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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

FRIDAY 1 JUNE 1951

FESTIVAL FIELD CUP RACE

GUILDS' SKYLON RAG

Boanerges and the five Guilds' departments raced for the 1951 Field-Cup Race from Exhibition Road Post Office to Battersea Power Station approaches. The race occurred after the Elections last Friday, the five teams assembling with their transport and supporters at about 2.30 pm.

Five 25 ft. long Skylons were run out from Queenies basement by their constructors, fitted with their departmental flags and held aloft by their crews. The conditions and articles of the Race were that the Skylons must be maintained aloft throughout their journey, and that the winners were the first department to erect theirs on the centre of the roundabout between the Power Station and the Funfare. The original plan to include a boat race on the Funfare lake was deemed impracticable, and an even earlier plan was to race downstream to Southbank in 10 ft. Skylonboats and erect these at the base of the original.

Skylons poised, the five groups wobbled down Exhibish Road, followed by Bo. and FELIX (2). The Civils Vertical Feature collapsed in indeterminate state, but survived. The Aero. Dept. were the last as they were caught unawares by the plan of the race and had no transport laid on to lie on. Two Police Cars just missed them at South Ken.

The chemical engineers were the first to arrive on Chelsea Bridge, were stopped and given permission to continue; but later their Skylon was broken up against their car- by authority.

The ELECTRICALS won by a short skylon. They travelled six in a two-seater, and by adoption of Continental Driving technique, passed their rivals at the bridge.

Boanerges conveying the Officials was held up at every traffic-light, and so arrived too late for the finish. The result was very kindly judged by the Police. They were asked to choose between a complete but inerecutable Skylon and an incomplete but proper Skylon; and with great humour and restraint chose the latter by a majority decision.

The Mechanicals were nobbled early by the Civils, but came in within the first four, 4 to a motor-bike. As the procession returned over Chelsea Bridge, the judges decided that the arrival of the Aero. Dept made too many, and they were broken up in the only exchange of kidney trouble. of the day.

The return march ran into the Chelsea Flower Show, and their gates were closed while the out-riders saw us through. There was a final Boomalaka at Knightsbridge for Festival Visitors, and the Cup was presented on the College Steps. Five-inch wide ticker-tape, saved from the MacArthur parades, was thrown from the windows, and a draught of Brown was drunk by the winners.

Finally the brown-baggers were cleaned out of their fox-holes and the inevitable grey flags were flown from IC. Union roof.

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GUILDS' ELECTIONS

Last Friday a very crowded and lively Guilds General Meeting elected their officers for 1951/2. In a two sided contest Jack Howorth was elected President. Against the same opponent Derek Crossley was elected Vice-President; the opposers to C.D.Allen for Secretary withdrew; J.Rawicz was elected Council Representative.

The meeting was followed by the Field Cup Race.

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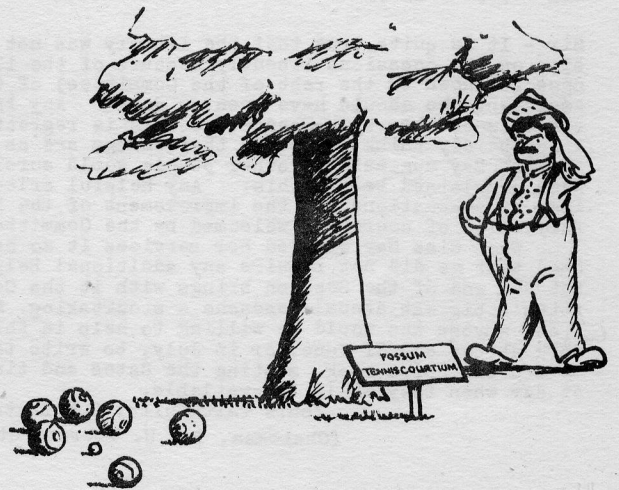
The threehundred spectators who attended the first of the College Annual Sports to be held at Harlington on Wednesday 23rd May, were well rewarded by the high standard of events, where four new records were set up.

The most successful competitor of the day was Ken Brookman (R.C.S.) who besides scoring 25 points broke his own record by throwing the javelin 163 ft. 7 ins. Ashley Bean (Guilds), Brookman's closest rival in all field events, scored 21 points.

The Guilds began the day with a lead over the R.C.S. and Mines of 12 points gained in the 3 miles and tug-o'-war, and this superiority in team work enabled them to maintain their position comfortably throughout the afternoon, the final points being Guilds 147½, R.C.S. 126½, Mines 81.

During the tea interval a strongly masculine team of international rejects (every man a different land) beat the Ladies of England 7-5 in a hard-fought netball contest!

The Trophies were charmingly presented by Lady Falmouth, with the President informally guiding the proceedings. Speeches by Prof. Briscoe, Bres. Barry (Capt. ICAC.) and Derek Coomber followed: Thanks were expressed to the Governors, the Track Officials and the Harlington ground staff for making the occasion the successful day it was.



"Dammit. I can't see the woods for the tree!"

STILL ANOTHER U.L. CUP!

I. C. RIFLE CLUB.

In the London Intercollegiate League the "A" team won Division I by one match and 42 points aggregate, and thus won the Engineers' Cup (a U.L. cup). The "B" team won Division II comfortably - they did not lose a match.

In the Inter-University League the "A" team came second only to Aberdeen, in Division II.

LINKS CLUB MEMORIAL TROPHY AWARD

The Athletic Clubs Committee have awarded the Links Club Memorial Trophy to the Squash Rackets Club, as the club which has improved most since the last session.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,

I would like to correct a statement, made in the account of the I.C. Mountaineering Club Dinner, which appeared in your last issue.

The traverse of the Union Entrance Hall has been made before, notably by the I.C.R.F.C. of 1948/49. Conditions were standardised for this, and while they may not meet the rigorous demands of the Mountaineering Club, they were felt to give a reasonable trial of skill for the team. As far as I can remember, the conditions were:- rubber soled shoes, no spikes, crampons, ice-axes or ropes, and climb round with the sun. The northern door to the Old Lounge was closed, and the brackets for the strip lights over the notice boards were used as extra hand holds.

Is the Mountaineering Club interested in a joint meet by the Lion's Flank?

Yours faithfully, M.D. Hazell

LIBRARY FACILITIES

Sir - May I suggest an amendment to the notices regarding our library service? In order to bring them into line with the true state of affairs they should read: From now on the library will remain closed both between 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. This would at least save would-be readers from needless frustration.

Seriously, however, the library service has steadily deteriorated during the session. The librarians either saunter in unconcernedly 20 minutes late, or don't turn up at all.

I myself have repeatedly offered my services to the Chief Librarian, but have been told that he has all the help he requires. If that is so, why can't we have a library which at least occasionally opens at the appointed times?

Yours faithfully, Anne May (R.C.S.).

(We brought Miss May's complaints to the attention of the Library Committee and received the following reply. - Ed.)

Sir - It is quite true that the Library was not open on two occasions recently because of the illness (unknown to the rest of the Committee) of the assistant who should have been on duty. Any inconvenience thereby caused to readers is regretted. I can hardly think, however, that things are as bad as Miss May suggests, or other people would surely have complained before this. Any helpful criticism, or suggestions for the improvement of the Library, will of course be welcomed by the Committee.

When Miss May offered her services it so happened that we did not require any additional help, but the end of the Session brings with it the Committee's biggest annual headache - stocktaking. May I ask anyone who would be willing to help in this work at the end of June, or in July, to write to me c/o the Union rack, stating the dates and time of day when they would be available.

Yours faithfully, D.N. Layton.
(Chairman, I.C.U. Library Cttee.)

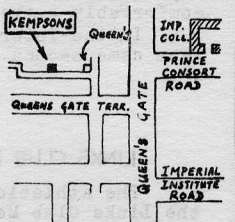
PHOENIX REVIEW

Club CAPTAINS and PRESIDENTS are reminded that Society and Club reports and photographs for insertion in 'Phoenix Review 1951', should be in the hands of the Editor within the next three weeks.

P.G.J.

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Sir - Your readers may be interested to hear that an endeavour is being made to produce in book form a representative collection of poetry and imaginative prose written by present students of London University. The editing of this collection is in the hands of a committee drawn from eleven of the colleges of the University.

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R.C. Gregory,
Publications Room,
The Union Society,
King's College, W.C.2.

marking the envelopes 'U.W.'

MSS should be typed, if possible, on one side of the paper only.

Yours faithfully, Selby Angus.

BOGGED DOWN

Sir - For many years I have wondered who was responsible for the continuous redecoration in the Union. "Over Ambitious" indeed. Sir, I am surprised that the inference should be that it is due to a member of your band.

Sir, beware! The writing is on the wall.

Yours etc., Squatter.

(We dreamt we dwelt in marble halls,
But found it was not true;
We know the writer is not us,
And must conclude it's you. - Imp.)

1.0 + 1.0 = 1.0.0?

Sir - I should like to point out that it is incorrect to say that the Nim-playing computer is invariably successful. It is true however to say that it will not make a mistake but the nature of the game of Nim may preclude it from winning when opposed by a player who knows the "rules".

Providing certain conditions are favourable, i.e. the initial arrangement of the heaps of matches or in this case lights, then anyone can beat the machine providing he always makes the correct moves. These can be determined by a small amount of mental arithmetic using a binary notation.

Yours faithfully, A.J.S. (R.C.S.).

(Give him the money, Barney !!)

BACK NUMBERS OF FELIX.

A few copies of this year FELIX' Nos. 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 & 22 are available, and can be obtained from the Treasurer, FELIX, I.C. Union.

AUNT FELICITY'S COLUMN

Aunt Felicity,
c/o the Editor,
FELIX.

My dear Readers, FELIX has told me that many of you have worrying problems, and since I am in town for a few weeks, suggested that I might be able to help you. Here are some of the many letters received.

Yours very sincerely,
Aunt Felicity.

Dear Sir,

I have been going out with a girl now for 3 years. Last night she held my hand. Do you think this means anything?

"Bashful".

Dear Bashful,

Unfortunately you neglect to say whether your girl friend held your hand as a romantic gesture or as a preventive measure. If you will give me further details I will reply next fortnight.

Yours sincerely,
A.F.

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THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

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SOCIAL CLUB COLOURS

For the Viewpoint this week we have sought opposite opinions on the current controversy on the institution of Social Club Colours. These independent discussions do not succeed in reconciling the feeling that outstanding efforts on behalf of the College should be honoured equally in all competitive activities, with the opinion that Colours are popularly recognized as Athletic honours.

There are many complicating points: the University award colours for certain activities falling within our Social activities; and there are the cases of activities bordering between the 'Social' and 'Athletic' - are bowls and billiards athletic; and is chess an activity?

We feel that there are other solutions; such as by the institution of "Honours" as awards in the Social Clubs. A scheme such as this seems desirable in order to give recognition and encouragement to high standards in these activities, but at the same time care should be taken to avoid a clash with the traditions of existing institutions.

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE

Once again the Goddess Juno
Brings her Seasonal Ordeal.
Useless to protest to Uno:
There is simply no appeal.
How, then, does the Student take it,
Poising on the very Brink?
Life, they say, is what you make it
So he has another drink.

Now the Easter vac is finished
Should he think on what he's taught?
Should his nights out be diminished?
Should he spend less time on sport?
Heeding his Professor's strictures,
Spend more time with pen and ink?
Fewer evenings at the Pictures?
Is it likely, do you think?

See his look of concentration
Picking books up with a frown.
See his painful contemplation -
Hurriedly he puts them down.
Weeks flit by, the time draws nearer,
Moments now more precious are;
Beer, however, is no dearer -
See him, therefore, in the Bar.

Watch him now restore his liver
On the Track at Mootspur Park.
Afternoons upon the River.
Strolls with Popsy after dark.
Should he read his notes tomorrow?
Lo! The Day is drawing near.
Closer is the time of Sorrow,
May is over, June is here.

But the morrow dawns so brightly,
'Twere a sin to stay indoors.
Goes he then to Lords - how rightly!
And to Hell with Kirchoff's Laws!

Should he, in a final flurry,
On the evening of the Test
Fill his brain up in a hurry?
Better far to let it rest.
Finally, behold the Dawning
Of that unpropitious Day:
Lightly we will sketch the morning,
Kindly, very little say.
In the Chamber uninviting
Centuries of fear and doubt,
Ten square miles of frantic writing -
And, at last, he staggers out.

Sunshine glitters, life is heaven.
Gratefully he lights a fag.
"What did you make number seven?"
"Number four was in the bag!"
Optimistic claims are scattered
To and fro among the bunch;
Fearful lest his dreams be shattered,
Off he wanders to his lunch.

After weeks of weary waiting
See the Lists upon the board:
This the moment all were hating.
Which end shall we start? "Good Lord!"
"Smith was brighter than we reckoned."
"What's-his-name has got a first!"
"So-and-so has got a second."
Where's my name, before I burst?

GRASS-TRACK RACING

New records are constantly being made, and the sportsman of today is forever on his mettle as a result of better and better performances by others. Many of us will no doubt be jealous of the record speed of 50 miles per hour which has recently been set up by a gentleman on a hotted-up mowing machine. No other details of this astonishing feat are available to the writer and the condition can only be conjectured. Few people can hope to run at speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour, so that it seems improbable that the record breaker followed his machine on foot, and although roller skates are a possibility it is more likely that a roller seat (specially lightened for the occasion) towed along, was used. In this case the machine would have to be a largish one, such as is used at Harlington, and imagination suggests that the spectacle must have been an awe-inspiring one.



We are hazy about the rules of mower racing and it would be interesting to know whether the cutting cylinder is retained, and if so whether there are any regulations concerning the length of grass to be cut; further, supposing a mean speed is taken of two runs in opposite directions, are contestants allowed to empty the grass box before the return run? These, and many other fascinating questions will no doubt occur to every sportsman of an enquiring turn of mind.

The formation of an I.C. Mower Racing Club, apart from the aesthetic pleasure to be derived from the pursuit, could be of great practical benefit to the Union by keeping in order the grass on the proposed bowling green. The corners of the green could be suitably banked to allow respectable speeds to be attained, and the grass in the centre dealt with by practising some form of bending races.

A final problem we leave to our readers; is motor-mowing a Social or an Athletic activity? For the question of whether Club colours are, or are not, to be awarded is sure to arise.

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

**Commem. Ball -
- Mines' Centenary**

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Then of course at last we find it
At the bottom, last but one.
Not too bright, but we don't mind it -
Safe for twelve more months of fun!
Anyhow, our heart is lighter,
Only just is just enough.
(Jones has pipped again, poor blighter,
Third year running, rather rough.)

*Or some other bi-syllabic law maker.

PROFILE



Observant members of I.C. will have noticed a small dark earnest looking individual hurrying from lunch at 1.15 to get back to work. This is not John Rambaut the Guilds President, who is tall with lank fair hair usually dangling over his left eye. He also eschews work whenever possible.

John Francis Marland Rambaut (pronounced as in thrombosis) was born in Malaya in 1925. His ayah informs FELIX that he first opened his eyes in 1927. This capacity for sleep, especially at I.C. Union meetings is still all too apparent. He was sent to England to be educated and after leaving Repton with cricket and hockey colours, took an engineering cadetship at the Crambourne School of Mines! Leaving this rival, if not enemy, institution he became a surveying instructor (Lieut.R.E). John was demobbed in 1948 and then entered the 1st year of the civil engineering department at Guilds. A survey camp clashed with a proposed continental holiday so he switched to mechanical engineering. During this first year he wore bottle green trousers and kipped in a vile garret in Fulham which he referred to as his Chelsea Flat.

In his second year John moved into the Hostel since when he has played rigger for Guilds and I.C., captained I.C. cricket and played in the U.L.XI. Despite his considerable athletic prowess he has an unassuming manner. His drinking prowess also is considerable though in this case his poise is somewhat disturbed by a terrible head for hangovers. His equanimity was severely tried during Guilds meetings early this session but withstood the shocks, and he now conducts these meetings more smoothly and competently than most Guildsmen remember.

He is well read and has good taste: thinks 'culture chasing' as pointless as the college food is tasteless. Interested in thermal stresses, he hopes to get a job somewhere in the South but will probably stay on until he finally fills that little book with 'phone numbers. He will almost certainly go a long way, though probably not in that little red car. FELIX wishes him a good road.

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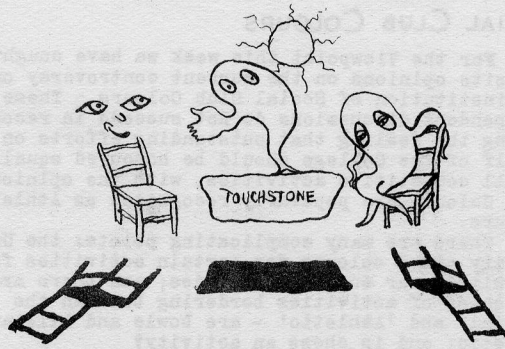
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Although we realize that this is an unusual way to find space in a paper it does kill two birds with one stone and provide those

Touchstone



The topic for discussion at the last Touchstone week-end was "Psychic Phenomena". Dr. Dingwall, the guest speaker, presented his subject in a most convincing manner, interspersing his well-reasoned arguments with delightful anecdotes. He was largely a sceptic and had been responsible for debunking many so-called psychic phenomena, for, being a member of the Magic Circle, he was particularly well equipped to detect fraudulent practices. But, after careful examination of all the information which he had gathered, he concluded that certain as yet inexplicable phenomena could and did occur. The interaction between the minds of two people (telepathy) was one example. Regarding the 'interaction' between the mind and material objects (levitation etc.) he was more doubtful but believed that this might also occur. He was of the definite opinion that 'ghosts' were purely subjective materialisations but being among other things a psychiatrist, he was very interested in the mechanism by which such images could be superimposed on the external world.

In thanking Dr. Dingwall for his lucid account of our present knowledge of the psychic world, the Rector stressed the difficulty of testing such subjective phenomena scientifically; but he considered that in this field lay the possibility of discoveries so fundamental and far-reaching as to merit our serious attention. It was, as he put it, "a thoroughly respectable subject to investigate".

And so ended a most enjoyable weekend spent in the tranquil atmosphere of the countryside. Forgotten were the everyday worries of imminent examinations, and as yet unwritten theses - spooks reigned supreme.

We must not conclude without mentioning that the food, drink, and company were excellent.



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VIEWPOINT

COLOURS FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES?

YES.....

At the last meeting of the S.C.C. the representative of the Chess Club proposed that Union Council be strongly recommended to permit the Captain of the Chess Club to award colours to deserving members of his team. The motion, after considerable discussion, was carried nem.con.

If a person is awarded colours at any University or College he must:

1. Be playing regularly for a team playing competitive games.
2. Possess noticeable skill and ability in that game.

The fact that London University Purples are awarded for prowess at Chess, and that Oxford and Cambridge Chess players are awarded half-blues demonstrates that the games need not be 'Athletic in nature.

The Secretary of the A.C.C. present at the S.C.C. meeting as an observer expressed the view that Colours were the sole prerogative of the A.C.C. and that although members of the Chess Club deserved some sort of recognition, it should be in the form of a "Merit Award" available to Social Clubs generally. This solution of the 'problem' is impracticable: there are only two clubs on the S.C.C. whose members could qualify for colours (or whatever else they be called) the Bridge and Chess Clubs; surely it is not suggested that a special Blazer and Tie be provided for only two clubs.

Logically, members of the I.C. Chess Team should be eligible for Colours. The team this year was top of the University Chess League and won all its games, qualifying under section (I) above. Three members of the team were awarded University Purples, and six other members have played for the University--sufficient evidence that they possess the necessary ability.

Should Union Council decide to permit the Chess Captain to award colours, the awards would have to be subject to approval, and since the A.C.C. have a Sub-Committee to approve A.C.C. colours the simplest procedure would be for them to approve the Chess colours as well.

1. The Russian player Nimzowitsch once broke his leg playing chess, but lest this prejudice any Union Officers against the Chess Club I hasten to add that it occurred before 1917.

2. Should clubs like the Ski Club participate in matches they would qualify as Athletic Clubs.

A.N.

NO.....

The split of the Union Clubs Committee into Social and Athletic Clubs took place in 1945, and was first proposed in order that there should be two Committees, one of which could award Colours and one of which could not. This led to the formation of two Committees, but their composition was not agreed until the definition was laid down: "That an Athletic Club is one which participates in competitive sport involving physical exertion". On this basis it is difficult to see how any of the present Social Clubs can qualify for the Colours now awarded by this College.

Colours are universally accepted as a recognition of athletic prowess, not, as is cited in the claim of certain Clubs, as a mark of prowess in competition. Athletic, not competitive, qualifies the status of a Colour. These Clubs cite as one of their claims, the precedent of older institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge who award Half Blues in certain games of doubtful athletic standing, and of the University of London who awards Full Purples, in some similar cases, without the right to wear the blazer.

Concerning the award of the Blue, there seems to be some claim in view of it, but it must be remembered that the Imperial College Colour cannot be compared in status with the Blue, now in all faith so universally accepted that were it awarded for tiddley-winks it would have prestige value. Nor should the Blue be confused with our Colour in that the mechanism of the award is, in general, different.

Turning to the course which London has adopted, there again there is some anomaly, for in the Objects of its Colours Constitution, it is categorically stated that the Purple award shall be maintained at such a level that it denotes a high standard of athletic prowess, yet included in its list of sports for which Colours can be awarded is chess, a game, and certainly non-athletic. This award is, however, modified by the right to wear a tie only.

Let us than restrict the Colours of Imperial College to the purpose for which they are intended--athletic prowess.

"Compos Mentis".

COMING EVENTS

ATHLETIC

SAT. 2nd JUNE - I.C. Boat Club first eight will be taking part in the Chiswick regatta.

WED. 6th JUNE - I.C. Athletic Club match v. R.N.C. and Battersea Poly. at home.

SAT. 9th JUNE - I.C. Athletic Club match v. St. Luke's College and Battersea Poly. at home. For these home matches the I.C.A.C. would welcome any offers of help from the very able officials who backed them up on Sports Day or anyone else sufficiently interested in athletics to devote one or both afternoons to judging or officiating. I.C. Boat Club first eight will be taking part in the Walton regatta.

SOCIAL

THUR. 7th JUNE - I.C. Mus. Soc. Violin and piano recital by C.H. Bamford and Nigel Coxe. Some will remember the brilliant performance by Mr. Coxe on Nov. 23rd. Guilds Council Room, 1.15 p.m.

SAT. 9th JUNE - FELIX Social.

9th & 10th JUNE - Touchstone weekend. The subject will be "The British and American Approaches to Education". The discussion will be led by Prof. J.H. Keenan S.B. Professor of Mechanical Engineering at M.I.T. It will also include contributions from members of I.C. who have visited the United States and from American students at present in the College.

SUN. 10th JUNE - I.C. Mountaineering Club meet at High Rocks. Train from Victoria platform 17 at 8.50. Leader M.R. Piggott.

THUR. 14th JUNE - I.C. Mus. Soc. Group of English madrigals, songs accompanied by spinet, and early keyboard music. This will be a rare concert. It is the last this session and should not be missed.

ATHLETIC & SOCIAL

TUES. 5th JUNE - 12.30-1.30 p.m. The Annual Beard-pulling Hour.

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'ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS'

(From our correspondent.)

After a late start and an enjoyable coach ride through Harrow, Rickmansworth and Amersham the Dramatic Society arrived in High Wycombe on the occasion of its annual outing.

Dashing through pouring rain we arrived in the Repertory Theatre where we saw a well acted performance of "The Late Christopher Bean" by Emyln Williams. Following the show we had an excellent dinner at the Coach and Horses in High Wycombe with roast turkey as the pièce de résistance.

We then adjourned to Marlow where the forty-odd members of our party dispersed themselves among the various hostelries.

Leaving Marlow after closing time the coaches headed for home, parting company at Hounslow and following separate routes in order to drop people by the wayside. The coach due to go direct from Richmond to Putney managed to include Kingston in its route, and after visiting Earls Court twice arrived back half-an-hour after the other coach.

Notice-board outside a school in S.W.16:-

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Lars Porsena of Clusium, by the nine Gods he swore:
One of the Gods was Venus; Lars P. swears no more.

black lines down the middle of a page which are always difficult to rule straight. But we won't do it again.



SPORTS DAY

The Guilds have held the Governors' Challenge Shield, after retrieving it from the Mines last year. They have done this, in spite of the eclipse of star performers, by a consistently high standard throughout the club. Their highest scorer was Bean, 21 pts. while Watts gained 14 pts. and Goldhawk and Curwon 11.

R.C.S. well fortified by Brookman's 25 pts. and George's hard run 11 points never lost heart while the Mines, in spite of Barrie's 11 pts. and Whitlock's 3 trophies never managed to combine their efforts to gain the much needed pts. The four new records established are:-

Javelin:	K. Brookman	163 ft. 7 ins.
Pole Vault	Davies (RGS)	10 ft. 2 ins.
120 yds. hurdles	F. Brown (Guilds)	17.0 secs.
One Mile	E. Whitlock (RSM)	4 min. 27.9 secs.

U. L. CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Mootspur Park, during the week ending 19th May. Fifteen of our athletes were fighting hard to beat King's in the U.L. Championship. I.C. had a monopoly of the Championship for several years (1945-49 inclusive) but lost to King's in 1950 by 96 points to 61 points. Only once, in that glorious year 1948, has I.C.A.C. scored more points than it did this year and we were rather unlucky in losing (again to King's!) by 99 points to 95, though the result was in doubt until the last event.

It is hard to single out any individual athlete, and it would not be fair to do so as we competed as a team, but Ted Whitlock's 3 mile record was such a piece of inspired running that it deserves the highest praise. Ted knocked seconds off the 14 year old University record, and hit his best form. Cyril Kay ran a very gallant mile race and, though he was second, his time established a new I.C. record. Ken Brookman came into form in the field events, and scored many needed points, but King's was always very threatening.

TOURISTS DAIFATED

Empire Day was observed by a cricket match in which Dai Nicholas' Anglo-Welsh VIII played a Dominions and United States XI misguided by Ken Bock. Sent in to bat the terrible eight began slowly, Ken George hitting a dreary 33 in 19 minutes. Weale retained his place at the crease after the first ball by a verbal quibble worthy of Dr. Grace himself, but soon disgusted the vast concourse by a series of strokes all round the wicket, and scored 36. It was good to see him nurse along Hitchin (19) and Wardle (24) to satisfactory scores.

Set to get 154 the Rest of the World quickly lost four wickets to the superbly hostile bowling of Wardle and Weale. Bob Turtle (55, including 10 fours) and Piers Ebsworth indulged in a big stand but both fell in an over by Weale for which no words are adequate. Anderson (Michigan Red Sox) and MacMillan (Schenectady Tigers) were relatively unsuccessful, but hopes were sustained by the atomic batting of 'Bronx' Karpovitch (14) and the rustic antics of Coleman (34 not out). The innings closed at 144 but, as the actuaries could not agree on the bonus due to the Rest for having supplied the sub who caught out their own highest scorer, the result was held to be somewhat indeterminate. Neither captain distinguished himself.

K.E. Weale

CRICKET

At Hook: I.C. 126 - Hook and Newnham 96.

A sound opening by Clapp (17) and Weale (18) was consolidated by Oldland (49) and Waterland (24). The remaining batsmen did little; but steady bowling and some really good fielding were too much for Hook on a deteriorating wicket. Ault took 5-36, Reynolds 3-24, and Wilson 2-22.

At Wembley: I.C. 122 - Wembley 98.

For I.C. the best batsmen were J. Weale (36), Hitchin (22), Kipplewhite (21) and Bennett, who acquired 23 in approximately five minutes. Rosser took 4-9, Bennett 3-25 and Ault 3-40.

SCRUFFS v FLUFFS

Result :- Scruffs 14, Fluffs 5.

On the 21st of May, at about 1.15 pm., the tennis courts appeared even more tranquil than usual. This was suddenly ruined by the entry of the Scruffs - challengers in the annual match - clad in bean sacks, pantaloons and the kitchen sink. Wigs by Howarth. The scene was enhanced by the entrance of the Fluffs, très . . . in pink tulle, and with a rich patina covering their usual suntan. Followed a slight dalliance with cameras and corsages, and then . . .

Miss Harlow shot off for the Fluffs, with a prolate spheroid, whereupon vicious battle was rapidly mounted. Within a minute, Howarth had leant over the net, and dropped the ball in, to the cheers of the audience, and the rasping of the rattle concealed in Bill 'azell's décolleté. More goals were scored in like fashion, and then the Fluffs rallied, and by superior passing, managed to stay the rout.

At half time, it was felt that a projectile of more spherical proportions would be a novelty, and as a result of this, both sides continued to score with amazing disregard for the finer points of the game, until the final whistle brought an end to this travesty of the future Bowling Green.

Over £6 was collected during the match, for the T.B. Appeal.

By your Special Prolix Reporter.

LAWN TENNIS

I.C. 5 U.C. 4

This important match on Saturday May 19th found the I.C. 1st team short of two regular players: Spence-Bate still suffering from a sprained ankle and the captain, who had been inconsiderate enough to catch a heavy cold. Thus two regular pairs were broken. Fortunately a reserve pair (Grossman and Watson) had been successfully blooded the week before, and they were brought in as 3rd string. Forbes and Macdonald became 1st string and the remnants of the old 1st and 3rd pair (Wright and Ward) became 2nd string.

The first matches on court were the respective 1st and 3rd pairs, and after games of fluctuating fortune our 1st pair lost and the 3rd pair won by narrow margins. While the rest had tea the second pairs fought it out, the I.C. pair losing in 3 sets, and so the end of the 1st round found U.C. 2-1 up. Then came the big surprise of the afternoon: our 3rd pair, after being overwhelmed in the first set, fought back tenaciously against the U.C. first string, which consisted of 2 University players, and brought off a thrilling victory. Meanwhile our own 1st pair had had to struggle hard to defeat a game U.C. 3rd pair. Our opponents drew level when their 2nd pair beat our gallant 3rd string. Disappointment followed when Wright and Ward lost rather easily to the opposition's by now very tired 1st pair, but successfully accounted for the U.C. 3rd pair. And so eight o'clock came with the score at 4 all and the light beginning to fade. Could one or other of the opposing pairs in the deciding rubber (Forbes and McDonald for I.C. and Simpson and Gronow for U.C.) dispose of the opposition quickly before darkness fell? The answer was a most emphatic no. Three quarters of an hour later found them still playing the first set, score 6 all, with no hope of a quick finish.

By mutual consent, it was agreed to restart the undecided match on the following Monday evening, and a good crowd of I.C. supporters watched anxiously as the U.C. pair started off very confidently playing sound tennis. The I.C. pair, however, were not disturbed, and the games went evenly to 3 all. At this point Forbes and McDonald took complete charge and in the face of their consistency the opposition cracked. Playing very strongly indeed, our players won 6-3, 6-1. to take us into the Semi-Final by 5 rubbers to 4.

At Harlington: U.C.S. Old Boys 120 - I.C. 121-8.

This game produced an exciting finish and was eventually won by a single off the the last ball of the day. I.C., for whom Reynolds took 4-35, allowed the opposition's ninth wicket to put on over 50. An over-slow start to the batting was followed by a scramble for runs against the clock, in which wickets were thrown away. Oldland made 33, Waterland 23 not out, and Rambaut hit a rapid and invaluable 21.