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GUILDS WIN GALA

The long awaited day finally came and as evening approached, groups of merry supporters left Queens and made their way to the coach assembly points. Just before 8 p.m. coaches started arriving in the vicinity of Marshall Street Baths and disgoring masses of bearded and be-scarved students, mostly of the engineering variety, one of the RCS coaches forgetting to turn up, leaving a proportion of RCS supporters at the mercy of London Transport.

Shortly after eight, the opposing factions sorted themselves out into neat blocks in the spectators galleries of the baths, and after rousing Boomalakas, Kangellas, etc., started to join in a "what are we waiting for" whereupon the Captain of the Swimming Club appeared and announced the first race.

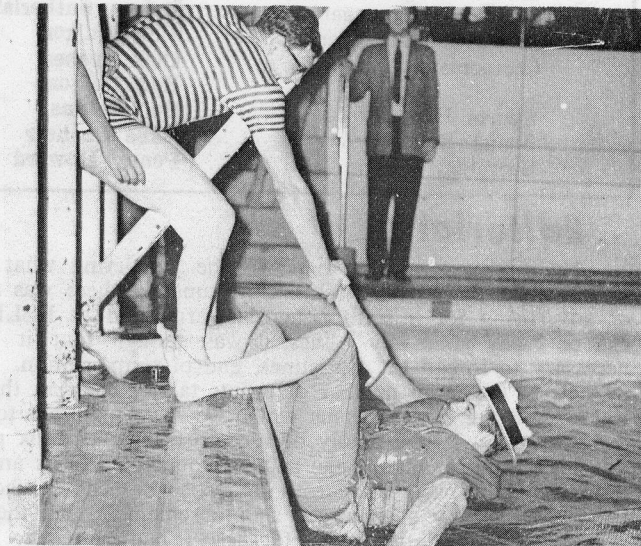
The individual races, spurred on by vigorous cheering from the sides of the baths, were soon over, with Mines and Guilds level at two first places each, RCS with only one. These were followed by the two team races which were both won by Guilds. Then came the highlight of the evening—the Presidents' Race. We had to wait a bit for this because the President of ICWA apparently mislaid the top of her Bikini, also there was some difficulty in getting the Guilds President on to his air bed, and even more difficulty in getting him to stay on it. During the proceedings various other persons also managed to take the water in the best Gala traditions. The race was finally won by Mr. Chandmal, who swam a smooth and relaxed crawl to pip the ICWA President, encumbered with a lighted candle, to the post. Chris Liddle finally had to be pulled across the baths with a piece of

string, otherwise it was feared that he would never arrive. By means of this subterfuge, he even managed to beat Mike Harris to the finish.

The water Polo was next, but after the first two matches, attention swung to what had once been a shapely hat, but was now just a missile for throwing across the baths. Here RCS definitely had the upper hand, in the form of Dave Dean, the Guilds throws falling persistently short.

After the last match, Guilds were declared the overall winners, and the President of ICWA handed out the prizes. At this point, the Swimming Captain mentioned that unfortunately the Warden of ULU was not with us, but to make up for it, the ULU Pool had provided us with a prize for the winner of the Presidents' race. The horrified President of IC discovered that he had been handed a handsome polished sien from a certain swimming baths in the immediate vicinity of Malet Street.

The evening was finally terminated with a rowdy session in the IC bar.



Selwyn Lloyd at I.C.

— D. Boume

The Main Physics Lecture Theatre was filled almost to bursting last Tuesday for the General Studies Lecture by ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer Selwyn Lloyd, M.P. Discussing "The Current Political Situation," he said that, in view of the "horrible alternatives," it was vital that the Conservative Party win the next General Election. In defence of this statement later, he said that both the opposition parties were promising vast increases in Government spending, apparently without any increase in taxation. Such a policy could only lead to disastrous inflation, the very thing he had striven to avoid whilst Chancellor. Describing in some detail the reasons behind some of the actions he took as

Chancellor, he gave a fascinating insight into the intricacies of the task.

Internationally, the economic trends are against Britain; the newly-developing countries are beginning to provide for themselves the services formerly supplied by us, and the balance of power is shifting inevitably to the larger economic blocs. For this reason alone, it is very much in our interests to become a part of the E.E.C. However, on the question of a Federal System of Government for Europe, he said this would have to be considered separately. He doubted if it would come "within our lifetime."

After a confused piece of rhetoric from Frank Fuchs was speedily cut short by the chairman, Mr. Lloyd dealt very quickly with a large range of topics. He was quite willing to comment on his recent dismissal from the cabinet; he spiritedly defended the right of the Premier to make any changes in the team he wanted to. A statement which was warmly applauded. Asked whether he did not think the time had come for a change of captain, he just smiled.

At the end of the questioning, he was thanked for giving the College a part of his very full day. "Oh," he replied, with a rueful grin, "I am not as busy now as I used to be."



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Editorial

No doubt, regular readers will be wondering what happened to our eight pages this week. Unfortunately there was a shortage of advertising for a sixth issue this term, and as FELIX is now run on "pay your way" lines, it was thought that it would be necessary to forego the Christmas, end of term, edition. However, in view of the large number of events taking place in the last two weeks, and the small surplus which we have managed to build up over the term, it was finally decided to bring out a six page issue, this giving approximately the same amount of articles and news as does an eight page issue with advertising. Those who consider themselves grossly overcharged should remember that the last issue was also sold at 4d. despite the fact that it had ten pages.

It is never too early for advance notices, and the one that the Editor would like to make in this column is that the first issue next term will be on sale on January 16th, just before the Union meeting. Copy day for this issue will be January 9th and 10th. Contributors who want to submit articles at the last minute should try and get them typewritten, as this improves their chances of acceptance.

The Editor would also like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a Merry Christmas, and to thank all his regular staff and occasional contributors for the support and encouragement which has made this term's FELICES possible. It is to be hoped that examination fever will not remove all of them next term.

ON THE SIGHT

This Christmas edition of FELIX comes to you without any advertisements, which means that it is going to lose money. The Editor assures me that this state of affairs is temporary and it is not necessary to send cheques just yet to alleviate FELIX's financial difficulties. It is hoped that the absence of ads. about careers will not worry anybody unduly over the vac. If it does, the the solution is to take a free copy of "Graduate Careers" from the pile in the Union Entrance Hall. This is an excellent magazine which is worth reading even by those who aren't worried about a career. The pity is that no system of distribution has been organised with the result that the piles of this magazine are at the moment littering the Union.

While on the subject of litter in the Union, I could well comment on the rubbish which is cluttering up the place this term — particularly in the Upper Lounge, table tennis room, gym., back stairs, etc. Most of the junk is the byproduct of the Carnival, Smoking Concert and Drama Soc. activities. Adding to the general mess are pieces of

broken furniture. Admittedly, storage space is a bit short in the Union, but bits and pieces should not be left lying about where they cause an inconvenience and an eyesore.

The present state of the gymnasium is a disgrace to the College. The ceiling has been badly damaged and the floor has not benefited from having Carnival flats dragged across it and weights dropped on it. The ceilings damage is especially disturbing as it is obviously caused by irresponsible vandals who seem to take delight in damaging property not belonging to them personally. The same attitude is displayed by the hoodlums who walk on the grass in the quad. Admittedly the turf will never be good enough for croquet, but it would at least look presentable if given a chance, and if it was not trampled on after wet weather. The Union cannot afford to spend large sums to make good the damage made by irresponsible members, but it really should not have to. Next time that you are walking across the grass, kicking a ball at the gym ceiling, or just breaking a chair in the refectory just think . . .

COLCUTT

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

However necessary for administration, the division of I.C. Clubs into three groups has disadvantages. Not least, among these is the inference that the members of the College are divided into "Social" or "Sporting" types with conflict of interests tacitly assumed. The caricatures of beer swilling empty-headed sportsmen and hair splitting, anaemic gas-bags are not to be taken as photographs. College Christian groups have fielded their own soccer teams and the Rugger club offers more social life than many social clubs. Membership of social and athletic clubs is no contradiction in terms; indeed it is, I would submit, an ideal often realised.

It is for this reason that I object most strongly to the suggestion that the N.U.S. issue is to be discussed in terms of social v. athletic clubs. I was sorry that this was done in the last issue of Felix in an article which creates the danger that this debate will develop into a slanging match. Phrases such as "crude illogical nonsensical rubbish," "raising fanatical instincts," and references to a student body whose membership is so vast as a "National Aquarium of little fish in too deep water" are a disgrace to their author, your paper and to the reasonable discussion of any objections of the college to joining N.U.S.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE TURNER.

Dear Sir,

The appearance of an article in Felix against joining N.U.S. seems to have dropped like a bomb in the pro N.U.S. camp—comments have ranged from "re-sign" to "disgrace to their author." However, if half the interest is picked up by all Union members then we are guaranteed a representative opinion on this issue at the next Union meeting—the aim of the President and myself. I regret that Mr. Turner feels bitter at my methods, but as a debater I feel sure that he will agree that the rules of persuasion, whether to fill a Union meeting or to carry a motion, are a trifle different to those of the Rugby field.

With regard to splitting the Union, this is the last thing that I would advocate. But if we join N.U.S. the finance must come from somewhere. The proposers of the motion are well aware that we will be unable to finance it from reserves as they anticipated and in this case I feel that the people who are going to be restricted to a certain extent by lack of finance, i.e., the Athletic Clubs, from whom the majority of the money may be eventually nibbled, should be well aware of this fact.

J. B. PREECE.

CARNIVAL FUND

Dear Sir,

It is perhaps unfortunate that the vote was nearly equal, for the inevitable scisms are now appearing. The insidious demands for reversals strike at the very heart of the Union directive apparatus. If we are to do as Mr. Dauman bids, we are going to open the door to the "stab in the back" politics of the Caesars, where reason gave way to hysterical emotion.

Speaking as a supporter of mental health, I would urge all thinking members of the Union to support a motion passed at the last meeting.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. MCKERROW, C & G.

Dear Sir,

It is a sad, but true fact, that although the Arabian National Anthem was played, in full, at the start of the Cabaret for the Guilds-Mines Carnival, not one person stood up. Does this further reflect the apathy existing in I.C.?

Yours faithfully,
D. G. BISHOP.

(For those who wish to pinpoint the place where the Anthem was played. Cast your mind back to the 30-second fanfare which preceded the first singing group—the Bakewell Tarts. This 30-second fanfare was the National Anthem in question.—D.G.B.)

NOTICE

SIR ARTHUR ACLAND
ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE 1963

Regulations for this Prize may be seen in the Registry, 178, Queen's Gate, and candidates are reminded that essays should be submitted by Wednesday, 16th January, 1963.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Union Meeting on January 16th.

A motion will be put before the house by Bob Finch "That we should join NUS forthwith."

In view of the fact that this a matter which has been on the minds of many people for almost the whole term, a turn out of about 1.000 is expected, and it is hoped to hire the Royal Geographic Hall for the occasion.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Overheard in the Snack Bar:
"I don't really want to marry the girl, but it's the only way I can get her to go out with me."

2nd Civil reading 0.002—
"Zero point nought oh two."

NUS - Yes or no

T.D.P., otherwise my friend John Preece, had some fairly outspoken things to say in the last issue of FELIX about the prospect of Imperial College affiliating to the National Union of Students.

No one that I know of, among the many in this college who have voiced their support for our entry into N.U.S., has ever seriously put forward refectory improvements as one of the benefits of membership. Yet on the serength of one overheard remark to this effect by a person unknown, Mr. Preece was prepared to dismiss all our arguments as "crude, illogical, nonsensical rubbish," and to accuse us of attempting to "raise the ardour of the ordinary Union member to a feverish pitch." Mr. Preece should take care that he does not qualify for his own descriptions, because, as he well knows, we have been determined all along that this important issue should be judged fairly on the facts, and we intend to present to the Union meeting next term what we believe to be an overwhelming factual case for ceasing to be the only major college in the whole of Great Britain remaining outside N.U.S. Let us have no more of these wild accusations; who ever heard of Bob Finch "rousing fanatical instincts"?

Mr. Preece objects to paying the expenses of the delegates who will attend the bi-annual conference of the National Union. But surely these delegates will not, as he seems to think, be indulging in a private political holiday; they will be doing a very demanding job of representation, on behalf of everyone in the College. This Union pays the full amount of Mr. Preece's Hall accommodation charge because we all think Mr. Preece does a good job (in most cases) as our elected representative, and it is also paying for Mr. Preece to go on a soccer tour to Paris because we think he is going to represent us well there too; surely then it is being a bit selfish for him to turn round and deny our N.U.S. representatives their expenses?

What expenses the delegates are eventually given will depend on the Council of this Union, but they are unlikely to be more than travelling expenses. To give seven delegates their return rail fare twice a year at, say, £4 per head for an average journey, will amount to less than £60, not £200 as Mr. Preece quotes. With the £180 affiliation fee (1/3 per Union member) this make about £240 in all, not £400. Even allowing for such eventualities as an increase in the number of I.C. students, it is unlikely that N.U.S. will cost us more than £300 per annum.

Where is the money going to come from? Well, in the first place it will not be demanded from the college this academic year, for if we decide to join in January our membership will not take effect until November. As next year's budget is as yet unprepared, it is perfectly possible, **if members of this Union so desire**, for an allowance to be made for a meagre £300 in a total of some £13,000. On the other hand the budget is likely to be a pretty tight one, judging by this year's demands, and it is not the intention of those who, like myself, are in favour of our joining, that other legitimate requirements be refused because of our affiliation. The long-term an-

swer lies in the raising of Union fees, which is going to be necessary anyway, N.U.S. or no N.U.S.; until this can be done an interim solution will have to be found, either by cutting our investments or drawing on our reserves. Nobody likes drawing on reserves, but it is the policy of the Union to do this when it considers it really necessary. We have recently given £5,000 of our reserve fund towards a new sports centre because we think a sports centre is a jolly good thing; in the same way we can give a much smaller sum to N.U.S. for a short period if we think that N.U.S. is a good thing too.

Apart from the considerable concessions we will get from membership, I think it is about time we in this college pulled our weight in national student affairs and did our bit generally for students in this country. Let us hope that after January we shall no longer be the equivalent of the Flat Earth Society in the student world.

Guilds-Mines Carnival

SH(R)IEKS OF DELIGHT

The price of black market tickets was high, fancy dress was frantically being searched out or stitched together, last minute partners were being procured(?). Yes, the Guilds-Mines Carnival was upon us.

We arrived at about 10 p.m., thinking that we would be among the first arrivals, only to find that almost everyone had already beaten us to it.

Even before we had time to have a few drinks, a few dances, and observe the many well shaped women in varying stages of fancy undress, it was feeding time (shishkebab, and very nice too). With appetites satisfied, we wandered back to the Concert Hall, which looked more like a cross between Arabia and the inside of a cave, with overtones of whales and genies, and found that the Clyde Valley Stompers were providing that extra vitality needed to prevent the floor becoming covered with a mass of prostrate bodies.

Raja Liddle rampaging kept everyone amused, even though his sword did tend to cause painful embarrassment to some people. The Raja showed him-

self to be an excellent swordsman, fighting a mock duel with the President of Mines, who looked like a typical beggar from the Middle Ages in his sackcloth and leopard skin trunks. Sparks flew and so did spectators.

The cabaret, as is customary, provided rest and laughter and we were all suitably impressed when it finished. After this, things got a bit drowsy, though most of us remember Satchmo and High Society. Somewhere around 6 a.m. the party broke up, we mounted our camels and rode off into the sunrise of the new day.

The next afternoon, we all agreed that Jimmy Marshall and Pete Griffiths and their crews had done a great job. The theme of the Carnival gave plenty of scope for fancy dress, and the entertainment throughout the evening was first class.

"Hey, where's my partner gone?"

"Saw her go that way with a big . . ."

Who's(e) BED-OU-IN?

P.S.—Pete and Jimmy wish to thank all those who helped to make the Carnival the success it was.

DEBATE QUARTER-FINAL

In the quarter final of the ULU Debating competition, IC proposed the motion that "This house considers Nationalism out of date." The opposers were a team from LSE. Proposing the motion, Bob Finch, for IC, began by saying that pride in one's country was far from a bad thing but said that his thesis was that a fanatical "my country right or wrong" attitude is both a potential source of evil and an idea which has little relevance in the world to-day. War was a constant danger where nationalism existed and some form of supranationalism was necessary to ensure peace.

Trevor Fish, opening for LSE, said that the proposer had failed to tackle the real problem of whether nationalism existed today and whether it had shown any results. The old form of nationalism was dying out, but the nationalism in the new developing countries was playing a vital part in their advancement, which was an essential factor in the stability of the world situation.

George Turner, for IC, made the point that the LSE team were talking about entirely different things. IC was proposing that nationalism was out of date, not that it did not exist. The following LSE speakers did nothing to rectify this, the debate bogging down on the different interpretations of the motion. Don Pearson repeated that just because nationalism was still with us, did not mean that it was not out of date. Tom Evans in his summing

up for LSE repeated that the opposition had taken a reasonable interpretation of the motion, and had shown that it should be rejected. Asit Chanmal then gave a fact-packed, high-speed summary of the arguments for the motion, prefacing his remarks with an observation that the opposition reminded him of Jane Austen—much *Pride and Prejudice* with little *Sense or Sensibility*. He concluded by saying that the motion had been shown to be true.

Mr. David Bouger, the presiding judge, then delivered the summing up and the verdict. He went into some detail about the speeches and found LSE superior on all counts, 219 points to 197.

It is difficult to reconcile this with the actual debate. LSE undoubtedly scored high on eloquence, particularly in the case of Alan Seal, but "the duty of the opposition is to adapt itself to the arguments presented by the proposition. The team opposing the motion are responsible for seeing that a clash develops, and it is a serious weakness in their case if they fail to do so." (ULU Handbook on the Debating Competition.) This LSE never attempted to do, no clash developed, and it was hard to see how they could have won. Mr. Bouger seemed far too keen to justify his decision in what, after all, was a very close debate. His show of personal friendship with the LSE men did not go down too well, either.

However, this must not detract from the high standard of the LSE team, which must now stand a very good chance of winning the competition again this year.

GUILDS PRESIDENT HORS

— DE COMBAT —

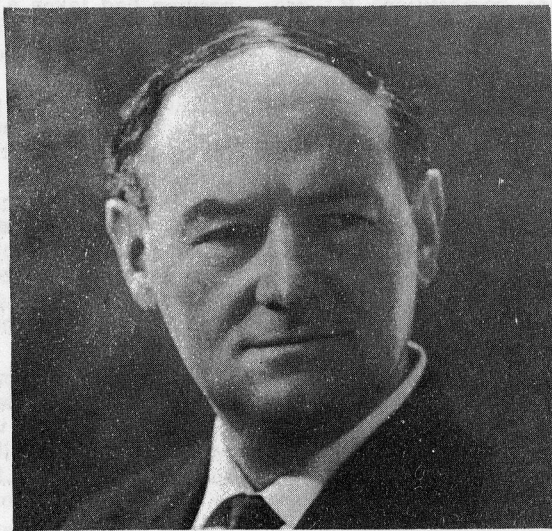
(By our special correspondent)

Contrary to popular belief, and to the opinion expressed in the article on the Carnival (guess who wrote it), the President of Guilds did not distinguish himself with his swordplay on the night. According to well-informed sources, a minor difference between the two Presidents led to a mock duel, in the North-east corner of the Beit quad. This was proceeding reasonably, smoothly with the Guilds President demonstrating certain finer points of fencing to the Mines President. When this gentleman decided to try a few of them himself, the defensive tactics of the Raja proved insufficient, with the result that he was "hors de combat" with a sword hand that was slightly the worse for wear.

This and the imminent closing of the bar brought the duel to a close. Some time later, the President of Mines was heard to mutter, "it was all a big mistake—we are just good friends."

PROFILE

A black and white likeness which fails to occlude the warmth of his personality.



Prof O.A. Saunders, Dean of C & G

NOTHING BUT THE FACTS ABOUT

Owen Alfred—Born in Clapham in 1904—Studied CLASSICS at Emanuel School, S. London—Worked hard—At 16 entered Birkbeck College London—Read Physics and Mathematics—Played little—Was the last full-time student at Birkbeck—Worked hard—B.Sc.—Entered Trinity College, Cambridge, at 18—Senior Scholar—Lived in the College Hall—Became Hon. Treasurer of The Pentacle Club (Magicians Ltd.)—Worked very hard—B.A.

Started work as Scientific Officer for D.S.I.R. in 1926—In '32 entered I.C. as lecturer in Applied Mathematical Physics—Married in '35, personal opinion that 30 is the ideal age for man to venture in this direction—Became Clothworkers Reader in Applied Thermodynamics—Co-opted for war work in '39—Worked with Frank Whittle on jet engine design—developed oxygen injection techniques in aero engines to give many German gunners eye-strain

extra height and speed to our fighters and hence helped to give
—Worked with Roxbee-Cox as Research Director in M.A.P.
Returned to Guilds in '45—
Has two daughters and one son (Nurse, Musician and En-

gineer respectively) — Fellow of the Institute of Fuel—A musical family, his daughter studied at the Royal College of Music and he is himself a keen pianist—Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society—Since graduating has taken an increasingly greater interest in sport—Fellow of the Institute of Physics — Considers himself a handyman . . . his wife does not—I '48 became Dean of Guilds—Hon. Fellow of the City and Guilds Institute — Enjoys Freshers Dinners—Has a poor Golf Handicap of 19—Elected into the Athenaeum Club and there gets away from it all—Is the proud possessor of a 1936 Bechstein—In 1959 he became a Fellow of The Royal Society—Enjoys his free time, wishes he had more of it—In 1960 became President of Institution of Mechanical Engineers—Never refuses an invitation to attend the Engineers Dinner-Dance — Hon. Member of the American Institution of Mechanical Engineers—Has travelled the world over—Hon. Member of the Japanese Institution of Mechanical Engineers — Enjoys Winter Sports holidays.

Is visited by Guildsmen in distress—Enjoys concerts and local repertory—Dislikes to see students partaking of anything undignified “Just because other students do it” — Appreciates students who are intellectually in advance of their years—This is his thirtieth year in Guilds—Deplores specialisation — Approves Oxbridge and European systems of advanced education in which students have a greater freedom of choice in the combination of

subjects they decide to read—Chairman of the present University of London Academic Council which controls the academic policy in U.L.—Has a charming secretary—Responsible for allocating Guilds Union a splendid Union Office in the new Guilds E.1 building (even though they won't get it until '65)—Has been Dean of Guilds for three times the normal term of office—Now lives in Sutton, Surrey—Recommends students to take every advantage of the General Studies system—Has confidence in the Union (Loaned them a new lecture theatre for Guilds Union Meetings) — T.V. personality — His son is now studying Mechanical Sciences at Trinity.

Has mixed feelings over new buildings, a little disappointed that not more use has been made of new and interesting techniques of construction but thinks the equipment is magnificent—Considers students over the thirty years have changed very little but that the academic “atmosphere” has tensed, the tempo of study quickened and that present students lead a full and potentially wider life—At present on the Council of the Royal Society—In favour of students taking part in adventurous, extravagant and character-forming activities—Is a member of the Government Scientific Advisory Council—Has found the Expansion of Guilds a very busy, interesting and stimulating period—Continues to work hard for Guilds and its Union—He is undoubtedly a worthy Dean to the best Engineering College in the country.

L.A.

Spannerama

UNION MEETING

The last Guilds Union Meeting was held on the 30th November in room 542 E1 building. The minutes of the last meeting were read out, and duly acclaimed by all present, including in the newly broken-in freshers.

The President then displayed a long thin red and white object, known to some, we believe, as Theta. That we still have it is due abouts. It was therefore decided to give it back to its owners on mainly to the inability of RCS to solve the clues as to its whereabouts the condition that one Mr. Harrys paid a forfeit. So, heralded by a bright flash (and subsequent smog) he appeared resplendent in what looked like a corduroy dressing gown. Prompted by Mr. Liddle, and to the wavering accompaniment of the latest oriental hit, he danced somewhat unimaginatively to and fro along the bench.

This was not enough for one section of Guildsmen, whose thirst for a garment worn usually by males around the lower part of the body bordered on the indecent. To placate these pantaloons, he sang one verse of a somewhat bawdy song believed to have originated in the Rural College of Signs. Having tired of this Christian, the two top lions escorted him and the mascot from the meeting to the strains of the funeral march from *Salad Days*.

There were two correspondents—Lord Rayon and Spud. The first letter was read out by John White standing in the sink. Attempts to make him grow larger

by watering his feet were discouraged by simple yet effective means. Spud's letter was in the nature of a challenge as he proposed that Guilds and Mines should have a friendly competition in the Union Bar after the Swimming Gala. The challenge was accepted and an account of the Swimming Gala can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Somewhere in the course of the proceedings, a new society, the Contact Bridge Club, was proposed. The proposer gave a summary of the less intricate rules of the game, punctuated with laughter. One of your correspondents did not see the joke,

the other one curled up on the floor making peculiar gurgling noises.

The Boat Club Captain toasted himself for the Morphy Day successes, the gathering singing “For he's a jolly good fellow,” at somewhere near a quarter tempo.

Pete Griffiths then put in some plugs for the Engineers' Dinner Dance, and received thanks for his organisation of the Carnival.

The Meeting was finally closed with a BOOMALAKA. Owing to the injury of his finger, the President excused himself from holding up the Spanner, thus keeping up his record of not having done a complete Boomalaka this session. With commendable humanity, these members shouted down Mr. White's offer to act as substitute, and elected Mr. Klaschka as Spanner holder (he being the smallest members of the Executive), which duty he performed efficiently, albeit two-handedly.

ENGINEERS' DINNER DANCE

Sir Harold Roxy Cox has kindly accepted the invitation to be the principal guest at this year's dinner on January 25th.

RING AROUND THE MOON

The IC Dramatic Society's Christmas production of “Ring Around the Moon” by Anouilh was given four performances last week. Translated from the French by Christopher Fry, this is in the unfamiliar idiom of the “comedia del'arte” which can be described as a charade without music. In a charade, no strong emotions are aroused, no formal ideas are developed and no specific causes embraced. Success or failure depends critically on the sheer personality and acting ability of the group, which has to solve questions of rhythm and balance without which the magic collapses and all that is left is a string of small talk.

Bryan Hooper, the President of the Drama Soc., paying the tricky double part, had a smooth evening; perhaps Frederick could have had a little more warmth, but Hugo had plenty of cynical icy glitter. Jenny Desmond as the aunt gave a very fine performance indeed, avoiding the pitfall of being merely crotchety. She has excellent stage presence and a particularly good musical diction. Anne and Dick Saunders as the lovers in a rather
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I.C. Dramatic from p.4

creaky affair had many extremely funny moments. Judy Lewis and Carol Melville as the mother and daughter of dubious social standing making a frontal assault on the establishment had a successful time of it, even though Carol's part must have been very trying—she is always on the verge of releasing some emotion when Anouilh puts his foot in the flood gates. Andrew Page played the part of the butler with quiet distinction, while Chris Masterman raged and moaned brilliantly as a somewhat youthful millionaire. Carolle Lovell, Brenda Chant and H. Strasse competed a well drilled and competent cast.

One or two aspects of the production, it must be said, seemed to get a little out of joint. According to the programme, nobody was responsible for the music, and this was all too ap-

parent. We had what sounded like a random selection from Dancing Class stock which made it rather difficult to conjure up the picture of an elegant society ball twirling and twiddling just off stage. A little precious magic was lost here. The lighting crew seemed to have their own ideas of when a scene should start, which did not always coincide with the activity on the stage. Again, although lines were delivered confidently without any recourse to a prompter, they were by no means always the lines in my copy of the play, and some hair-raising omissions and contractions took place.

The Society are nevertheless to be congratulated on a very impressive effort at an extremely difficult play. This certainly augurs well for the IC bid to retain the Cleo Cup in the next UL Competition.

RCS SMOKING CONCERT



"It's clean this year," was the rallying cry of this year's Smoking Concert, in place of the 'Cor B——r of two years ago. "Culture for the masses, whether they like it or not" was the theme of Chris Tye's compering, and although there was not much culture, there was not much bawdy obscenity. There was no great surfeit of top talent, either, the free beer tending to make up for this.

The acts in the first half were a little slow, with a few exceptions. This year saw the first performance of the Shadies, an RCS Big Beat group with a good line in amplified guitars, and a supporting vocal group which have obviously been genning up on the latest in background "ooh-aahs," to good effect. Norman Price, complete with a fine pair of snake hips, did the solo vocal, with a full spectrum of agonised expressions in the best EP style.

"Latrinus Publicus" and "Dr. No" went down quite well, though the jokes seemed a little stereotyped. It is always a bit of a shock to see familiar faces in a strange rig-out and just the appearance of the Roman Senators in their white togas was good enough for a long laugh. Among the solo acts, Simon Adlam on

the ladder and Mike King on the pneumatic drill, were excellent, the other acts missing out somewhat by their use of the stage microphone amplifying system which has never been too good, and certainly could not cope with a noisy audience.

The second half saw a more alive audience (rowdier) and several good acts, among them "The Dales" and "To-night," which included a song sung by a kilt-clad Welshman, Emlyn Jones, who appeared to one of the most unmusical people. The highlights of this half again were the musical ones, the talking blues of Dick Smith and the re-appearance of the Shadies with their show stopper "Guildsman in Jail":

They've got the Spanner,
It's too big to loose,
But its B — y useless
Like all Guildsman's tools . . .
etc. (to the tune of "Teenager in Love").

All in all, a good effort by Bryan Hooper and Kish to cut down filth while keeping up interest. As for the Shadies, they could well provide some occasional beat music for the less far would certainly be a pity if they out cats at College Hops—it disappeared from the scene, after the success they enjoyed at the Smoking Concert.

A.T.P.

L.C. CARNIVAL

During this week, Carol Singing is being organized every evening. Last year singers from the College collected over £300; whether it was given out of gratitude or desperation is far from clear; and this year it is hoped to double that total. So come along one evening; if your singing is not all that hot, it doesn't really matter, volume is more important than quality, and if you just haven't got a voice at all; well, somebody's got to rattle the tin!

TONY STOCK.

R. C. S. REVIEW

This term has seen the introduction of the new constitution inaugurated by the McPherson regime. The size of the general committee has been reduced by having only one representative per department, instead of reps for each undergraduate year and one for post-graduates in the big departments like Physics or Maths. This reduction has been accompanied by a rise in efficiency, though the success of the present system is dependent on close contact between the department rep. and the appropriate year reps. This year, this appears to have been achieved.

At the beginning of the term, the Clubs Committee elected Fred Dobner as its new Chairman. Although most of the clubs received a reduced grant, most of them have been fairly active, with the exception of the Chemical Society, which this year has been a pale shadow of its former self.

The Entertainments Committee has run one excellent Saturday Dance and successfully produced the Smoking Concert (see other pages), and is now at work on next term's Carnival, to be held on Friday, 8th March, and has even started on ideas for the Summer Ball. Anyone with ideas for these events should contact the Committee. Incidentally the name of any RCS rep. can be found in the RCS directory on the departmental notice boards.

FRESHERS' DINNERS

This year there were four dinners. The ladies were present at the last two. Wine was served at all the dinners and in consequence they tended to be quieter and more sober than the beer dinners of the other Colleges. After the last two dinners, a bar was set up in the TV lounge so that the men could get together with the lady freshers over a drink. This brought forth protests from the hardened boozers because the number of singers in the bar was much diminished. This year there was a severe shortage of second year hosts because of the very large number of freshers, but some public spirited third year men volunteered to act as hosts for the second time and most of the freshers were entertained. The few freshers who were not accompanied had a free dinner on the Union.

On November 2nd a reception was held for postgraduate freshers to enable them to meet each other, and some members of staff. About 50 per cent. turned up, and it is hoped to hold regular postgraduate evenings in future.

UNION MEETINGS

There have been two Union Meetings this term. At the first, there were elections of year reps., Queen of Jezebel, and a second Trophy Officer was elected. The second meeting was a sports meeting at which the Trophy Officers were tried for the loss of Theta.

THE THETA AFFAIR

Theta was stolen from the inside of a wardrobe in a locked

room in the New Hostel after the third Freshers' Dinner Clues subsequently sent from an anonymous engineering College in Exhibition Road led to the Caltex Oil offices in London, the Blundell's Arms in Horwich, the City Arms in Billingham, and Wankie Colliery in Southern Rhodesia. To save delay in waiting for a reply from the Dark Continent, the President of Guilds invited the President of RCS to perform a forfeit in front of the Guilds Union Meeting. After Mr. Harris had sung and danced to the satisfaction of the engineers, Theta was returned to RCS and is now in safe keeping.

SPORT SECTION

On the last Friday of November RCS entertained the Maths. and Phys. Soc. of Birmingham University at Harlington. RCS turned out "sport" teams, but Birmingham had other ideas, with the result that although we won at Soccer 8—2, the Rugby team lost 3—21. On the same evening, two coach loads of RCS supporters went to Marshall Street Baths to see their team finish last.

EXCURSIONS

It is hoped next term to have an RCS excursion, to take the form of an afternoon of sporting activities with a sport evening. A return trip to Birmingham would be ideal for a return match. An evening outing to the Windmill has also been suggested. The whole matter is now in the hands of a special sub-committee, and anyone with ideas should contact Norman Price of Physics II.

SMALL ADS.

FLATLET or BEDSITTER & KITCHENETTE in South Kensington/Knightsbridge Area required by two girl students. Please answer: c/o A. Duke, Union Rack.

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ALSO Spanish Guitar, cost £14, sell for 7. Apply S. Tonsiengsom, via Union Rack or 40 Onslow Gdns., S.W.7. KNI 4885.

Swimming Gala

Despite the loss of last year's top swimmers, spectators were left in no doubt as to the strength of IC swimming and water polo teams.

The individual events were far from one-sided. Guilds and Mines each gaining two firsts, whilst RCS had one. Davies (Mines) and Hennessy (Guilds) were impressive in the butterfly and the backstroke respectively, while the breaststroke proved to be the closest race, the three competitors all finishing within one second of each other. In the team races, however, Guilds undoubtedly proved their superiority.

In the water polo, Guilds with five IC first team members should have overwhelmed RCS in the first match, but in the first half they lacked cohesion, and many attacking moves were spoilt by the forwards being all too often caught in possession. Their task was made all the more difficult by the presence of Pritchard in the RCS goal, who used his height and reach to good advantage. In the second half the standard of play improved, the ball was moved around accurately and as the Guilds forwards began to take advantage of the slower moving RCS men, the score mounted.

The Guilds Mines match was the best of the evening. Mines tried to hold on to the fast Guilds Team, and although the play was often in the Mines half, their defensive measures kept the score down to 2-0 at half time.

During the second half, the enforced absence of the Mines captain on two occasions had a demoralising effect on the team, and Guilds also reduced to six men, forged steadily ahead, through the powerful shooting of Clarke.

In the last match, Mines endeavoured to play a constructive game against RCS, and had it not been for their inability to shoot, the score would have more readily reflected their superiority.

RESULTS:

100 yds. freestyle: Godfree,

C & G

100 yds. breaststroke: Blench,

RCS

100 yds. butterfly: Davies, Mines

100 yds. backstroke: Hennessy,

C & G

1 length freestyle: Davies, Mines

Freestyle Squad: Godfree, Clarke, Collins, Morris (C & G).

Medley Squad: Hennessy, Furness, Morris, Godfree.

Polo:

Guilds 5-1 RCS

Guilds 6-1 Mines

Mines 4-0 RCS

HOCKEY

Played 4 won 4 and 4 cancelled.

REPLAY v CEM this Wednesday

THANK YOU I.C.

The members of the Swimming team from Delft, Holland, at present at I.C., would like to thank everyone concerned for making their visit a success.

Unfortunately, two of the visitors have had their coats taken from the cloakroom — a return of these would be appreciated.

WATER POLO

IC REACH FINALS

In the ULU Handicap knock-out competition both IC teams were fortunate in being placed in the easier half of the draw. In the opening round held at ULU on November 27th, the first team had the unenviable task of starting 6 goals behind as a result of the handicap, in a match that was scheduled to last only ten minutes. Crowding in the goal-mouth made the task no easier and after some anxiety, the match was finally won 7-6, thanks mainly to Collins, who scored 4 goals. The second team, starting 2 up, never looked like holding Barts, eventually losing 5-2.

The remaining rounds were played off at ULU on November 29th, with IC. I comfortably defeating Guys 4-2 after giving them a 2 goal start, and this was followed by an equally impressive victory in the semi-final, with IC beating Barts 5-1, starting on level terms.

In the other half of the draw, QMC, who last year were dropped from the UL first division, caused a sensation by beating the strong NCL side, and St. Mary's Hospital, to reach the final. They were still considered underdogs, and IC who had beaten them earlier in the year were confident of quickly wiping out the 2 goal handicap in the final.

Right at the beginning, a bad error in our defence gave QMC a goal to put them 3 up. IC, still looking the better side, attacked continuously, but scored only one goal in the first half. In the second half, the attack was kept up but the final touch was missing, a missed penalty only serving to emphasise the bad shooting of the IC team. When a goal was finally scored, near the end, it failed to spur the forwards on to a draw and a last chance to make amends in extra time. The result was that IC lost the competition by one goal in the final.

SQUASH RESULTS.

1st Team v

London Hospitals won 5-0

Leicester University won 3-2

Guys Hospital lost 3-2

University College won 4-1

This term won 11, lost 1

2nd team won 5 lost 6

SOCCER

U.L. CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

A buzz of excitement went round a rather room in U.L.U. last March when the 1st Round of the U.L. Cup was announced. The first balls out of the bag indicated Q.M.C. v. I.C., the two finalists in the 1962 competition. It was rumoured then that the winners of this match would win the Cup. The final result remains to be seen, but after two hard games I.C. are through into the 2nd Round versus Goldsmiths' in January.

Playing in disgusting weather at Brentwood, I.C. were forced to replay at Harlington on Sat., Dec. 1st. Under perfect conditions and urged on by seven megaphoned supporters, the Cup-holders started well. Their wing-halves (Austin and Huxtable) took control of the centre of the field and with the full-backs keeping tight on their wing-men, James strong again at centre-half the Q.M.C. forward line was given little room in which to move.

On the large pitch I.C. endeavoured to attack on a broad front, but time and again this plan broke down when a cross from one of the wingers was headed harmlessly to Q.M.C.'s very efficient goalkeeper. Occasionally the Q.M.C. forward line broke loose, their centre-forward twice shooting just wide. These bursts were short-lived, however, when misfortune struck the visitors twice in ten minutes. The centre-half went limping on to the left wing, and the right-half was carried off, injured in the fierce tackling which is a feature of all cup-ties.

Reduced to ten men, Q.M.C. were driven still further back into their own half but with a well organised defence they managed to survive several onslaughts from I.C. The latter's defence watched in frustration as their colleagues came so near to finishing the approach to goal. Twenty minutes from full-time Fisher went up to head across from the left. The referee awarded a penalty to I.C. for a push in the back and Fisher drove the ball low into the net. Q.M.C. fought hard for the equaliser but with ten men the pace of the game

began to tell and I.C., rather luckily are one step nearer to the U.L. Cup for the fifth successive year.

FENCING CLUB REPORT

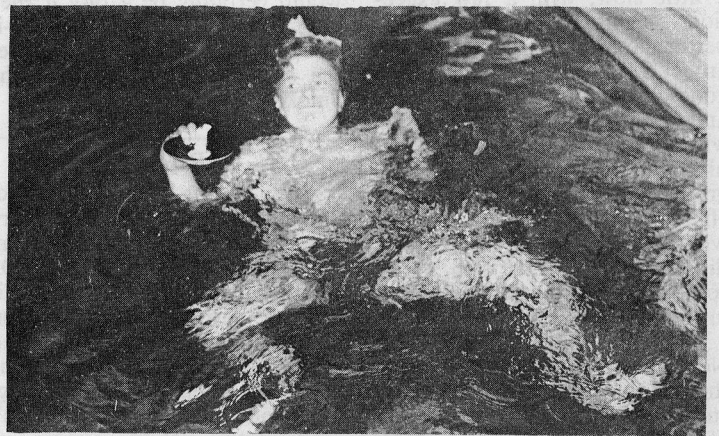
club is that, while there are The main difficulty of this usually an adequate number of freshers joining the club each year, very few of these have had any fencing experience. As it takes at least two years for the average person to reach a fair proficiency in free play, it means that just as they would be useful team members they are leaving college. This year has proved no exception, with only two or three new members with previous match experience. Club meetings have however been much better attended than in recent years and one hopes that this improvement will continue.

In inter college matches we have won two and lost two, beating Chelsea and Battersea, and losing to Guy's Hospital and Q.M.C.

We have again entered the newly formed London A.F.A. Men's League although so far without success, having lost all three matches so far fenced. The standard of the teams in these matches tends to be definitely higher than that of the average college team, and in the recent match against Thames F.C. included one fencer recently returned from the Commonwealth Games in Perth.

RESULTS:

Chelsea Won 10-8, Battersea Won 11-5. Guy's Lost 3-13. Q.M.C. Lost 7-11. Risinghill Lost 6-10. Goldsmiths E.S. Lost 4-12. Thames F.C. Lost 3-11.



Well done!—President of ICWA
Swimming Gala Presidents race

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