury's article is almost totally irrelevant to the issues raised by us. These centred on the question of the policies pursued by the Exploration Board, which Mr. Lovenbury's statement no more than touches upon. Perhaps it is necessary to state more explicitly some of the points which require clarification.

(1) By what criterion does the Board assess the merits of proposals submitted to it, and allocate funds to expeditions?

(2) Does the Board accept complete responsibility for every expedition which it approves? If not, under what circumstances does it withhold formal approval?

(3) The Board annually sets aside app. £200 to form a Reserve Fund, which at present stands at app. £600. Under precisely what circumstances will this fund be spent?

(4) A more restricted question. In an exposition of the Board's composition and functions published in 1960 it is stated: "The Board owes its origin to the efforts of a small group of students who prepared an ambitious scheme for a climbing expedition in the Karakoram during the summer of 1957." Similar schemes were proposed to the Board in both 1961 and 1962. Are mountaineering scientific expeditions of this nature a thing of the past? If not, when will the Board be in a position to assist, rather than frustrate, a similar venture? If so, should valuable time be lost in attempting to organise an expedition, which at the moment seems to fall out of line with the sort of project on which the Board "envisages" spending its reserve fund?

Mr. Lovenbury cannot be expected to answer these questions, since, as far as is known, his personal views do not determine the policies of the Exploration Board.

Yours, etc.,

F. EKMAN

J. MURRAY.

H. D. D. WATSON

Spannerama

The Brighton Run

Boanerges once again took part in the "Old Crocks Race" held on Sunday, November 4th, being given a rousing send-off by a substantial crowd of Guildsmen. A short time later, a coach load of followers set off down the same route, smugly passing several veterans whose journeys were somewhat shortened this year, only to come upon Bo standing at a bus stop in Streatham, with a seized up final drive bearing, possibly due to overloading. Since there were only four people on board, it was decided that a prominent member of Guilds was responsible, and it was further proposed that next year's President should either be considerably lighter or in the absence of light candidates, a woman should be elected.

We left the crew to it and continued on to Brighton, arriving at our hotel for lunch some four hours after leaving London. The dinner was attended by just over one hundred people, the principal guest being none other than Col. Browne who designed Bo some sixty years ago. His presence, coupled with the arrival of Bo and her grease stained but triumphant crew, just after the speeches, made this one of the most memorable dinners to date.

Bo's tenders had a striking tale of perseverance and engineering (?) to tell. After removing the bearing from Bo, they had rushed it back to College, separated the parts, re-ground and re-reamed them, and returned at full speed to Bo. They then replaced the parts, and still managed to reach Brighton by 2.10 p.m., in plenty of time to qualify for the medal and pennant. Total running time was only three hours, which is MEMORABLE and a GOOD THING.

SWIMMING GALA

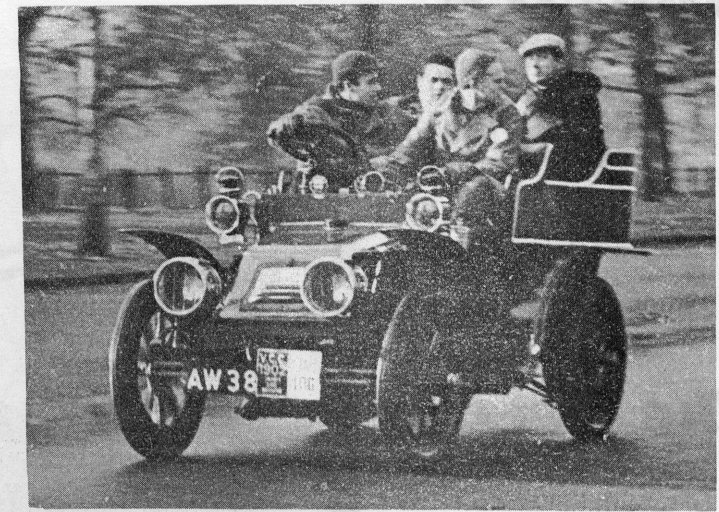
This is being held at Marshall Street Baths on November 30th, not at ULU—draw your own conclusions.

CARNIVAL

The most important forthcoming event is the Guilds-Mines Carnival on the 23rd November. Tickets are now on sale, and we would like to stress that fancy dress is preferable to trousers and other contemporary accoutrements.

UNION OFFICE

The Union Office is now open, and a member of the Executive can be found there every lunch-



— Bo at speed —

time between the hours of 1 and 2 p.m. Internal phone number is 2093 and the office is on level 2 in the E 1 Building. All Guilds Union and Societies mail is now routed to this office, and it is possible to have queries answered and guidance given. (Please note that this is NOT a marriage bureau.)

WHEN IN IC, DO AS GUILDS DID

The Royal College of Science, having discovered the loss of their mascot, decided to court martial those gentlemen responsible for Theta's well-being. These being found guilty, were then cleansed

of their sins in the Round Pond. Original ideas on what to do with future negligent "Theta Bearers" may be obtained, on application with s.a.e., from any member of the Guilds Executive.

MORPHY DAY

Morphy Day was more of a success for Guilds than ever. (See full report.—Ed.) The battle of the Sacks was found to be not enough to occupy all 250 Guildsmen present, Chris Liddle's promise of half a pint of Arthur's bitter for every pair of RCS type trousers costing him some fifty shillings.

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PROFILE

The Rector



Sir Patrick Linstead first came to Imperial College as an undergraduate in 1922 and went on to postgraduate work in Organic Chemistry. On obtaining his Ph.D. he joined the staff and was successively demonstrator, assistant lecturer, and lecturer. He was awarded a D.Sc. in 1930. In 1938 he was appointed Firth Professor of Organic Chemistry at Sheffield University and at the outbreak of the war was lecturing at Harvard ('probably the best, and certainly the oldest University in America'). He returned to England in 1940 to help in the War Effort and joined the Ministry of Supply where his work was mainly concerned with the Anglo-American liaison in scientific matters. He also worked on explosives. After the War, he was appointed Director of Chemical Research for D.S.I.R. at Teddington and in 1949 returned to I.C. as Professor of Organic Chemistry then to become Dean of R.C.S. in 1953. When he succeeded Sir Roderick Hill as Rector in 1955 he had occupied all the positions in the academic ladder at I.C. with the exception of Reader. He was knighted in 1959.

Two years before Sir Patrick was made Rector the Government announced that it had decided to expand the college. The Rector was acutely aware of the need for Student amenities in the expansion programme, in particular the need for Halls of Residence. Up to that time the College's policy had been to provide student accommodation in small units by converting single houses, eg. Garden Hall and the old Selkirk Hall. Sir Patrick did not feel that this was getting to grips with the problem, which he felt should be tackled on a big scale. When he discovered that virtually the whole of Prince's Gardens was coming up for sale he persuaded the University Grants Committee to support a scheme for its purchase and development as a student area. There have been

several suggestions as to how the new Halls should be run but the Rector feels that they should be developed on the same lines as the original I.C. Hostels. In his view it would be artificial to copy the "monastic" Oxbridge system. In addition to Hostel accommodation the Rector is anxious to provide certain sports facilities in South Kensington. The planned sports centre in Prince's Gardens will include squash courts, a swimming pool and a rifle range. The Rector has recently approved plans for a cricket net on East side. However, while he is in favour of certain sports facilities on the new campus, he intends to set aside several areas where there shall be "green grass for the refreshment of the spirit."

The expansion of Imperial College was prompted by the country's fundamental need for more scientists. Much pressure was put on the college to develop into a vast post graduate institution, with the exclusion of the undergraduate school. The Rector was against this policy and was determined that at least half of the college should be comprised of men studying for their first degrees. On the question of extending the undergraduate course to four years, he feels that this can only be achieved at the expense of numbers and for at least the next ten years the country's need for scientists must take priority. The College receives more money from the D.S.I.R. for research than any other university and the Rector is proud of the high level of research achieved.

Staff student relations at a large non-residential college will inevitably leave much to be desired. The Rector hopes that the situation at I.C. will be improved when the College becomes more residential with more staff and many more students living in South Kensington. There will be more opportunity for informal contact out of working hours. With regards to his own contact with the student body the Rector regrets that he has only the time to meet the Union leaders. He can only make typical contacts and not statistical ones, when such large numbers are involved. When the expansion programme is finished he hopes that he will have more time for student contact which will be facilitated by the Halls of Residence.

The Rector is a firm believer in giving students the maximum of freedom in managing their affairs. He considers that an office of responsibility in a Student Union is a very important part of a student's training and he is pleased with the Union's response to this policy. He realises that students are young and need an occasional outlet for their high spirits but he does find it rather trying when things get out of hand and the police intervene. The Rector thinks that the students should have more regard for the good name of the College on these occasions. A certain amount of ragging is not a bad thing so long as it does not interfere with public affairs. He is particularly pleased with the annual charity Carnival and considers that it advertises the College very favourably to the residents of Kensington.

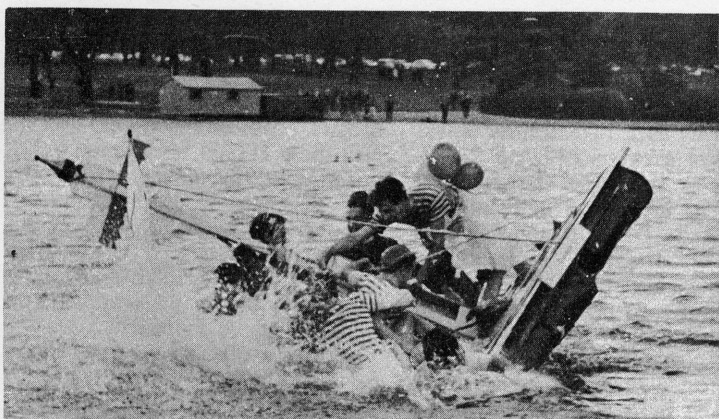
In addition to his considerable duties in the College, Sir Patrick also finds time for many other activities. At present much of his time is spent on the Robbins Committee, which is investigating the whole system of higher education in this country. He is a Vice-President of the Royal Society and also serves as Foreign Secretary to that society, a job that gives him plenty of opportunity to travel. When visiting foreign countries the Rector makes a point of visiting art galleries and museums. He is very interested in art (his tastes run to Renaissance rather than Pollock) and was greatly honoured when he was recently made a trustee of the National Gallery. He also enjoys the theatre but admits to having only a moderate interest in music. He has not had much leisure time in the past five years but when the opportunity presents itself he and Lady Linstead like to escape to their country home in the Cotswolds, where they are enthusiastic gardeners. The Rector, however, admits that nowadays he is rather lazy with respect to gardening, and prefers to relax by taking his pet corgi for a leisurely walk. He played cricket and squash in his younger days and also played golf up to the war, but did not take it up again afterwards.

It is difficult to sum up the personality of Sir Patrick Linstead. He has a quiet manner which may create a first impression of shyness, but soon dispels this impression, however, and in his warm-hearted conversation displays a young and lively outlook, and a fine sense of humour. He has a rare understanding of young people. Sir Keith Murray, as Special Visitor to the College on Commemoration Day, said, "the last decade has indeed been a success story for Imperial College." The success may well have been brought about by the £17½ m. Government grant to the College, but we owe much to Sir Patrick's leadership for the considerable prestige that the College has gained during this time.

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members of the expedition received early warning of the difficulties ahead. Their dress was perhaps inappropriate—one can assume that the “fez” had not yet reached London at this time—and it was soon apparent that the Serpentine in winter does not lend itself to shirts and shorts.

By 1.15 the party had made its way to the centre of the lake, but a sudden change of wind threatened to take them back to Bayswater. Then a fleet of oarsmen arrived, and at length, the bitterly cold crew arrived on the Kensington shores. Undaunted by cries of “shame,” “go home,” and “try the bridge,” the party gave a cheerful interview to a visiting press reporter.

At 1.37 p.m., the Law arrived and 500 agile I.C. members

skipped the fence back to the park and relative safety. The gallant expeditionary force had their names taken and await developments. On returning to the College, the audience, satisfied that Kensington is no longer an island, used their traditional single file tactics on the Zebra crossings and entertained some good-natured policemen till 2.30 p.m.

The sight of an ITV transmission test card swinging from the College flagpole at 3 p.m. was apparently in no way connected with the research of the botanists.

Members of the proposed Karakoram expedition might be interested to know that the success achieved by ICKI was brought about with neither the financial nor the moral support of the Exploration Board.

Big Bangs at Harlington

As a result of pressure, rumoured to have originated at Bow Street, the official November 5th celebrations took place as usual at Harlington (it was discovered next day, however, that some students had obviously decided that this was too far away, and had gone to Trafalgar Square anyway.)

The expectant revellers were transported from the Union bar to the Harlington bar by coaches, appropriately decorated with the placard “School Bus.” Even here, however, these innocents found themselves pursued by the trappings of civilisation, who, fortunately removed their helmets on entering the bar.

It is not generally known, nor is it significant, at what time the bonfire was supposed to be have been lit, but it can be taken on good authority that it was prematurely ignited. It burst into flame somewhere around eight o'clock, and this was followed by a rather inferior fire-work display, consisting of a few multi-coloured objects travelling in an upward direction to the cries of “Up, up, up, up . . .” Towards the end of the supply of fireworks, both official and unofficial, there was a general trend back to the bar and the dance, where it was noticed that in the light of two spot lamps,

several figures in white coats, rumoured to be Electricals, were setting up a six-foot gleaming rocket on a temporary pad in the middle of one of the games pitches. After a very long and involved series of pre-flight checks, there was a count down of twenty in which the assembled crowds took part, whereupon the base of the rocket burst into flames. The doubtful onlookers waited, and waited . . . until the oversize firework nicknamed “Kennedy's Klimax,” disappeared in one glorious bang.

By now it was about nine o'clock and there was a general trend back to the dance, where a rather miserable band was playing rather toned down versions of twists, chachas and waltzes at rather infrequent intervals, complaining every now and then of not being able to play with the lights out.

Due to the shortage of unattached members of the fair sex, the romantic mood was spoilt somewhat by a motley crowd of individuals who insisted on “dancing” the twist and the conga to everything from the “Gay Gordons” to a sentimental waltz.

The evening was finally concluded with the usual rowdy sing-song in the coaches on the way home.

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Overseas Vacation Service

by J.R. Hamilton

In the preceding issue of "Felix" we described the facilities offered by I.A.E.S.T.E. for the placing of Students overseas during summer vacations for the purpose of gaining technical experience in industry.

Thanks to a number of students coming forward with their personal accounts of various countries visited, we are now able to cover stories given by two of them, with others to follow in later editions.

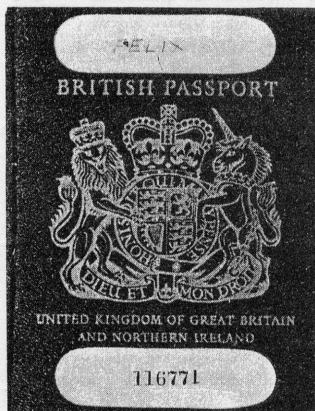
Keith Robson and Tony Stock of the Chemical Engineering Department left Newcastle in June, 1961, on a 1,500 mile journey to take jobs obtained for them by I.A.E.S.T.E. with Typpi Oy., at Oulu, a town on the Baltic coast of Finland.

The journey to Finland was not undertaken together. Mr. Stock travelled alone to Denmark, then by rail and sea to Oulu via Stockholm whilst Mr. Robson went by sea to Oslo, then by rail to Oulu.

Typpi Oy. (Typpi & Co.) operates an ammonia synthesis plant; manufactures nitrogen products and artificial fertilizers. Here the two students worked as process operatives.

In an interview last week both men emphasised that as far as technical experience goes, and having been allotted jobs of some responsibility, they were given and took opportunity to learn much about the processes involved. Keith Robson held one position during the two months of work, though Tony Stock was given a greater variety of jobs, all which he found quite satisfying.

From their first day at the works both were aware of the refreshing lack of resentment towards students by Finnish workmen, a far cry from the atmos-



phere that many of us have put up with in British industrial works. Indeed, they said, everyone, from operative to manager, went out of their way to be helpful in a factory where there was little if any evidence of a class structure such as exists in plants of the same type in many countries.

They learned that in some seaport towns (of which Oulu was one), Swedish is commonly spoken with Finnish relegated to second place. In the student hostel where they lived some English was spoken thus the language barrier was found not to be too great an obstacle. Outside the hostel, however, the problem of making oneself understood is greater and the tourist may receive a poor impression of the country as a result. Both our students learned a little Finnish, almost to the point of convincing one young lady that they were Finns—but not quite . . . or so they say . . .

When asked what in their opinion was the most striking physical difference between British and Finnish towns, the reply was instantaneous—"The forests." A vast forest encroaching upon the very outskirts of a town is beyond comprehension until seen personally, and the very sight of it at once makes plain the fact that the town to Finland is in some way what an oasis is to the desert. Perhaps the united stand against Nature in her toughest mood has moulded the Finnish character into what it is to-day—with hospitality and equality well to the fore.

During their two months' work, the local secretary of I.A.E.S.T.E. arranged visits for the students living at the hostel to local factories; he organised a week's tour of Lapland as well as numerous social functions, all of which our two students availed themselves, also of the traditional Sauna, or steam bath—usually taken on a Friday evening to be followed by a meal at a friend's home. The Sauna was in this case owned by the Company.

After two months' paid work Keith Robson was able to afford a holiday of one month in Finland, some of this time being spent by both students as guests of the families of friends they made at Oulu, who seemed to think it a matter of course that

Messrs. Robson and Stock would visit them at their homes, the only question to solve being that of when the visit would take place.

Tony Stock eventually made the homeward trip via Denmark again, where he hitch-hiked his way to Esbjerg and from there went by sea to Harwich.

Keith Robson returned to England by way of Copenhagen, making the Helsinki-Copenhagen step of the journey by air under a cheap travel scheme organised by S.S.T.S.—the Scandinavian Students' Travel Service.

From the account given by these two men, it was abundantly clear that they liked the work, the Finns and their land.

Who will be next, we wonder, to follow them and to see Finland for themselves?

R.C.S. Court Martial

A Special Meeting of the R.C.S. Union was held in order to judge the sins of the two trophy officers, Dean and Churchill. The two were accused of being responsible for the disappearance of the college mascot and rumours were spread that it had been sold to Guilds for a considerable sum. The court was held on the steps of the Imperial Institute as no one else seemed willing to entertain the Union.

The two officers, suitably attired, were first charged with misappropriating service equipment, gross negligence, sleeping on duty, being drunk and disorderly, and gross immorality. On being accused, Churchill pleaded Not Guilty, and Dean, Guilty but Insanitary. A constant bombardment of tomatoes, rice and buckets of water showed the court's disapproval.

The President warned the 250 odd jury that they should listen carefully to the evidence before finding the officers guilty. The President then called upon Captain S. Adlum to put forward the case for the prosecution. With great verve Capt. Adlum produced several empty bottles as evidence, and called upon impartial witnesses to prove that, on the night, Dean had been drunk, and Churchill had been in bed with someone called Flu. He then summed up the evidence and asked for the severest penalties, and with a final wave of his fez, called upon the court to institute the death penalty.

General Edwards was then called upon to conduct the case for the defence. He immediately began by appealing to the reason and mercy of the court in this matter, the answering roar showing that he had better appeal for help. He then presented several witnesses who appeared to have been bribed by the prosecution, and ended with an elegant appeal for the accused.

As nobody could hear a word of this, it did not appear to make much difference. After General Edwards had finished, the President inquired whether he had been speaking for or against the accused, as he appeared to have convinced everyone of their guilt. It seemed that he had in fact been speaking for the defence, and

had done a very successful job for the prosecution. After the President's very impartial summing up, the Jury was asked for its verdict.

"Guilty!" was the cry. The President then ordered the execution.

After bombardment with tomatoes, they were washed clean in the Round Pond, several associated members then being forced to join them. The President, seeing that he himself was threatened, decided that it was a nice time for a swim, and clammy stripping off during the Kangella, forestalled everyone by diving in. The traffic round South Ken. was then given a preview of Morphy Day by a now greatly swelled crowd, who marched in single file across High Street Ken. with great glee.

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**EXPEDITION TO
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It is proposed to organise an expedition to this area during the summer vacation 1963. Applications to join the expedition are invited from people with the best combination of Surveying, Mountaineering, Expedition, Geological or Glaciological experience. Contact M.H. Key via Union Rack or Internal 2997

SQUASH

At 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 27th October, two teams of squash players, plus appropriate support, set off from I.C. for a co-ordinated attack on four Cambridge Colleges. Our match secretary had a thoroughly organised programme of matches planned, even down to the details of the pubs which should be visited, and when. He had exceeded himself, however, by putting one team against Christ College and the other against Corpus Christi. I knew from the start that this would be too much for me, and had taken the precaution of including in my car a certain David Anderson, former Cambridge agent, who sought academic asylum in London last October. Despite this, we managed to get half the second team to each of the two colleges, while the two cars full of the first team played "follow-my-leader" round the one-way streets of Cambridge. Distances are small in these provincial towns, however, and we soon sorted ourselves out.

For the Squash after lunch, the 1st V fielded a varied collection of players. As first string, IC can now boast possession of an Egyptian international player, Sherif Afifi, who was ably supported by Robin Creed, whose honours include playing for his county, and as first string for his former university. At No. 3, Eric Burnett from Rhodesia came on the court, breathing fire and determination to make up for the lack of fighting spirit he detects in British players. Fourth string was Michael Combes, wielding what was once described as the perfect gamesmanship technique of playing three shots to his opponent's one during the knock-up. Bringing up the rear was the captain whose chief claim to notoriety is an obstinate refusal to run more than six inches in search of a ball. (Or so the rest of the team will tell you.)

All the matches were won, and we embarked on the evening's festivities well pleased with ourselves. In the meantime, the second team had lost to Corpus Christi but were all set to make a come-back the following day.

It is believed that all the players found some obscure corner in which to rest for at least a few hours during the night. At any rate, all were in good enough health by Sunday afternoon to acquit themselves honourably on the courts. The first team beat Queen's College 4-1, and the second team lost by match to St. John's College.

I.C. Christian Union

What think ye
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HOCKEY

Although the Club now boasts nearly seventy playing members who have shown sufficient enthusiasm to warrant the formation of a fifth eleven, five weeks have passed without success; the difficulties being no home pitch and a number of people who will not tick off before Friday evening.

In spite of these setbacks, which last throughout the season, the trials revealed considerable talent—always useful for mixed hockey, so although there were no outstanding players, there should be some strong sides in the club. With more than half of last year's 1st eleven still playing, success should come with practice, if we can learn to settle down during a game. The Cup team should benefit from a player in the University side, and a player-coach who has International honours. But the forward line must learn to shoot once they reach the circle. Twelve goals in eight games and six against one side, is too conclusive.

The first eleven have had only a few creditable performances; the first match of the season against Centymca, when we lost 2-0, to a team of Indians who were better individuals than ourselves. The next Saturday match against a strong West Essex side resulted in a 1-1 draw with Phillips scoring our only goal. The latest failure last Wednesday was in the first round of the Uni-

versity Cup, but fortunately we survived to fight again, with a replay in a fortnight's time.

Surprisingly it was the freshers who wilted under the physical strain of those games, so training has been arranged, at their inconvenience, every Monday and Thursday lunchtime, meeting in the gym. Of course all members of the first and second elevens will attend.

At the beginning of term, more than fifty freshers signed the list of prospective members, but nearly twenty of them have yet to go near a hockey pitch this season. Should they, or anybody else wish to play hockey at all this season, please contact me through the Union rack, or in room 34, Old Hostel.

JOHN SKINNER (Capt.).

SWIMMING

In the away fixture with Kings last Tuesday, IC just managed to snatch a draw in the swimming match by winning both relays. To have done this against the strongest London College after failing to win the individual events was a very commendable effort and the fighting spirit of the team was very noticeable. The Water Polo was a bit more one-sided for after an opening goal by King's, IC quickly picked up, winning by six goals to two. Scorers for IC were Clark (2), Collins (2), C. Davis and J. Davis.

After four matches this season, the first team remains undefeated in both swimming and polo, while the second team has only lost once, to UC 1st team by a narrow margin. Both these teams will be entered in the University Handicap Knock-out Water Polo Competition on the 27th of this month and it is hoped that one of them will retain the trophy which has been held by IC twice in the past three years.

A full team has also been entered in the University Swimming Championships at ULU, the finals of which take place this evening (14th Nov.). IC are the holders of this trophy at the moment, and stand a good chance of retaining it for a further twelve months.

All supporters are very welcome at either of these events and at all other matches.

N.B.—IC SWIMMING GALE,
NOVEMBER 30th, 8 p.m.
MARSHALL STREET BATHS.

SAILING

The club was established in 1948 and grew slowly until to-day it is one of the strongest in the University of London. The club owns six 12ft. "National Firefly" dinghies and sails at the Welsh Harp, Neasden, an excellent stretch of sailing water. The club is very lucky to be able to sail here.

The club has in the past had several figures well known in the sailing world, John Conway-Jones and Graham Taylor among them, both of them scoring high in the national championships in their times. At present the club has slightly declined because of the lack of good freshers, but it still has a high standing in the University of London. It has a good name for keeping its boats in excellent order and for the high standard of its members, four of whom sail regularly for U.L. teams.

David Pentz, the commodore, comes from the Solent area, the traditional home of sailing, and has many years' experience, firstly in Cadets and then in Fireflies, behind him. He maintains a good example in his leadership of the club and has been instrumental in the latest expansion to six boats. Vice-commodore John Klaschka captains the second team and looks after the club's racing interests. He and Hon. Sec. Basil Alsopp developed the instruction scheme to its present strength, when twenty people are instructed each Wednesday. Andrew Thomson, Treasurer, came to L.C. with a good record in Merlin dinghies, and has been developing well in his first year, now being an excellent 2nd team member. He has also sailed for the University 2nd team.

The executive is well supported by a hard working committee, amongst whom are Stevie Vines, organiser of the Easter East Coast cruise, Eric Twiname, and Penny Howard, the U.L. Ladies team captain.

This year the club has had a good intake of freshers and is thriving. Many of the new members are showing great enthusiasm, so that we can look forward to a good year of sailing.

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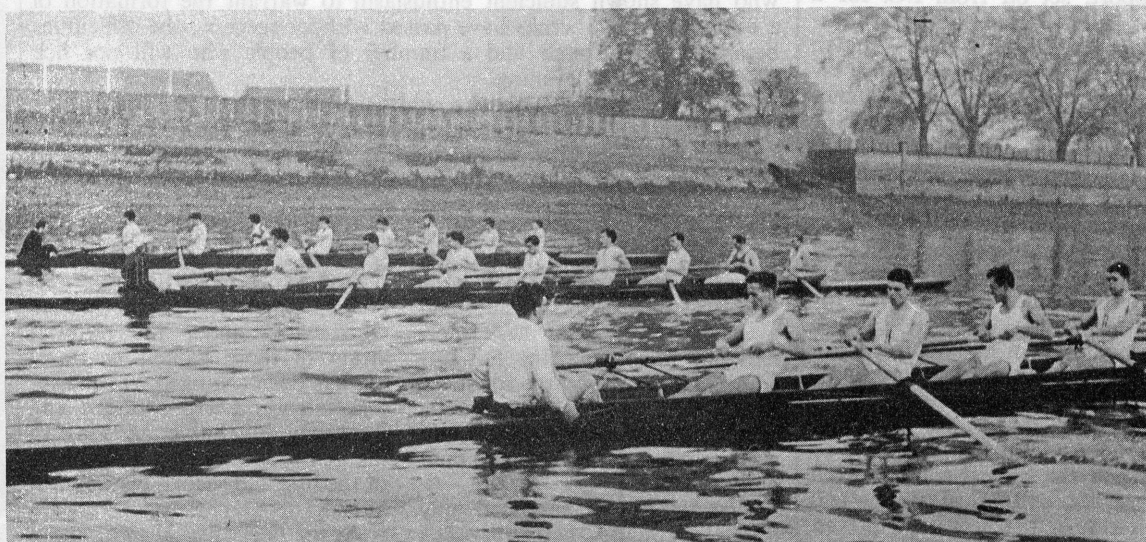
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The crew coxes, envious of their contemporaries on the banks and in the river, decided to throw, not just bags of flour or sods of earth, but Eights at one another. This just about sums up the sport as we experienced it on the river.

The Lowry race was rowed over a course of one mile on the ebbing tide, a tide low enough for there to be little or no advantage of one station over another. The stations were: the far bank, C. & G.; centre, R.C.S.; and on Surrey, R.S.M. The crews got away to a good start, however, the appearance of two schoolboy crews in the path of the race made it necessary for both Guilds' and Mines' crews to converge on R.C.S. The resulting fray cut some R.C.S. men and broke a Guilds' blade. The launch returned to the boathouse and collected a spare oar and in due course the crews were lined up again for a perfect start. R.C.S. and Guilds went off at 35 to Mines' 32. The extra life in the Guilds boat quickly produced a lead of one length which they maintained to Beverley Brook where suddenly they "clicked" and rowing beautifully they took an extra length and a quarter. Guilds and R.C.S. both finished at 36 with Mines coming in 3 lengths behind R.C.S. at 28.

The Morphy race, from Hammersmith to Putney Bridge, a course of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, was rowed with practically no help from the tide which was due to turn. The stations were: the far bank,

R.S.M.; centre, C. & G.; and on Surrey, R.C.S. This race was marred by bad coxing on the part of R.C.S. and C. & G. Both coxes were repeatedly warned (particularly the cox of the C. & G. boat) about their steering. The course of the Mines' crew was unimpeachable. After a good start by all crews, the R.C.S. boat was immediately steered into the Guilds' boat which was about a canvas up at the time. This incident caused Guilds to become a little unnerved and their lead was lost. Both crews then proceeded to zig-zag for the next mile or so, according to best submarine avoidance practice, repeatedly steering in front of the Mines' crew which was then about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths down. Up to this point no advantage was taken by R.C.S. or Guilds. Then happened an incident which may well have been more serious than it was. Near Beverley Brook the C. & G. cox forced the R.C.S. boat into a direct line with the moored barges. The resulting necessary manoeuvre by the R.C.S. cox caused not only a clash with the Guilds' crew, but also with the side of the barge. Immediately the C. & G. crew took a lead of a $\frac{1}{2}$ length and maintained it to the finish. At the finish an appeal by R.C.S. was countered by an appeal by C. & G. against the foul by R.C.S. at the start. The Umpire, Mr. C. A. Bristow, took the best possible action by declaring the race void, ordering a re-row with all three crews starting on level terms. The re-row was over about $\frac{7}{8}$ mile with the tide gently flooding. The start by Guilds was brilliant. At a rating of 45 they quickly took a lead of half a length over R.C.S.

and one length over Mines' and maintained it to the finish. Even in the re-row however the Guilds' cox had to be continually warned.

All congratulations to the Guilds' oarsmen who, despite the coxes' efforts, proved their superiority. The races were close, however, and if the R.C.S. crews had had coaches to drive them just that bit harder during training, the results may well have been reversed. Congratulations to Mines too on producing their fastest Morphy crew for many years.

The talent displayed in these Morphy races bodes well for the future of I.C. rowing. Remember, however, that the I.C. 1st Eight does not compete only with other college crews, but mainly with crews whose standard is World Class, rather like the Rugby 1st Fifteen meeting every week teams like the Springboks. For success, therefore, a very high standard is demanded.

THE RECTOR'S CUP

After six weeks of term, IC is still without a Boxing Club Committee. Although the three constituent Colleges have been requested to elect Boxing Captains, little effort has as yet been made to form a Rector's Cup Committee.

Admittedly few people attend the training sessions, supervised by a qualified coach, but surely there is sufficient interest in the sport to ensure that the Rector's Cup, which is one of the highlights of the inter-collegiate sports calendar is not jeopardised by the apathy which at present appears all too prevalent?

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