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## FELIX



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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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## GUY FAWKES GOES WEST

## HOP AT HARLINGTON

## A heath row avoided

Owing to the unfortunate fact that the Metropolitan Police Force has, at the moment, a slightly larger membership than I.C., it was decided that the guying this year should break out at Harlington, with the L.P.T.B. as accessories before and after the fact.

The night at Harlington was preceded by an ICU general meeting on Nov. 1st., at which the arrangements were announced by the President, Mr. D.K. Nicolas. We were informed that trouble had been experienced over the firing of rockets and that this would have to be done at a time to be decided by the London Airport; also that no Very Lights were to be used, on Police and London Airport instructions. However, the meeting had its brighter moments, as when an enquirer questioned whether the beer was strong enough to be able to stand before sale, and also in debating whether to defend the Union against attack while most of its members were at Harlington.

This being near London Airport, the whole international field was affected, and many reports have come in of highly placed Diplomats cancelling their flights and making surreptitious diversions to Prestwick and Lympe. Of course the Airport officials did their best by insisting that the launching of all rockets exceeding a hundred foot ceiling be referred to the airport control tower. However the announcement that 'none of our aircraft are missing can only be provisional as it is believed a number of rocket sticks have still to return to earth, and may cause unimaginable havoc yet.

But this was just child's-play compared with the dangers on the ground, and it is feared that many young men found it necessary to exercise their protective powers on their companions. Dai-Fawkes, in his robes, was burnt on his death-bed, just by the gates, surrounded by a howling mob of diabolically metamorphosed students, with anarchistic glints in their eyes. In fact this temporary distortion was so great that a lone drinker was later heard to complain that he could no longer recognise any of his friends.

Although the firework display was fine, and everything that should have gone off, went off, along with some that shouldn't, the main attraction was undoubtedly the 'Hop'. The Rugger, Soccer and Hockey Clubs made two raffish straw guys in proper kit, on a backcloth which gave considerable tone to the proceedings, to match the I.C.W.A. effort on the bonfire guy. The dancing became progressively more hilarious with an endurance Polka and a disastrous 'Hoky-koky', in both of which Jack Howarth managed successfully to collapse under a pile of shock-happy revellers. Derek Hughes was seen in convulsions extracting a very lively cracker from his left pocket, and a reincarnated 'Dai' was observed travelling horizontally at shoulder height in an unspecified direction. Altogether the three clubs are to be severely congratulated on such a distracting evening, and we suggest they run a permanent Road House on the Bath Road for destitute student hitch-hikers. What appeared at first an inconvenient arrangement became a very successful blow-off indeed.

## RATHER CATCHing

FELIX himself only visited the recent Cat-Show at Olympia. However, he rather cared for these three Siamese Kittens.



## COMMEN. DAY

The excellence of the Mines Centenary and the Commemoration Ball rather overshadowed the Commemoration Day Ceremony itself; beyond putting our praises and observations on record, there is little to say that we did not cover in the last FELIX, or that all those who attended these celebrations did not hear or see.

Sir Andrew McCance, as the Distinguished Visitor at Commemoration, gave as his address, on the Royal School of Mines, some portraits of the first Professors of the School, and accounts of their attitude and development of it from its start within the Jermyn Street headquarters of the Geological Survey to its federation with the R.C.S. and Guilds into the Imperial College in 1907.

Thursday was a fine autumn day for the Commemoration Procession and Ceremony, which started at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman of the Ceremony was Sir Campbell Stuart, who deputised for Viscount Falmouth, Chairman of the Governing Body. The address by the Distinguished Visitor followed the presentation of the new Associates and Diplomats, Honorary Associates and Fellows; the Ceremony was brought to an end by the Rector's thanks to Sir Andrew.

The formal Conversazione followed on Thursday evening, organised by the Mines' Union for the R.S.M. Association. It re-opened on Friday morning for informal visits by the members of the College, and those who went saw plenty of intelligent and humorous displays. We must mention the 'Political Palaeontology' and the 'Mine' - the graphical forecast in FELIX combined the style of both. The floral decorations for both occasions were done by I.C.W.A.

Finally, on Friday night came the Commemoration Ball at Grosvenor House. About 850 people were there, including a large number of old students, particularly old Miners. The excitement of the General Election and the spirit one expects of a 'Mines Night' combined to make a memorable evening. Although the results of the election were no longer in doubt, the President of the Union drew applause with the announcement that Mr. Churchill had been summoned to Buckingham Palace.

The Tatler photographers were in evidence and wrought havoc on the dance floor and among the tables. There were the usual clandestine efforts - some successful - to avoid the Grosvenor House corkage. About midnight the band showed their mettle by an impromptu rendering of the Mines Song: a crowd of Mines surged to the floor to join their President in song. In a short speech afterwards, David Griffiths, introduced by the President of I.C. Union, thanked the College for allowing the Ball to be a 'Mines occasion'.

The Ball ended at 2.0 a.m. but back in the Union and in the Hostel the playing of musical instruments could be heard until the early hours.

A quiet weekend followed. At the Saturday hop a large section of the dancers were noticeably less active than usual.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## I.C. MUSICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

I.C. Choir and Jacques String Orchestra.  
Conductor: Dr. Reginald Jacques

Thursday, 29 NOV. 1951 at 7.30 p.m.

at  
Queen Alexandra's House.  
Programme will include Xmas Oratorio Pt. II by Bach; Madrigals and Carols; and Handel's Concerto Grosso for Strings.

Tickets 3/6 and 2/6 available shortly.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in this column.

## PROFILE- THE FRESHER.

The Editor 'Felix'.

Sir -

Your profile of me had me staggered for this whole fortnight; but having already been a fresher twice over, viz. a married post-grad, I feel I can protest at the illustrations.

Yours etc.  
Fresher, maj.

Dear Fresher, maj.,  
Felicitations. We hope you deserve this.  
Yours truly,  
Editor W.



## POLITICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITY.

Sir,

In numerous past issues of 'Felix' many have been the letters lamenting the lack of interest in Union activities. Never has this been truer than in the Political Society, whose meetings are usually deplorably attended. The World Situation is extremely tense at this moment; yet on the eve of the General Election only 27 people (out of about 1500) could summon enough interest to attend the 'Mock Election' on Mon. 22nd October. It cannot be claimed that this was due to lack of candidates since Socialist, Liberal and Conservative had all been nominated and others were welcome also to stand.

This is a really tragic state, are we to leave this College to serve as mere technicians, content to let others govern the creation of our brains for their profit? Or are we going to make an effort to understand the issues in the World today.

Yours truly,  
B.Bowes.  
(Hon. Sec. Soc. Group.)

(N.B. But an evening meeting of this type should never expect the attendance it could get at midday; the result- Soc.18, Lib.4, Con.3- differs from the figure of the following Thursday- Ed.)

## AN I.C. WAR-CRY.

Sir,

As far as I remember I.C. have never had a war-cry worthy of our name. In the past when we have needed one the initials "I.C.S. and T." were made to serve the purpose. This wasn't a bad effort but it certainly wasn't as good as one would expect from a great college such as our own. Recently even this has been contracted to the re-iteration of "I.C.-I.C.-I.C.-..." This has the advantages of simplicity but ones' amusement at the more unexpected misinterpretations of our efforts is occasionally tempered by other thoughts. One hardly approves of the answering shout of "We have their cement, it's terrible" as we heard on Election night.

I suggest that we would do better to devise a good, simple and intelligible cry, one which would give plenty of opportunity for a good shout for our college, and perhaps a smaller one for the constituent colleges too.

Yours vociferously,  
N.L.Gregory.

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## EATING-IN.

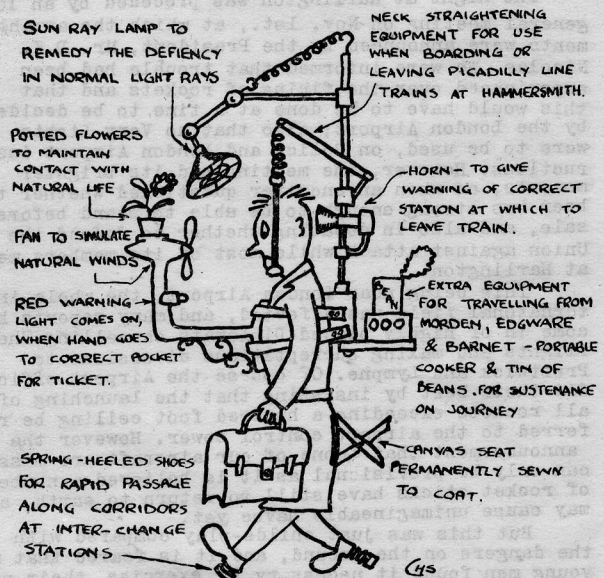
Sir,

I disagree with your editorial "Eating In" where it refers to the waitress service at supper. Having tried it now for three weeks I would rather the old system were kept. The present service is slow and more expensive. If you are in a hurry you have to forego the meal, and if you like to sit and converse over the coffee, you cannot because of the second sitting. Moreover, it must surely add to Gardner's difficulties in reducing the notorious deficit to introduce this elaborate yet still inadequate service. There's only one good thing about the whole affair - it might impress visitors.

Yours etc. "Merp"

## MESSRS. BROWN & BROWNER.

We received the following contribution to this correspondence:



## APPARATUS FOR THE COMFORT OF GREEN-TICKETERS

### PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Large balloon fabric car-cover-Apply 24, Old Hostel.

FOR SALE: 3 piece dark grey lounge suit, good condition, suit person (Ken. George's shape) 5' 8" tall: £4-10-0. Apply Dadd, I.C. Union Rack.

FOR SALE: Light-weight motor-cycle tyre: Dunlop 2.75 x 19, unused. £2-10-0. T.J.Hunt, R.S.M. or Union Rack.

TWO empty handkerchief boxes wanted- for FELIX.

A BARGAIN FOR A TALL, STOUT MAN !  
EVENING WEAR FOR ONLY £4.- Single-breasted dinner-jacket...chest 42", with trousers 38" waist, 31" inside leg. Apply- L.E.Taylor, 3C, Guild's Rack.

ALSO bargain for shorter, slighter man. Single-breasted dinner-jacket, trousers and waistcoat. £5. Suit man 5' 9" x 34". Apply M.Hooper, I.C. Union Rack.

Entries for this column must, in future, be accompanied by cash. For members of I.C. the charge is merely nominal ; 6d. per 20 words.

SPACE VACANT: Our correspondent forgot to send in the blurb for this space.

# Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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## COLLEGE RAGS

The past few years have seen a steady decline in the number and nature of college rags. No longer are stories recounted of adventure and misadventure; stories, like the fisherman's, increasing with the telling discomforts of the time forgotten. Such spontaneous expressions of college spirit are being shouldered-out of existence. Ever since the foundation of the Universities there has been "war" between them and the civil authorities. During the middle ages many bloody battles were fought between the scholars and the townspeople, the college authorities taking arms with the students against the "plebs". What a difference from the position today when our own University has joined forces with the civies!! Yet another facet of the modern trend towards a more and more highly organised existence. The Universities no longer a law unto themselves, are a cog in the wheel of the super state.

Although the public may breathe a sigh of relief on being told that the college rag will soon be a thing of the past, is it for the ultimate good of the public that this should be so? We do not think so. Roll on Morphy Day!!

J.W.M.

(Correspondence is invited on this subject.)

## APOLOGIES.

We apologize to college subscribers who did not receive their last FELIX early in the morning. This slip occurred in our extra arrangements for the Election and the Mines' Centenary.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions for FELIX are always welcomed, and although we will consider anything, the personal identity of non-de-plumes must be known to a member of the Editorial Staff. All matter should be posted in the I.C. Union Letter-rack as early as possible, and before the afternoon of the Friday before publication. In certain cases sport or other reports can be accepted up to Sunday midday.

All articles should be typed if possible; and this is essential for last-minute items. As the typed-matter is used in the printing process directly, it must be to this specification to be of use: in 5" wide columns (preferably indent 5), singly-spaced lines, on one side of good, matt, plain white paper; and be well black, i.e. as by new ribbon.

Illustrations and carbons should suit a 5" wide column, and be drawn in black ink on white, matt paper or card. Allowance should be made for the process reduction of 5:3.

FELIX is without an office this year, but the Editor can always be contacted by letter in I.C.U. As a temporary measure we are usually available in Committee Room 'A' in the Union during lunch-hours at 12.45 p.m. - unless there is a Society booking of it at that time.

**I.C.W.A. DANCE**

FRIDAY Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

at

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

8-12 p.m. Evening Dress Preferred.

Tickets 7/6d Double including Buffet.

## SCIENCE AND ARCHITECTURE

In his lecture at the Royal College of Art, which was attended by a sprinkling of I.C. members, Dr. Bronowski said that Architecture should use the science of the day. Science is becoming imaginative, and imagination in science stimulates imagination as a whole. Science no longer believes that very large or very small systems work like a meccano model. Architects should reconstruct their attitude to their age-old problems so as to use the new scientific concept of general shape rather than the old one of exact measurement. They should follow the example of the Architects of the South Bank Ex-hibi

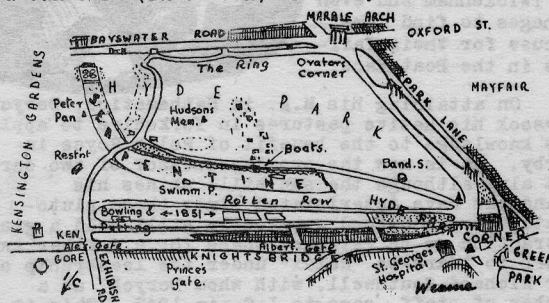
## In London :- HYDE PARK

The I.C. eye, being concerned with science, may not see much of London. FELIX announces a new series designed, in semi-Baedeker style, to point out to our students a few of the things which should not be missed.

Henry VIII knew what he was doing when he founded Hyde Park, and Charles II, who laid down the fashionable drive known as the "Ring", was surely not ignorant of its Valkyrian evening inhabitants.

Four hundred acres, enclosed by the Serpentine, Bayswater Road, Park Lane and Knightsbridge, is a small area to contain football pitches, running tracks and the famous Rotten Row, now half metalled, on which we sport fancy clothes and fancies.

For the hour between lectures, the bowling and putting greens and the restaurant are quite near the college, on the way to the Serpentine in which you can swim (in season) or boat.



It should be known that the police and Guards reside in the park.

Marble Arch, containing Orators' Corner and a Drinking Fountain, is not nearly so interesting as Hyde Park corner, which apart from having the Artillery memorial, Constitution Arch and a colossal Achilles made from Wellington's cannons, is much favoured by learner drivers, who may be seen rotating for hours round the islands, unable to escape.

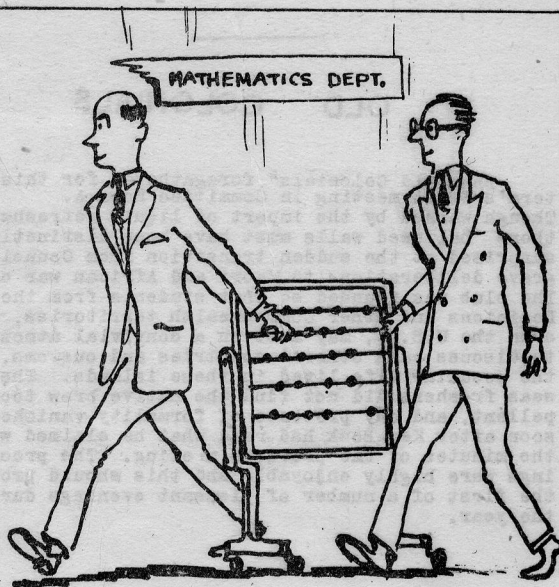
Westward of the Park, Kensington Gardens houses the creator of the 1851 Exhibition. His stony look, directed at the Exhibition catalogue, and the angels above him who raise artistically outraged arms to heaven, are stimulating at least.

"He smiles not on fair Science's humble home,  
But melancholically scans the Dome."

W.A.W.  
S.H.W.

(It is hoped to continue this series later with articles on 'How to go to the Theatre Gallery', 'Where to eat around I.C.', 'Kensington Gardens', 'The City on Sundays' etc.

Such contributions are invited from anyone with ideas along these lines. We intend that they should be of general interest, but they must be designed for students who will be in London only for their time at I.C.; be they from Buenos Aires or Batheaston; or born here.)



## PROFILE

D. N. de G.

Né 19?? (an unprintable delicacy) his age compares favourably with those of some senior students. A supporter of the Dark Blues, Deryck always ventures forth to witness the yearly battle with Cambridge at Twickenham and even manages to find some excuse for their failure in the Boat Race.



On attaining his M.A. in Mathematics, Deryck forsook his native pastures in Yorkshire to apply his knowledge to the benefit of Rolls Royce in Derby. He is now the proud possessor of two cars, but alas although the sun still shines his standards have deteriorated since those plutocratic days. Oxford apparently still held a great attraction so he returned there for a further two years to learn to "Relax" under the leadership of Sir Richard Southwell, with whom Deryck, as a member of staff, came to I.C. in 1943. This it is gathered was a memorable occasion in more ways than one since he arrived at the height of an air-raid and had to spend the night on St. Pancras Station.

As a sportsman his interests are wide and varied. Vice President and President of the rugby and cricket clubs respectively are but two of his higher official positions whilst his prowess at captaining the Sunday cricket XI is beyond question. If only his stay at the wicket were of a longer duration an afternoon's entertainment could be had by all watching his efforts to contact the ball. Returning from America where he spent a year at M.I.T. he endeavoured to instil upon the Rugby Club the arts of Yankee rugby but fortunately such padding was laughed at. To-day however he is quite often to be seen at Harlington where his use in an advisory capacity is highly appreciated. The Staff Tennis team is yet another of his responsibilities but it is rumoured that his service is becoming a little "knotty".

Socially Deryck is a great asset to anything with which he is associated. As Dean of Residence his diplomacy in averting trouble within the hostel due to inebriated residents is an education to witness and almost a pleasure to the culprit. A confirmed bachelor, it was with some surprise that at the R.S.M. Conversazione the list of guests read as follows "Allen, D.N. de G. and Mrs." - a dark horse perhaps!

May we take this opportunity to congratulate him on his achievements which, together with those to come, must surely gain ample reward for his industry.

## OLD COLONIALS

The "Old Colonialists" foregathered for this term's first meeting in Committee Room A. Though warned by the import of liquid refreshment, those hallowed walls must have been distinctly surprised at the sudden transition from Council's grave deliberations to Maori and African war cries. The club was founded so that students from the Dominions and other Commonwealth territories, and even the U.S.A., may meet in a convivial atmosphere to discuss each others' countries and customs, and the peculiar life lived in these islands. The overseas freshers did not find the native brew too repellent, and any pretence of formality vanished soon after Ken Bock had read what he claimed were the minutes of the previous meeting. The proceedings were highly enjoyable and this should prove the first of a number of pleasant evenings during the year.

## EYE REMOVED IN ANTARCTIC

Operation on I.C. Explorer

Alan Reece came to the College in October 1941, as a first year Geologist. At the end of the session he joined the Navy, was chosen as a member of the Naval Expedition to Graham's Land and spent two and a half years in the Antarctic. On being demobbed he rejoined the Geology Department and took his degree in 1949. While at College he gave some fascinating lectures to the De La Beche Club and the Natural History Society on the Antarctic and it was no surprise when he joined the British-Scandinavian Expedition to Maudheim Land.

His main activities at College were with the Boat Club and in his last year he was elected Captain of the Club and was a member of the Henley crew.

Before sailing to Maudheim Land he expressed a desire to return to College and submit a Ph.D. Thesis on his work in the Antarctic, and we hope that he will be with us next year.

Extract by kind permission of THE TIMES. 2nd. October.

"From Dr. OVE WILSON, with the joint British-Scandinavian Antarctic Expedition.  
Maudheim, 1st October

A flying chip of rock damaged the right eye of the geologist, Alan Reece, when he was taking a sample of the rock on 11th March, during the summer's sledging. I met him eight days later and examined the eye, but no treatment was possible at that stage as we were three weeks' journey from Maudheim.

When we arrived at Maudheim on 30th May, the development of the eye condition was unsatisfactory, so I consulted by wireless the eye specialist, Professor Sven Larsson, of Lund, Sweden, with regard to treatment. During the treatment my fears were confirmed that the other eye was in grave danger of becoming affected, which would have resulted in total blindness; only the removal of the damaged eye could save this. With the professor's advice I decided to operate within a week.

I had never before performed or seen such an operation, and no one else at Maudheim had had experience of assisting in an operation. I started preparations immediately, informing only a few members of my intentions so as not to alarm the whole base. The photographer, Stig Hallgren, was thoroughly instructed in the technique of intravenous anaesthesia, and trained himself on several members, including myself, by giving vitamin injections. The geologist, Fred Roots, was selected to assist in the operation, and the glaciologist, Valter Schytt, was taught the operating nurse's task of handling the instrument table.

At this stage, Reece was informed that the operation was necessary, and gave his consent, and it was decided that it should take place three days later. The dog driver, Peter Melleby, constructed the operation table from sledging boxes, and an oxygen mask from spare "weasel" parts. Operation linen was sewn from sheets, and gauze, towels, linen and instruments were sterilized. The telegraphist, Egil Rogstad, was instructed in taking blood pressure, and the assistants were given a lesson in sterility and operating teamwork.

## PREPARING FOR THE OPERATION.

Everything was in order on 21st July for the operation, with almost every facility of a small hospital, except female nurses. At 2 o'clock I pulled the gloves on, and while the assistants completed the sterility arrangements I arranged the instruments on the table. At 2.45 Reece made an impressively brave entrance, climbed the operation table and said: "You know, I am scared stiff inside." I then began the administration of the intravenous anaesthetic. When the patient was asleep, Hallgren took over while I changed gloves and prepared the operating area.

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## SATURDAY HOPS

## HOPPING &amp; CHANGING.

The essential feature of a 'hop' is its informality. Some of this has already been destroyed by the introduction of the ticket system for the guests of the Union, but this has not worried us a great deal, as the hops are primarily for the benefit of I.C. Union members. Of far greater importance is the necessity of a rigorous check on the Union door to make the system work, but this, we realise, is a thoroughly unpopular measure. Moreover it has still proved impossible to keep away uninvited girls... they all find men from I.C. who are ready to introduce them to the Union as personal guests, even after they have been turned away five minutes earlier. It is not surprising that the dancing space is somewhat overcrowded!

It would be possible to arrange for more men to be on duty, to impose a rigorous check, to be more careful, cautious and cold-hearted with guests on the Union door, or even to put out a "House Full" notice when the capacity of the upper floor is reached, but these measures would destroy more of the hop atmosphere. The solution, we feel, is not to be found along those lines. To be quite candid, we have not found a solution, but I.C. Council have given permission for the Entertainments Committee to run an EXPERIMENTAL all-ticket hop on November 24th, at which the check on Union cards will be unnecessary. We hope that a little of the old friendly atmosphere will return, at the expense of asking everyone to buy their tickets in advance. Tickets for Union members and their guests will be on sale on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd. and 23rd., from the Union office annex during the lunch hour.

Paul G. Jeffery,  
Chairman,  
Entertainments  
Committee.

I.C. ICE SKATING CLUB  
**AROSA MEETING**  
FRIDAY 23RD. NOV., 7 P.M.



BRING HOCKEY SKATES, HOCKEY STICKS,  
FRIENDS, CUSHIONS, QUOITS, PUCKS ETC.  
TICKETS 2/- FROM OFFICERS OF THE CLUB.

## EYE REMOVED IN THE ANTARCTIC. (Continued).

Waiting for the operating moment, I recapitulated all details of the operation in my mind, wondering whether I should be able to find all the different eye muscles, and the right place to cut the optic nerve. Slowly but surely Hallgren put the patient into deeper unconsciousness, and my operating knife made the first cut in a circle around the eye pupil. Roots assisted swiftly and coolly. Schytt handed the instruments in perfect routine. Rogstad followed the patient's blood pressure. The meteorologist, Goesta Liljequist, kept a record and pressure of the pulse curve. I found the first eye muscle, and pulled it easily forth with my Mauchheim-made instruments. Soon all the eye muscles were cut. The most dramatic moment arrived when I felt for the optic nerve, the only sound being the clicking from the film camera in the background. Successfully severing the nerve, I then extracted the eye globe and tied the eye muscles together, closing the wound with conjunctible membrane. The operation was successfully over after an exciting two hours and forty minutes.

Everybody congratulated me, but for me the most important part was still left, namely, to see the patient safely through the post-operative stage. At night, the alarmingly mounting pulse was checked by injection, and next day a tired but happy patient received the whole base at a bedside party; his left good eye was now safe. Reece is now on a sledge journey in the best of health.

## COMING EVENTS

## FASHION AND ARCHITECTURE

On Tuesday, Dec. 4th, Prof. Madge Garland will be speaking under the heading "Fashion and Architecture" at the Royal College of Art, 21 Cromwell Road. There will also be exhibitions of Visiting Card Cases and of Dog Collars. The exhibition will open at 6.30 and the lecture will begin at 7.0 p.m.

## icfs

The film show on Sunday, Nov 11th, will consist of "Man of Aran" - Flaherty's famous documentary, two Czech puppet films starring "Mr. Prokouk" and a film on town planning in America.

Members need not obtain tickets in advance, but Guest tickets should be bought in the Old Lounge just before the performance.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

On Thursday evening, November 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. in the C. and G. Council Room, the I.C. orchestra will perform the Symphony No. 40 in G Minor by Mozart and the Overture to Coriolanus by Beethoven. The programme will also include ensemble items by members of the orchestra.

This will be the first public appearance of the orchestra since it took part with the choir last Christmas in a performance of Handel's *Acis and Galatea*.

All members of I.C. and their friends will be welcome. No tickets are required, and there will be no collection.

After the concert there will be an informal musical party with refreshments for Members of the Musical Society and their friends. It will assist in the catering if those intending to come to the party let one of the officers of the Musical Society know in advance.

## THURSDAY CONCERT

On Thursday 15 Nov. at 1.15 in the Council Room of the City and Guilds College, the lunch hour recital will be given by Miss Patricia Andrew (soprano) and Miss Pamela Preston (oboe). The programme will include an oboe concerto by Pergolesi, songs by Mozart, Warlock and Delius, and two arias by Bach for soprano and continuo with oboe obligato.

The performance on 22 Nov. will be by students from the University College Musical Society. Full details of the programme are not yet available, but the main work will be 'A Masque in Dioclesian' by Purcell.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

Your attention is to the advertisement in this issue.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The first Scottish Country Dance Meeting was held in the New Lounge on Friday 2nd Nov. We hope to hold these meetings on Friday evenings, and the dates will be posted on the "Internal" notice in the Union.

## LIT. &amp; DEB. SOC.

The Literary and Debating Society will be holding a debate and dance with Bedford College on Friday, November 16th. The motion before the House will be "That women have yet to justify their emancipation" and it will be proposed by I.C.. The debate will be followed by light refreshments in the Upper Dining Hall and a Dance in the Gym.

## ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE

Details of the Sir Arthur Acland English Essay Prize 1952, just published by the College, include the substantial increase in the Prize to 25 guineas. This Competition is open to all students studying for an Associateship, except those who have won it before, and the Essays must reach the Registrar not later than January 12th, 1952. The subject of the Competition is 'to encourage good writing of English and an interest in fields outside the speciality of the competitor', and each candidate must submit an original English Essay, not exceeding 5000 words in length, on any subject whatsoever; but no specialised technical papers will be considered. The titles of the winning essays of the last four years were: "What's in a Name" (1951); "The Human Element as a Factor in Town Planning"; "Some Reflections on Being in the Cage"; and "The Philosophy of Aldous Huxley."

# SPORT



## RIDING

The Imperial College Riding Club this year is a most flourishing organisation, there being at the moment a total of fifteen members. This is a very gratifying state of affairs, and, indeed, is adequate exemplification of the valiant spirit abroad in I.C. to-day. For, after all, the horse is a huge, hard, high, animal with teeth and hooves that from leading distance appear of monstrous proportions. This, however, has not daunted the 1951 freshers who are, for the most part, beginners and nor should it, for I.C. Riding Club has always been proud of its low death rate.

There appear to be two things which normally deter beginners from taking up riding (apart from lack of a horse). One is the expense of riding equipment, the other is the small matter of personal comfort. The first does not apply since at the I.C. Riding Club no equipment is required. Naturally, a stout pair of breeches helps considerably in the retention of one's ability to walk but (like walking) this is not essential. The second? Well, there is absolutely no discomfort in riding. The discomfort comes in learning to ride. And even after one's first ride, a cold bath and violent exercises for three quarters of an hour the next morning will leave no after-effects. Or practically none.

The periodicity of rides at the moment is phenomenal, the average approaching bi-weekly. This will not be maintained since as the year wears on, the imminence of exams and the general downward trend of bank balances will apply a glute brake. Nevertheless, the Riding Club is able to offer at frequent intervals a most pleasant open-air afternoon amid some of the finest country around London.

Club rides are every Wednesday and Saturday.

## BOXING

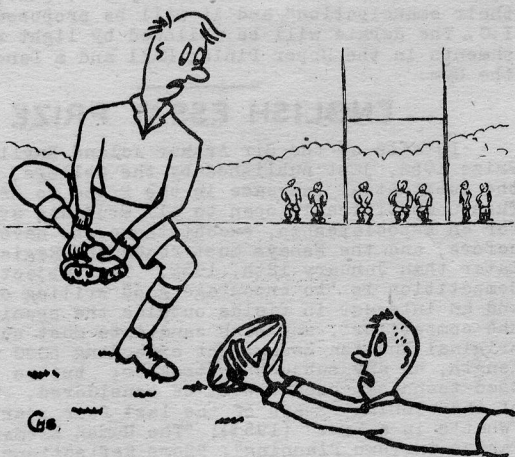
Some good boxing was seen at the I.C. Boxing Club Novices competition held in the Gymnasium at 5.45 p.m. on Thursday, November 1st, and all who took part are to be commended on their performance.

This year the competition was run on an Inter-College basis, but showed a deplorable lack of support from the Guilds as the following result shows:-

R.S.M.....33 points  
R.C.S.....18 points  
C&G..... 3 points

It is to be hoped that we shall see some Guildsmen in the ring when we hold the I.C. Inter-College Championships in March.

"NOT SO TIGHT, MURGATROYD!"



## CROSS-COUNTRY

Wed. Oct 31st. I.C.C.C.C. v. Q.M.C. v. U.C.  
v. London Hospital.

This race, run at Hampstead over 5½ miles of heavy, hilly going, in pouring rain, was the club's first real test of the season. A very strong team was fielded, including four from the University 1st team. The result was a very convincing win for I.C., who packed their entire team of eight in the first thirteen home.

Result:-  
1st:- Chrasty, (L.H.) 32 mins. 34 secs.  
2nd:- F. Bagley, (I.C.) 32 " 41 "  
3rd:- E. Whitlock, (I.C.) 32 " 58 "  
4th:- D. Pain, (I.C.) 33 " 04 "

Scores:- I.C. 32 pts.  
U.C. 84 "  
Q.M.C. 93 "  
L.H. 133 "

Sat. Nov. 3rd. I.C.C.C.C. v. Southampton Univ.  
v. L.S.E. v. Keble Coll.

This race, run at Roehampton over 5½ miles easy going, resulted in another good win for I.C. - who were running without their four University men

Result:-  
1st:- B. Goater (S) 29 mins. 23 secs.  
2nd:- P. Davies (I.C.) 29 " 41 "  
3rd:- M. Parks (I.C.) 30 " 17 "  
4th:- E. Cotterell (S) 30 " 19 "

Scores:- I.C. 51pts.  
S'ton 67 "  
Keble 77 "  
L.S.E. 125 "

## TEAMWORK

The success of a school team on a sports field depends to a great extent upon the presence of only two players of greater than average stature, but not necessarily of greater ability; the captain and vice in the sixth, who completely dominate the game between them, attaining half the seasons score.

Each year I.C. receives its quota of these pigmy giants each eager to prove his ability, each confident of reaching the first team the first week. Remembering his happy unopposed schooldays our fresher plays a selfish game, displays brilliant artistry, baffling and passing half his opponents, only to lose at the critical moment the ball which is promptly sent to dangerously near his own goal line. Slowly he realises that what defeats him each time is team work, in which each member of the team adds his share, keeping the ball just out of reach of the opposition, passing from one to another until the breach in the defence is wide enough for another score.

The success of I.C. teams is due to the practice of teamwork, although still far from perfect, rather sooner than most of their opponents. Each game sees eleven or fifteen men, as the case may be, welded more solidly together, each man becoming an integral part of the team, an intelligent and highly adaptable member of an attacking mechanism. The effect is not to reduce the team, as may be feared, to the mediocrity of the least able member, but to ensure a stable and reliable support for the greater dexterity of the more able members. No individual play that does not lead to the gain of ground and forward motion of the team can be anything but a discredit to the performer, and detract from enjoyment in the game. Enjoyment of the game should be before and after all, the purpose of playing, individual fitness and ability welded in teamwork being the most important means to the end.