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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

FRIDAY 4 MAY 1951

UNION COUNCIL DECISIONS

OPEN HOUSE AT FIVE O'CLOCK

(Extracts from the Draft Minutes.)

At a meeting on March 15th the I.C. Council discussed a letter from the chairman of the Inter-College Committee. Referring to Reciprocal Union Membership Mr. Haskell told the council that the R.C.A. had offered I.C. members the use of their Union premises including refectory facilities.

After a long discussion Mr. Halsey proposed that the R.C.A. be thanked for their offer and that in return R.C.A. and R.C.M. students be granted the use of I.C. lounge facilities after 5 p.m. Seconded by Mr. de Reuck the motion was carried 9-7 with 3 abstentions.

The President pointed out that use of refectory and bar facilities by R.C.M. and R.C.A. students was the province of the refectory committee. It was decided to make no recommendation to them until the results of the present motion had been observed.

NO HOPS THIS TERM

Later in the meeting the Council adopted unanimously a resolution put forward by the entertainments committee that the Saturday Evening Hops be discontinued as from the end of the Lent Term, 1951.

The reasons given in support of this motion were that complaints had been received regarding the tone of the Hops, that the Hops were giving the College a bad name, that individual club dances were suffering from poor attendance, which might be caused by having Hops every Saturday night, and that the gym. floor was wearing rapidly.

It is understood that an I.C. General Meeting will be held on May 10th to discuss both these decisions.

UNION MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Council made the following recommendation to the Governors for changes in Life Membership fees:

- (1) That a student should not be eligible unless he had completed 1 year's full session in I.C.
- (2) That the fees should be:-
 - a) 2 guineas if 3 or more sessions completed
 - b) 3 guineas if 1 or 2 sessions completed
 - c) 3 guineas for the staff.

T.B. APPEAL

It has been decided to hold the collection for the T.B. Appeal Fund (mentioned in an earlier edition of FELIX) on Thursday May 10th.

It is hoped to carry the collection to all departments of the College, including members of staff. For this purpose we shall require the assistance of about 20 students in each of R.C.S. and C & G. and 10 students in R.S.M.

Please show your generosity when the collection is taken and give at least 2/6d so that we may break the target of £200 and, if possible, collect considerably more than this amount. Watch the notice-boards for further information.

Anyone wishing to assist with the collection please let me know.

Derek Y. Coomber, President I.C.U.

MINES CARNIVAL

FELIX thought it advisable to employ two observers to report the Mines Carnival: for it was foreseen that one was most unlikely to last the evening unaided. From time to time, therefore, these observers felt obliged to leave their own party and to wander upstairs, where they found themselves unpaid extras in what might well have been a scene from Treasure Island.

Buccaneers' Barbecue was undoubtedly the most resplendently decorated carnival of recent years, and bore every indication of the recent campaign waged by the phantasmagogenitor of each college in turn to outdo each other's work. We feel that this tendency must inevitably soon cease, before the Union building itself is destroyed for the sake of the Carnival.

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TWO MORE U.L. CUPS

SAILING

Result: 1st I.C., 2nd Chelsea Poly., 3rd U.C.

The Foundation Cup is awarded to the college with the highest number of points obtained in the Inter-Collegiate races, which are held during the Winter and Lent terms. I.C. started the season well, winning several of the first races, but this lead gradually diminished until just before the final race I.C. was first equal with U.C. and Chelsea Poly. 3rd with two points less. Thus to win the cup I.C. had to beat U.C., but could afford to come in one position behind Chelsea Poly.

Seven Firefly dinghies representing I.C., U.C., Chelsea Poly., N.E.C. and C.E.M. started the race in a strong squally wind over two laps of a triangular course.

At the start U.C. took the lead, Chelsea were in second place with I.C. 3rd and 4th. Passing the first buoy, which involved a gybe, a squall hit the fleet and U.C.'s boat capsized giving Chelsea the lead which they maintained. I.C. now held the 2nd and 3rd places, and stayed there till the finish, only three boats surviving the course.

Thus owing to U.C.'s sudden departure from the race and Chelsea's gaining an advantage of only one point, I.C. won the cup by the narrow margin of one point.

BOXING

On March 16th I.C. once again proved their boxing superiority when they won the U.L. Cup by a very comfortable margin:

I.C.	29 points
Goldsmiths'	16 points
King's	13 points

Gordon Tait and Johnny Martin both obtained walk-overs in the finals of the Flyweight and Bantamweight divisions respectively. We must thank them for being present at the weigh-in and our Publicity Agent for frightening away all likely opposition in these weights.

The referee prevented Mike Humphries from dealing out any more punishment to M. Sargent (Goldsmiths') when he stopped the Featherweight final in the second round. In the well-matched Lightweight final Bill Gardner used his left hand to good effect to keep J. Reavey (King's) at long range, but lost narrowly on points.

We saw the most interesting fight of the evening when Stan Coppelman went out to meet A. Dujon (King's) in the Welterweight final. Stan made many valiant attempts to get at close quarters with his very experienced opponent but Dujon had most of the answers to Stan's stomping attacks and gained a points decision.

It was a great tonic for I.C. spectators to see the most businesslike way in which Hugh Huckin set about D. Jessett (King's) in the Middleweight final to put him on the canvas for counts of seven, eight and finally ten. The most unfortunate incident in a wonderful evening for I.C. was in the Light Heavyweight final when Piers Ebsworth sustained a rather nasty cut over his eye from the inside of his opponent's glove. Piers was well ahead of G. Wootton (Goldsmiths') on points when the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

After the boxing Terry ("Killer") Hulme, the I.C. Captain was presented with the "Blott" Cup and Gordon Tait, Johnny Martin, Mike Humphries and Hugh Huckin each received a U.L.A.U. medal.

Later in the evening a number of inebriated boxers were to be seen enjoying themselves at the Mines Carnival much to the annoyance of certain gentlemen who frequently lost their partners for short periods of time.

We should like to congratulate Mike Humphries and Gordon Tait on having been chosen to box for U.L. against Paris University on May 15th.

G.H.G.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOPPING MAD

Sir - The following is a copy of a letter which we have sent to the Hon. Sec. I.C. Entertainments Cttee.

The Hon. Sec.,
I.C. Entertainments Committee.

Dear Sir,

We would like to draw your serious attention to the matter of I.C. hops, as we feel that their popularity would justify this further attempt at a solution.

It would appear that by the satisfactory exclusion of gate-crashers and any other undesired guests, the present problem could be solved, and we believe that the type of 'atmosphere' desired at our hops could be ensured in the following manner:-

Tickets should be on sale in advance only, in the bar and by the Entertainments Secretaries in the relevant women's colleges.

These tickets would not be dated - and would therefore be available for any Saturday - but would be date-stamped at the door, thus preventing their further use.

This would have the effect of enabling us to choose both our guests and their numbers.

Such a system has been in use elsewhere in the University and should work to the satisfaction of all; the relatively small inconvenience caused would be amply compensated by the results.

Yours faithfully,
T.J.Gilbert, R.W.Phillips,
D.V.Parker, City and Guilds.

Sir - This move "No more hops" on the part of the Entertainment Committee seems so very childish. It is like saying "No more beer in the Union". Saturday night hops are regarded by most members as a very important part of our college social life. Surely the numbers coming to the hops prove how essential these hops are.

Regarding overcrowding, there seem two obvious solutions: (1) Have the snack-bar hall as an extra dancing room, (2) Issue hop tickets a few days earlier and so limit the numbers. About the "Palais de Danse atmosphere" I am sure the point is exaggerated a lot; a bit better lighting will surely help to improve the atmosphere.

Yours faithfully, C.A. (C.&G.)

Sir - The decision of Council to stop the Saturday night hops has provided us with a great opportunity to use the Union as a Union, and not as a "palais". An energetic and enterprising Entertainments Committee should, and I hope will, be able to organize through the appropriate clubs and societies a large variety of social activities: debates, smoking concerts, film shows, glee clubs, country dancing, club dances, an occasional hop - these are a few suggestions that come to mind. Something for everyone should be the object. Perhaps we shall also see a return to the days when the members of the Athletic Clubs used to come back to the Union to spend the evening over a noggin discussing this, and sometimes that, with great benefit to their team spirit, if little to their health.

Whilst agreeing with the substance of Mr. Twist's letter in your last issue, I cannot help deploring the crudity of his description of the hops as a weekly cattle market. It might have been preferable to apply Oscar Wilde's epigram - the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable.

Yours faithfully, E.M.Hughes,
I.C. Union.

TO FELIX

To speak of thy glory is vain. 'Tis known
Thou'rt covered all over with it.
Thy temples of intellect reign; you've shown
A wonderful, brilliant wit,
And lately you've greatly your brow raised so far.
The Culture wave started by brave D.G.R.
Has drowned us in Manet and Schubert and Joyce,
While none of your readers dare raise a small voice
In favour of Lutchter and Loss. Don't mock
The Culture - it's here to stay.
You're not now A Minor. Your key.. Unlock
The Yale. Let's drink to YOUR DAY!

We regret that we have been unable to include reports on the Hydro-Power Easter Tour, the Mountaineering Club Dinner, Rugger Tour and the Whiteley Cup (squash). - Ed.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Sir - I would like to bring to your attention the recent formation of a group within the I.C. Political Society, devoted to the study of international affairs.

It is a matter calling for some comment, that in a college the size of ours, there appears to be complete indifference to the serious problems facing the governments of the world.

The responsible position held by the scientist in modern society makes it most important that he should understand the issues at stake. Otherwise his opinions are likely to be influenced by almost any dubious propaganda.

It is with the object of fostering a serious interest in, and study of, international, political, social and economic questions, that the International Group has been formed. I hope that it will be able to look forward to the keen support of I.C.U. members in the future.

I am, Yours faithfully,
K.J.Round (Chairman, International Group)
2.3.51.

IMPERIALISTS

Sir - Before the culture bug has completely swallowed the college I should like to explain a recent enterprise which has sprung from the ranks of the, so far, uninitiated.

It is accepted that at a dance one should criticise the band, and if for this alone the Imperialists have occasionally given hop supporters something to talk about.

However, our ambitions don't rest there and despite the naturally critical disposition of one's associates we feel I.C. now has a dance band to which it may turn for light entertainment.

I should like to thank all who have shown an interest in the formation of the band and appeal to any hidden talent to come forward and fill the gaps before next year.

Yours etc., J.M.Gilroy,
3rd Civil, C.&G.

POTTED POEM

Dear Sir,

No pots Have they who write the news,
Our guides with editorial views:
Plain glass for FELIX, PHOENIX too,
What will I.C. Union do?

Potifar
(I.C.U. - or do I?)

THE QUAD.

Sir - The tennis courts surrounded by rusty iron netting constitute a hideous eyesore, inconsistent with the charm and dignity of the college. This conglomeration of iron and gravel is scarcely conducive to the atmosphere necessary for the proper appreciation of the Arts.

Is it just that the privileged few should enjoy their tennis to the negation of the best interests of the college as a whole? And finally, to see fourteen scantily-clad females engaged in the vicious sport of netball is the bottom.

I suggest therefore that the tennis courts are torn up and a Bowling Green (Crown green preferred) be laid in their place. The aesthetic value of such a green far outweighs the slight inconvenience caused by what are, after all, only minor sectional interests. The colour scheme can be enhanced by herbacious borders or hardy perennials (i.e. flowers) ranging from daffodils in the spring to chrysanthemums in the autumn.

I commend these suggestions for the serious consideration of the authorities concerned.

Yours faithfully, Frank Drake.
Plymouth, 24th April, '51.

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MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE

At the last I.C. Council meeting two very controversial issues were brought up for discussion and important decisions of far-reaching consequence were taken, without an attempt being made first to sound the opinion of members of the Union. While it is true that Council is responsible for the day to day running of the Union, it is with grave concern that one views their recent action affecting as it does the fundamental privileges of every member of the Union.

It can be, and has been argued that the two issues differ widely in principle and that whereas the question of the continuance or otherwise of the Hops is one on which Council should take the lead, that concerning the extension of certain Union facilities to members of other colleges is a matter on which the Union members should be consulted. While there is something to be said for this view, one must be careful to ascertain that these supporting it do not do so because they are in favour of one decision and against the other!

It has been wisely decided to put an end to the countless private arguments and have both these topics discussed freely at a Union meeting. Let the quiet drinkers, noisy dancers, intercollegiate and isolationists come forward and air their opinions.

TICKET OR LEAVE IT

So far in the minutes of the Refectory Committee we have failed to find any proposal to restore the social intercourse that was a part of the old ticket system - the game of hunt-the-supper-ticket, as played from 6.20 to 6.50 every evening (except Sundays).

How many of our closest acquaintances were not, in fact, introduced first for such enquiries, and how often have we not stood at the door with this excuse for conversation on our lips and with one of the 376 (?) possible permutations of 2/3d getting hot in our hands, searching for a lady of I.C.W.A., unaccompanied and as yet unmet?

Teetotalers, Presidents, freshers and brown-baggers were thus mixed and fed into the social stew. Now a little thorn has arisen within our Gardner, and worst of all, in Spring!

The FELIX board is now composed as follows:
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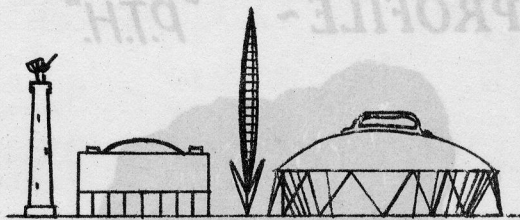
So impressive was the décor, that the quality of the cabaret was not noticed - in fact, we cannot clearly remember even now quite what it was like. We can call to mind visions of a dusky maiden attempting to keep order amongst a nigger minstrel quartet, the hilariously irrelevant entry of a cow, an Indian rope trick, a remarkable display of strength and yet another calypso, all presented in a theatrical plethora.

As the evening wore on, and the group photograph had been successfully taken despite the gestulations of a few people who prefer to appear only as a meaningless blur, the pace of the proceedings slackened but little. The R.C.M. band did marathon work in this direction, keeping their tempo fresh to the last! The masts began to be used as leaning posts, the bulwarks as backrests, and the rigging...

We returned from this pernoctual fantasia to our own, quieter party. We remembered the Mines Carnival for its magnificence. Some say there was reindeer meat too!

M.D.H.
B.J.S.

FESTIVAL OF KITTEN



I am one of the boys from the Bank -
 Not Barclay's or National P.
 But that nice situation by Waterloo Station
 On the left coming up from the sea.

I am one of the few who've been chosen to do
 Designs for the Great Exhibition,
 And as they may appear just a little bit queer
 I have come along here with a flea in my ear
 To try to explain the position.

Each material used must be of a type
 That has never before been employed,
 Each architect chosen from a list of dozen
 Or the Mars group get frightfully annoyed.

Each building designed must be of a type
 Which has never before been erected,
 It must have no visible means of support
 Or the whole bloody thing is rejected.



ASCENT OF F6

The Dramatic Society were paid the compliment of a critique of their Easter production in the Times Educational Supplement (April 6th). Whilst not agreeing with the Times writer that the choice of Auden & Isherwood's satirical drama of the 'thirties was "wise", one must admit that it came off better than expected; the machinations of the politicians and patriots of that period were effectively exposed and their motives interpreted. Though, the final moral near the end of the play was obscured from the present writer - in fact, had the conqueror of F.6. "succeeded" or "failed"?

The lead, that of Michael Ransom, played by Christopher McKoen, was a remarkable feat of memory and endurance. Ransom emerged as a solid and credible character - if, perhaps, just a little too extrovert.

Of the other parts, Gillian Stern was magnificent as Lady Isobel Welwyn; the Times writer says: "A memorably preposterous Lady Isobel". David Greenfield presented a convincing wastrel as David Gunn and Jean Osborne was praiseworthy as the Mother. John Harding and Brynne Griffin gave a nicely restrained performance as Mr. and Mrs. A.

The Times Educational Supplement's final words must have been gratifying to the players and the producer (Shirley Mee): "But each character was firmly seized and given that intellectual life which it is the student actor's special power to conjure up!"

PROFILE ~ "P.T.H."



The sketch above isn't really very like Haskell. But regarded diagrammatically it indicates the contorted "lininess" of the Haskellian countenance. It has an epsteinian ruggedness that the kindly disposed would ascribe to unremitting toil. The honest fellow is more likely to read into these lines a youth, now long past, of unremitting dissipation, and a few minutes' discourse with Pete himself will unshakably confirm him in this view. Yes, let's not hedge - the President of R.C.S. is rather a rogue.

Haskell is well down the slope to the sere and yellow. Finishing his fourth year in the Arts (i.e. biological) Faculty of I.C., where his particular lack of discipline is Entomology, he must be one of the few undergraduate relics of that wartime generation who came up in the prime of their middle twenties. He hadn't then become so completely an evangel for Culture, and was wont to unload his surplus ergs via an oar in the I.C. 3rd eight. The decrepitude of passing years and the time-consuming demands of hot-gospeling for the Liberal Ideal have of late confined Pete's rowing to the towpath or even further inland. The fact that the boat club demands a subscription perhaps hastened the athletic decline.

Pete's late arrival on the I.C. campus was consequent upon his being requested to serve his Majesty's pleasure. Avoiding the army, he helped postpone the day of victory some years by serving in the Royal Show-er (of Signals). In this connection, as his maid claim to fame, Pete insists that he was the only bloke to serve in the Western Desert who didn't receive a packet of cigarettes from Gen. Montgomery. A most illuminating comment on this phase of Haskography is his remark, apropos army tea, "It would take more than bromide to subdue me, I can tell you".

Haskell first achieved eminence at I.C. as president of the Natural History Society. During his reign the society expanded its interests to embrace psychic as well as the more 'natural' topics. In contradiction to the other learned societies, the tendency in the N.H.S. has been to pursue extramural natural history in a cloak of lighthearted frivolity. Haskell, already thus becloaked in his intramural activities, could not help at times inciting the club to lighthearted frenzies but tenuously related to nature study.

In the summer of 1950 Haskell was nominated for the Presidency of R.C.S. His agents, with the aid of devious corrupt practices - which cost a small fortune in beer money - managed to secure his election. At the estimate of his work for the Union the harshest denigrators would admit that Pete has considerably stirred the placid flow of routine college life. He has consistently and continually brought before our notice the existence of other possible ranges of activity besides beer and sport (not that he disparages these essentials - in his cups Haskell has oft and aye proclaimed "Vive le Sport!") Whether of not the college is really interested in these "other ranges" is a matter hotly disputed in these columns. In the meantime Haskell continues in his efforts to achieve some integration between the "mechanics" of I.C. and our long-haired brethren over the road.

Evidently Pete is interested in the humanities. Who else shows such erudition in Rabelais, Boccaccio and the lewder Latins? A born sophist, he would like to be able to talk to anybody about everything

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EASTER MEET AT GLENCOE

The few I.C.M.C. members who managed to forgo the pleasures of study to spend a few days among the mountains of Glencoe, found the conditions almost Alpine. The weather was on the whole quite good. There were days, when a visit to the Kingshouse Inn was an expedition, but more days when the sky was blue and the full beauty of the snow peaks was revealed. The catering throughout the meet was up to the usual I.C.M.C. standard and the strongest appetites in the party were satisfied.

Many fine expeditions involving, in the main, snow climbing were made. The traverse of the Annach Eagach ridge was perhaps the most enjoyable. At first the mist obscured the infinite spaces which were reputed to exist on either side of the ridge, but as we climbed the final snow ridge, the mist cleared revealing far below the waters of Loch Leven. The ascents on Buachaille Etive Mor and Bidean Nam Bian were equally enjoyable. At times the efforts required to reach the top seemed considerable, but the summit views of hill, moor and loch were ample reward. In terms of the pleasure derived by those taking part, this was a most successful meet.



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and convince them. If his recent application of this quality to the more sombre subject of Zoo Finals has been smiled upon by the presiding deity of the examination halls, Haskell next year hopes to continue at I.C. as research student. His particular sphere of entomological meditation is on the chirruping of crickets, to which end he envisages the zoology labs. filled with a vasty bafflement of electronic gadget-oria. Alas for the gentle art of biology, science is fast encroaching on its domain. And Pete now intends to get in with Science.

Finally a few measurements. External length of leg, 34"; internal length of leg 32". This disparity gives rise to the characteristic outward convexity at the knees which has led many to regard Haskell, mistakenly, as a cavalry wallah.

And, I almost forgot, Pete's greatest feat of tortuous argument must have been in persuading his wife, Betty, to marry such a scoundrel.

VIEWPOINT

SATURDAY NIGHT HOPS

It seems that the fate of our Saturday Night Hops hangs very precariously in the balance. To me, at any rate, this is indeed a sad state of affairs and one which I feel sure is going to cause some heated discussion in the very near future. It will not be inappropriate, therefore, to give a brief history of the Hops for the benefit of newcomers to I.C.

There are still a few amongst us who remember how it all began. Informal Dances, to give them their proper name, were introduced in the Autumn of 1946 and were intended mainly for Hostel residents, whose lack of energy (or was it cash?) debarred them from the many Saturday Night attractions away from the Union. The first problem which faced the organisers was the provision of partners, the Hostel and indeed the Union, being quite incapable of self-support. There being no Q.A. at that time, a remedy was sought by issuing standing invitations to women students of other Colleges. The early Hops had to pay for themselves and gramophone records were urgently needed, so the call went out to the rest of the Union to support this new I.C. venture.

In those days, the I.C.U. Entertainments Committee, as we know it now, did not exist. The organisers relied on the help of any members of the Union who could be cajoled or bribed into giving a hand and they themselves put in many hours of hard work, moving furniture, sweeping floors, etc. Gradually the hard work and enthusiasm of these pioneers began to bring its reward - the Hops were established. During the next two or three years, a great effort was made to improve the Hops, to provide the best bob's worth possible. As the takings grew the stock of gramophone records was increased and "sifted" until our collection became the envy of many. Much was done to make the task of the organisers easier. By this time the I.C.U. Entertainments Committee had come into being with a constitution and status worthy of the tasks which it was called upon to perform.

What of the present position? Up to this year it has been our proud boast that the Hops never stop - they continue right to the end of the Session. But this year, the Entertainments Committee had the audacity to suggest that no Hops be held in the Summer Term! Why does the Entertainments Committee wish to discontinue the Hops? Perhaps they have had enough by now. After almost three years of organising Hops I can sympathise with them - but we never let the Union down before.

On the other hand, there have been complaints about the Hops and several have found their way into Felix. Again, this is not unusual. There have been criticisms of the Hops ever since they started. It is the old, old story - people are always ready to complain or criticise, but very few find time to write letters of praise or offering useful suggestions. However, in spite of the critics, I still maintain as I have done for several years that while 400 people continue to attend the Hops each Saturday, they must be popular.

In fairness to the critics, I must admit that members of the Union do little to encourage or help the hardworking Entertainments Committee. There are far too many who are ready to introduce a "personal guest". If a ticket system was introduced, there would still be the smart boys who would walk straight in without a ticket. A little more effort on our part would do far more to improve the conditions at the Hops than any action by Council.

Summing up, I would say that the Entertainments Committee were not justified in asking that the Hops be discontinued. Nor in my opinion was Council wise to implement that decision. This is a matter which is of great interest to a large section of the Union and I feel that only a resolution passed by a Union meeting should be able to bring to an end a function which is now accepted as a regular feature of our College life.

R. Gill.

(Successively Hon. Sec. and Chairman, I.C.U. Ents. Ctte., 1948 - 1950)

LUNCH-HOUR RECITALS C & S BOARD ROOM 1-15 THURSDAYS

10 MAY GUITAR RECITAL - JULIAN BREAM
17 MAY QUINTET FOR PIANO & WIND - MOZART
PIANO DUETS - SCHUBERT.

COMING EVENTS

ATHLETICS

SAT. 5th MAY - Three-cornered match, I.C. Athletic Club v. King's College and Bristol University. Unluckily our team will be weakened as 6 of them will be representing London Univ. against Oxford.

SAT. 12th MAY - I.C. Athletic Club v. Four Hospitals. This is our first match at home (Harlington). We will be entering our full team.

MAY 15TH - 17th MAY - Heats for the Univ. of London Championships at Motspur Park.

SAT. 19th MAY - Univ. of London Championships finals at Motspur Park.

WED. 23rd MAY - I.C. Sports Day at Harlington.

SOCIAL

MON. 7th MAY - I.C. Branch L.I.F.C.U. "Faith and Understanding" by the Rev. R.H. Turvey. Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.

WED. 9th MAY - I.C. Railway Soc. Visit to Longmoor Military Railway.

THURS. 10th MAY - Union General Meeting. The main items on the Agenda will be the Saturday Night Hops and the Intercollegiate Ctte. Union Gym, 1.10 p.m.

I.C. Musical Soc. Guitar recital by Julian Bream in the Guilds Council Room at 1.15 p.m.

R.C.S. Maths. & Phys. Soc. Annual Dinner, preceded at 5.15 by a talk on Edmund Hally by Dr. E.C. Bullard, Professor of Physics at Toronto, 1948-49 and Director of the N.P.L. since 1950. He is well-known as a humorist and has a reputation for good after-dinner speeches.

MAY 11th-15th - I.C. Mountaineering Club. Whitsun meet in N. Wales camping in Snowdonia.

THURS. 17th MAY - I.C. Musical Soc. Lunch hour recital, Mozart Wind Quintet, and piano duets. In Guilds Council Room at 1.15 p.m.

I.C. S.C.M. "Scientific Rationalism and Christian Faith" by Dr. R. Clark. Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m.

'Touchstone'

Two Touchstone discussion weekends are being arranged for this term. As usual they will be held at the Field Station, Silwood Park, Sunninghill.

At the first, on May 19/20, the topic will be some aspect of psychical phenomena. The opening talk will be given by Dr. E.J. Dingwall, M.A., D.Sc., Ph.D., anthropologist and one-time research officer of the Society for Psychical Research. Dr. Dingwall's publications include "Ghosts and Spirits in the Ancient World", "Racial Pride and Prejudice", "Some Hum-oddities", "Very Peculiar People".

ARCHITECTURE AND THE FESTIVAL HALL

The Intercollegiate Committee has arranged a Symposium on the Festival Hall which will be presented on Thursday May 10th in the R.C.A. Common Room, No. 9 Cromwell Road.

Under the chairmanship of Basil Ward, Professor of Architecture (R.C.A.), Dr. Leslie Martin who designed the Festival Hall will introduce the subject. Other contributors will be a musician, an artist, and

T.B. APPEAL CONCERT

I.C. Choir & Strings of the Leyton Municipal Orchestra

Conductor: Terence Lovett
End of May at Q.A.H.
Bach Parry Vaughan Williams

TICKETS ON SALE MAY 10th

COMMEN. BALL

Note the date now - Friday Oct. 26th
Only 49 College days away



HOCKEY IN HOLLAND

At a rather early and unnatural hour on Thursday, March 15th a party of sixteen representatives of I.C.H.C. left for a ten days' tour of Dutch universities.

The first weekend was spent in Rotterdam first as the guests of the Hermes Society and then of the Victoria Club. The state of the ground before the match against Hermes (won 5-0) caused some concern but the carefree abandon with which our opponents played soon made this a matter of secondary consideration. Justesen was almost caught off guard by the customary cheers taking place before the match, but recovered in time to respond (though no-one quite heard who it was we were cheering).

The game against the Victoria Club was cancelled due to bad weather. They arranged a trip to the Hockey International, Holland v. Belgium, at Amsterdam, and entertained us lavishly at night clubs including a chaotic evening in Chinatown.

On Monday, March 19th, the party entrained for Utrecht where, in the afternoon, a somewhat bleary-eyed team lost 3-1 against Utrecht students after a hard fight. It was noticeable that one or two unnamed players were having more than considerable difficulty in seeing the right ball. However this defeat was later avenged at table-tennis when the Utrecht champions were eclipsed at both singles and doubles.

On the Wednesday the party left for Groningen when an overwhelming victory 9-0 was scored over the students. Bennett, previously unheard of as a forward gave a scintillating performance in his new role, scoring seven goals. In the evening we were all entertained at an official dinner in the Students' Union. Many speeches were made on both sides, songs were sung and a most convivial evening was spent. Finally the paper tablecloths were ceremoniously burnt much to the chagrin of the waiters. Later that night McCall gave a demonstration of battle drill in the town square, aided and abetted by some Dutch Army veterans.

At a mixed hockey tournament in the Hague, a loudspeaker appeal brought young ladies flocking to our banner, and they proved a considerable source of inspiration.

The impecunious party returned with many happy memories of a most successful tour and look forward to entertaining our Dutch friends on a similar scale when they pay us a return visit in the not too distant future.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

To quote THE TIMES, "An outstanding feature of the race was the high performance by Cambridge Colleges, who filled eight of the first twelve places". In assessing the performance of the I.C.B.C. one must, I feel, bear this in mind, as the 1st, Eight was a considerably better and faster crew than last year. Nevertheless, the unpalatable result remains; they finished 29th. and did not row as well as they might have done. As at Reading, a "rush" developed, but this time the crew never settled down into a stride which is so essential in a long race of 4½ miles. Due to the rush, they were unable to take full advantage of the tail-wind from Chiswick Steps to Hammersmith and had little in hand to drive their boat into the head-wind below Harrods. This probably cost them some ten seconds or so, which would have made a difference of some ten or more places. In spite of this performance however, there are the makings of a good crew in the present 1st. Eight and with a little rearrangement they will undoubtedly give a very good account of themselves in the regattas this term.

The greatest distinction conferred on the Club occurred after the race, when the Captain, "Micky" North, and the coach, Charles Bristow had the honour of being presented to H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth at the Thames Rowing Club.

Final placings:

I.C. I: 29, I.C. II: 37, I.C. III: 67, I.C. IV: 122, I.C. V: 173, I.C. VI: 136, I.C. VII: 185, I.C. VIII: 205, I.C. IX: 209.

TECHNOLOGY CUP

R.C.S. won the Technology Cup for the second year in succession when they defeated R.S.M. by two goals to nil in the final which was played at Harlington on Wednesday March 14th before a crowd of some five persons.

In the first half R.C.S. nearly scored twice, once when a Miner who shall be nameless headed the ball against a post, and later when the Mines' keeper completely misjudged a speculative punt by Taylor from the half-way line.

After the interval the Miners kept R.C.S. at bay until, in the 14th minute, just when the R.C.S. defence was finding life very difficult, there was a mix-up in the Mines defence and the ball wriggled its way into the net from Watson. Collinson tried desperately to rally his men but in the 35th minute Browne, who had a good match, centred and a Mines defender handled. Buckroyd shot the resulting penalty straight at the goal-keeper who found it too hot to hold and Jackman following up, scored. Thus ended the match and all that remained was for Dr. Stevens to present the cup to David Thompson.

ATHLETICS

The first match of the season, against Walton A.C., was held on Tuesday 17th April. At the meeting Mr. Roger Bannister (O.U.A.C.) broke the British Native record for the ½ mile in a time of 2 min. 56.8 sec. and was very close to the fastest time ever recorded for this distance. On the track I.C. faced stiff opposition and failed to get the better of their opponents, but in the field events they fared better, Brookman winning the Shot, Discus and Javelin, and Bean came second in the Shot, and Discus. These successes were however insufficient to save the day and I.C. lost by a narrow margin. It was a pleasing sight to see some I.C. supporters at the match, and we hope that this will continue, even when record-breaking by Bannister is not an additional attraction.

RUGGER

R.S.M. 6 - Camborne S.M. 3

On Friday March 16th the annual match between the Mines and Camborne S.M. was played at Harlington. Mines won the toss and kicked off against the wind. In the first half the play was fairly even and when half-time came the score stood at 3-3, Mines having scored a penalty goal kicked by Bill Robinson and Camborne a try.

The second half was marked by hard fought line-outs, close marking, and a wonderful try by Barry. Intercepting a pass he went inside one opponent and outside his opposite number, following this up by a run of 70 yards, he went over in the corner. For the rest of the game Camborne pressed hard but the resolute Miners kept them out and thus regained the 'battle'.

CRICKET

I.C. v. U.C.

When I.C. began batting on Saturday, under gloomy skies in a north wind, Harlington resembled more a tundra than a cricket ground; and the first desultory hour (40 runs for 3 wickets) seemed to confirm that it was too cold for bowlers and too early in the season for batsmen.

Then Dave Waterland, after some preliminary sparring about, settled down to deliver himself of a lively 51. Other useful contributors, including 29 by Geoff Bennett, helped the score to 140 for 6 dec. which is a respectable total for two hours' batting on such a day.

U.C. got to 103-5 (Kemp 63 not out) before stumps were drawn and never appeared in serious danger of defeat. I.C.'s bowling and fielding were considerably less impressive than the batting, but will no doubt improve when the sun shines again. Meantime the season has opened without rain, snow or disaster, which has not always been so in the past.