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R.C.S. GOES UP IN SMOKE.

The Gym was packed when the second annual R.C.S. Smoking Concert began last Monday evening. A boisterous "Kangela" set the pace for the evening.

"In Town To-night" was as funny as it was doubtful. Interviewed by Mr. E. Simon were, a fashion expert (J. Board) whose information on a critical test for "gay deceivers" will be valued by many, a male "thecwetawy" (P. Lemin), a drug addict (Brynnie Griffen) and a "Professor" from the R.C.O. (Doug Lerner). Mr. Lerner in the opinion of many gave the best individual performance of the evening.

"Certificate X", a delightfully witty song was convincingly performed in the style of the Western Brothers by John Harding and Brian Purslow. A professional conjuror gave an admirable show which unfortunately was marred by excessive length.

During the interval, while glasses were being recharged with free beer, an enthusiastic "Dutch Auction" was held, and raised a creditable nett profit of £3-2-1½d plus an Irish penny for the 1952 Olympic Games Fund. Perhaps with a more generous time allowance even more profit might have been made.

A great deal of the latter half of the evening's stage entertainment was masked by that from the auditorium; it speaks very highly of the artistry of the "celebrated" quartet that they converted a more than hostile audience into one tingling with rampant enthusiasm. Messrs. Bock, Purslow, Lemin, and Corrigan deserve full marks for consistently good entertainment.

The President of Guilds, and a trio of Miners by special invitation gave Imperial Unity to the finale of community singing, but true R.C.S. independence reigned with a final rousing "Kangela".

Larf! We cud 'ave dyed!

I.C. DEBATE

"THERE ARE NO VALUES, ONLY PRICES"

After rather dubious definitions of 'price' and 'value', Mr. Haskell embraced many facets of ethics, skipping lightly through history from Socrates and Spinoza to J.S. Mill, eventually arriving at worms with manifestations of nervous systems.

For the opposition the impeccable Anthony de Reuck propounded that axioms must have universal existence, even if complications arose through lack of fundamental concepts of mathematics. He then rushed through history to prove that moral values always existed even if technologically impracticable; and finally listed the catchism pertaining to always primitive tribes.

Mesmerized by the mystic passings of his hands and pleasant tone of voice, we missed the cogency of Adam Sobey's support for the motion. This spell was hardly broken by the steady drone from Ted Simon in reply.

Mr. Nicholas in throwing the meeting open plunged deeply into the mire with an impartial resumé of his own ideas of values. The point was rapidly made from the floor that values could be real or relative, from which it transpired that the debate was on real values and not on prices at all. Subsequent speakers evading reproach or repression by the chair proposed alternatives to both 'values' and 'prices'.

The motion was defeated by a large majority.

U L U ELECTIONS

The following were Union Officers elected for the Session 1952-53:-

President.	Alan A. Tate	(King's College)
Vice President.	Marian C. Arregger	(Bedford College)
Secretary.	A.R. Richardson	(King's College)
Junior Treasurer.	John S. Wilson	(Battersea Poly.)

ATHLETIC AWARDS

We congratulate all those who were awarded I.C. colours for athletic prowess last term:-

Women's Sports Club: Full. E.R.A. Turnbull.
D. Goodway. Half. M. Lister.

Association Football: Full. D.G. Bowtell. B.M. Collinson. D.C. Clenshaw. G.B. Ward. Half. R.W. Astorga. B.P.L. Hitchin. G.P. Eastland. B.W. Buckroyd. J.D. Last. G. Wheeler. K. Hodge.

Boxing: Full. G.H. Gales. L. Palmer. Half. W.T.J. Davies. R. Forscher. W. Shepherd. M. Muir. P. Herding. P. Fenhoulet.

Gross Country: Full. J.P. Davies. E.F. Whitlock. M. Garrod. D.J. Pain. F.C. Bagley. Half. A.B. Watts. M.G. Royston. M.J. Parks. C.H. James.

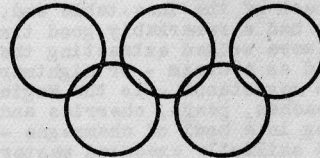
Fencing: Full. A. Toplis. Half. D. Ainley. C.R. Britton.

Hockey: Full. B.W. Purslow. R. Hayes. J.C. Hart. S.A. Mossman. G. Gillett. D.J. Power. Half. J. Neukom. J.M. Grocock. R. Jarvis. M. Murphy. W.C. Pike. B.D. Smith. J.G. Smith. J.C. White.

Rugby: Full. J.R. Howarth. D.R. Crossley. J. Rawicz. Szezerbo. J.A.J. Knox. J.L.M. Holmen. D.W. Hykin. J.B. Davies. N.G. Hague. Half. P. Groves. S. Coppelman. W.T.J. Davies. P.D. Rich. K.P. Eldridge. D.E. Hughes. T.H. Coaker. J.S. Chester. J.D. Jacobson. A.R.C. Murphy.

Squash: Full. M.D. Martin. E.M. Hughes. Half. G. Burdill. S. Coppelman.

Table Tennis: Full. A.C. Graves. A.L. Miller. Half. A. Fadden. D. Sadler. R. Crook.



OLYMPIC DANCE

As many Union members will already know, the cost of sending competitors from Great Britain to Helsinki for this year's Olympiad has been found prohibitive for most of the amateur organisations. Accordingly, the British Olympics Committee launched an appeal for donations to assist with the great expense involved.

Following a suggestion by the Union Entertainments Committee, the Union have decided to run one of the usual Saturday night hops in slightly different form as a means of raising a target sum of £50 for the Olympics Fund. This 'Olympic Hop' will be on Saturday May 3rd.

Some of the Union's Athletic Clubs have already indicated their willingness to assist the Entertainments Committee - it is hoped that other may do so when they read this reminder. It is, however, for the main body of the Union to ensure that the target is reached - please support this venture if you possibly can, even though perhaps your time is becoming rapidly more and more precious.

The dance is from 8.00 - 11.30 p.m., and will include cabaret, side shows, prizes, etc. The Refectory will also have a buffet running as was tried once last term. Tickets are on sale at 1/9d. plus tax, which means that all tickets are about 2/- . Full details are available in the Union entrance hall.

REMEMBER THE DATE - SATURDAY MAY 3rd.

The Chairman, Entertainments wishes to thank the two RCS bods who cleared up after the RSM Carnival.

profile

RON MACFIE



Among the students at I.C. is one with a quiet and confident manner and a pipe. The former is permanent, but the latter disappears at regular intervals when attempting to give up smoking.

Ron first came to Guilds from Bromsgrove School in 1943 when he succeeded in failing Inter-Physics and left to join the R.A.F.

After a year or two driving on the Burma Road, and lifting Government property (with a Coles crane) he found the call of I.C. too strong and returned to Guilds in 1947, where he proved his consistency by failing Inter-Physics again. His determined nature however won through in the end and 1952 finds him in the Aeronautics Department as a 3rd year student.

Gliding is his main sporting interest and during his term of office as Captain from 1949-1951 the I.C. Gliding Club became established on a firm footing with dual instruction and many active members. He has obtained an International Silver C gliding certificate, represented I.C. in the National Gliding Competitions in '49 and '51 and went to Sweden with the British Gliding team in 1950. As the first member of the I.C.G.C. to become a flying instructor, while still a student, he now spends most of his weekends training the new members.

Ron has also discovered an interesting and remunerative form of vac work in driving the aristocracy around the countryside. His main problem as a chauffeur was learning to accept tips but he now manages to do this with an air of years of experience.

His main likes are girls, Guinness, green cheese and playing the recorder (he obtained a 1st prize in the recent Bromley musical festival), his dislikes are unknown since he is always too courteous to express them.

As Chairman of the Social Clubs Committee this year he has finished most of the meetings in record time which says much for his efficiency as an administrator. We hope he will still be with us at I.C. next year and wish him all the best for the future.

CARNIVAL PUDDING

What magic is held in the word 'Carnival'; what visions of soft lights on gay, colourful scenes of Paris, Arabia, the East or old world charm and courtesy; what thoughts of exotically arranged butterflies dancing tantalisingly fast out of reach; what cream of soothing music!

This pudding which tastes so sweet, how is it made to appeal to all palates?

Still lingering in the mouth is the flavour of the 'Naughty Nineties' tart, made with many good ingredients but not very well cooked, the plums and lemon peel were too pronounced. The contrast between the cardboard crust and the fruit in the centre was too great - especially as the sweetening of informality was lost in the starch of shirt fronts. Some of the garnishings, though well cooked in themselves and appropriate hors d'oeuvres, were not quite palatable as sweet.

Served on the same evening was the Jamaica Rumba - a colossal goulash of everything in the kitchen. Imagine, if you can, a winkle, strawberries and cream, roast duck and green peas, apple charlotte, mixed grill, meringues and mussels, fumbled together on one plate and you have it - not quite sure where to start or of the speed of approach of the inevitable end. However, the fastidious had a remarkably good time even if their fingers were soiled extracting the delicacies.

Remembered as a dream - or nightmare, depending upon one's resistance - is the Magic Carpet Compote, of peaches, pears, cherries and tropical fruits floating in a bowl of champagne - deliciously served amid skilfully executed masterpieces of decorations - all so smooth that we never tired of just one more morsel dipped in the nectar of the non-stop melody. The blending took many an anxious week, all slightly inferior products were rejected on the grounds of incompatibility, too overbearing to be eaten for six hours, not enough scope for individual dress and several for being too starchy or too sticky.

That lucky charm in the middle of the pudding - the cabaret - a sober home-made bun is far more suited to our tastes than any shop bought bun in the window, éclair and none better at all than a poor one.

(The author is a kitchenhand somewhat biased.
Ed.)

IN HOT PURSEWERT

Tuesday, 1.10 p.m.

On Tuesday it hailed - and a lady of I.C.W.A. dropped her keys in the drain. She enquired at the Union Office the correct procedure for such property lost; and then showed her keen qui vive by obtaining a magnet and fishing for it. Partial success with this brought the keys as far as under the drain grille, but they fell again before getting out. Reinforcements from I.C.W.A. and a gent in the shape of Mr. D. Crossley helped, but didn't improve the situation; finally Joe and the Borough Council were brought in. What they dug up is still being fought for between biology departments, but among them were the keys.

News in Brief.

The Guilds beat the Miners 14-0 in the Engineers Rigger Cup.

The R.C.S. beat the Guilds 9-8 at Rigger and so retained the Sparkes Cup.

We congratulate J. Rawicz on being awarded a full purple for Rugby.

MUSIC IN I.C.

Last term ended with several concerts given by our own Musical Society members. The choir gave their second concert under the direction of Dr. Jacques. This was a very pleasant evening's music and it seems that whatever happens at rehearsal the I.C. choir always rises to the occasion and gives really worthwhile performances at its concerts. The Thursday concert on the same day was given largely by I.C. members and I would suggest that these concerts are more important to us as a college than those given by outside artists. The more people we can get, who are willing to come forward and perform in front of their fellows, the more we shall dispel the idea of a cultureless I.C.. The orchestra was "at home" to its friends one evening and showed us the fruits of the term's labour. The evening continued with various items, including some singing by a small quartet group. I understand that more will be heard from them one Thursday this term. As readers of this column will realise, the Musical Society is very active in the college, and the spring term may be summed up as being very successful.

Dr. R. JACQUES

It is with pleasure that Felix welcomes Dr. Jacques to I.C. not only (as was announced in Felix No. 24) as Conductor of I.C. Choir but now as a member of the Academic Staff. He comes as (part-time) Centenary Fund Special Lecturer (Arts). He has a room in the Guilds but his appointment is an I.C. appointment. He expects to be in College about two days a week, and, we are told, will welcome enquiries either on the subject of his current series of lectures, viz. "The History and Appreciation of Music" (being given to 1st year Engineering students), or on any other relevant subject.

Dr. Jacques is known all over Britain as a conductor of orchestras and choirs, and in particular he is known for his interest in young people and their music. Quite recently he has been conducting the National Youth Orchestra. Perhaps he is best known in London for his conductorship of the Bach Choir and, with the Jacques Orchestra, for his annual performances of the St. Matthew Passion at the Albert Hall.

The desire for more liberal studies nowadays is very noticeable. The appointment of Dr. Jacques is a sign of the times.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND in the UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Summer Term

The Service of Holy Communion

for Imperial College

at 8.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 7th. May, 1952

In Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road

There will be a short address by the Bishop's Chaplain to the University.

It will be possible to obtain a light breakfast afterwards in the Refectory.

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THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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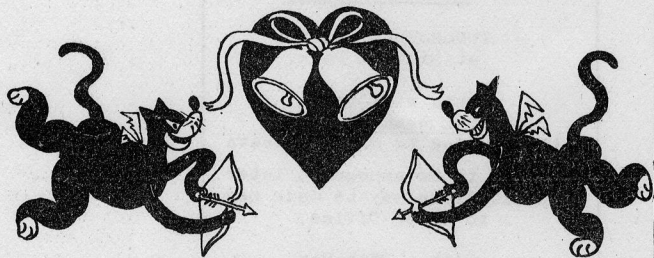
With the Easter vacation now a pleasant memory of days spent idling in the sun, on the broads, the south of France or Clapham Common; the echo of the plaintive cry of a Rugger giant seeking his long lost course work ringing through the quad is a harsh reminder of dread deeds yet to be done, and an indication of the retiring habits of students in the summer.

But before you disappear to prove once again that a whole year's work can be done in three weeks, give thought to the Union officers of next year - beaurocracy, dictatorship (enlightened or dogmatic) or a well balanced committee combining the exuberance of youth with wisdom born of experience in tight places, will shield the body of this Union from the hard knocks of the real world beyond. The Union Committee is a reflection of the College spirit, so perhaps the extract from the "Daily Telegraph" of 20th March, 1952 would give a little stimulus for even the Pyrene boys.

OXFORD GOES DULL

UNDERGRADUATES of to-day seem to behave almost alarmingly well. They work harder, rag less, and, as a senior member of the university was yesterday forced to admit, "Oxford does seem quieter than it used to be." To dons, of course, this new docility is all to the good. Such lovers of the contemplative life are hardly likely to regret the days when invisible strings crossed every staircase, when every half-open door precariously supported a bag of flour, when dreaming spires sometimes culminated ungothically, and when every dark quadrangle re-echoed to the din of song, dispute and breaking glass.

And yet one cannot help feeling a little uneasy. Is there not in every man a rebellious spirit of mischief which, if it does not find innocent outlet in youth, must turn at last to bitterness or madness? The greatest fools, it is said, are often those who were wise too young. And, again, what makes our undergraduates so quiet and docile? If - as some suspect - it is fear for the future, fear of going down without the proper qualifications, then it is not only tomfoolery which is at a discount, but disinterested scholarship too, and all that in the past has made our universities great. The set books are all very well; but not all the wisdom of the ages is to be found between their covers.



Felix congratulates.

JENNIFER OWEN of Guilds registry on her marriage to MIKE ADAMS an ex Guilds man.

CYRIL MAPLETHORP (3rd year Civil) on his marriage to FRANCES EVANS.

MARGARET EVENETT on her engagement to PETER BAYNTON.

DAVID DEAN (Capt. of Guilds Tennis) on his engagement to JOAN FURLONG.

JOHN HOLMES (Secretary of I.C. Entertainments) on his engagement to DIANA HASLETT.

DAVID BALL (3rd year Electrical) on his engagement to BARBARA GILLMAN.

REFECTORY SNIPPETS

The Union refectory will close on or about July 27th. and reopen on 1st. September, by when it is hoped that the five year 'do' of the boilers will be over.

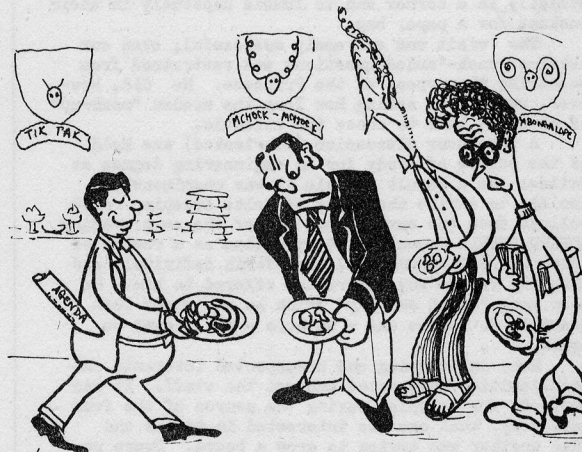
A new hot-plate may soon be installed in the Upper Dining Hall, and possibly also a new coffee machine downstairs.

REFECTORY REPORT

Improvements at last

The Refectory Committee has just completed its report to the Governing Body on the first years operation of the Union Refectory by Messrs. John Gardner. The committee reports a reduction in the catering loss for the corresponding periods of August to March for last year and this, from £3,600 to £1,300- this after the £1,000 management fee is allowed for. The improvement has been made roughly equally between foodcosts, wages, and in receipts. The committee says that the "increase in receipts has been achieved without the substantial rises in prices which have been tried in vain in previous years", and gives full credit to Messrs. Gardner for this.

The report then deals with the work taken on by their 'Catering Sub-Committee' (see below); a considerable investigation has been made into the costing and pricing of 'function' catering, following complaints early in the year; and more recently the Sub-Committee has inherited a situation where "the brunt of the day-to-day work of supervision, of suggesting economies and improvements etc." fell upon them for a considerable period. The report considers that John Gardner should be able to take up this work and maintain close supervision of the working of the refectory services.



COMMITTEE OUTLETS AND RISsoles FOR THE REST.

"Certain minor flaws" have appeared during this work: such as when "instances came to notice of apparent discrimination in serving the choicer and scarcer foods (e.g. chop) at lunches and suppers, available only at Staff Tables and for members of the Sub-Committee."

(The I.C. Refectory Ctte. comprises: Sir Arthur Hall (of the Governing Body)(Chairman); Mr. John Levy (Vice-Chairman) Col. Lowry (Hon. Secretary), The Rector, Professor Pippard (Chairman, Staff Common Room); Mr. D. M. de G. Allen (Dean of Residents); Dr. Gilbert Wilson; The President of I.C. Union; The Presidents of Guilds, R.C.S., Mines and I.C.W.A.)

TAKING STEPS

It has been officially denied that the reason for the renewal of the steps leading to the Union cloakroom is the large number of thefts from there which have occurred. As recent users will have noted, a counter has been installed and it is hoped shortly to have cloakroom attendants present for the majority of the time the Union is open. FELIX understands that the reason for the back door to the Union being kept closed is the fact that it is believed to have been used in the course of some of the thefts. A number have also been reported from the changing rooms behind the stage, and regarding these, Mr. Semways, the Union Secretary, said that he did not think that it was widely enough known that keys to lockers in the changing rooms were available, on loan, to Union members at the messengers' lodge by the Registry

NEWS FLASHES

The British Student Tuberculosis Foundation is to open an experimental rehabilitation centre of eighteen beds this summer. The 1951 Appeal Fund now stands at £17,000.

The Editor and Sub-Editor of the 'Guilds Engineer' represented the C&G. Engineering Society at the annual ball of the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées, in Paris.

Dai Nicholas states that he is definitely not a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Presidency.

Nevertheless he made a great public gesture towards popularity in any primaries likely to be held here in calling for assistance in the demolition of set teas ordered last Saturday by the Judo Club and unclaimed.

A TWIP TO THE WIGHT THIDE OF THE THOLEN

Before the war at Guilds (not Morphy Day) it was the custom of the academic staff and students of the electrical department to take a short holiday together. This was re-introduced this year at the beginning of the Easter vacation by a long week-end spent at VENTNOR, I.O.W. The object was to further the bonds of goodwill and mutual respect already existing between members of 3E and the staff (you're right - I have not yet graduated).

At ALUM BAY Mr. D.M.TOMBS entered the sea (in bathing trunks) at 12.32; emerged 55 seconds later, and was very quiet for the rest of the day. JEFF GARROD was nearly engulfed by quicksand and had to remove his trousers to wash and dry them. Photographs of these two events will be sent in plain, sealed envelopes to applicants through the rack.

Later that day a visit was paid to COWES to look over the Princess flying boat. An excellent tea was provided at which more observant members of the staff may have taken the chance of picking out the opportunists among the students present. These were easily distinguished by the fact that they only smiled twice at tea, once on arriving and once on leaving, and declined conversation entirely, preferring to eat steadily in a corner and to fumble hopefully in their pockets for a paper bag.

The visit was extremely successful; even our asker-of-cack-'anded-questions was restrained from enquiring the purpose of the Princess. He did, however, succeed in asking how long the wooden "mook-up" of it would take to cross the atlantic.

A five hour discussion (lubricated) was held of the course of study for an engineering degree at Guilds. As a result of this it was unanimously decided to strike the study of belts creeping round pulleys from the curriculum. Later the same evening HOWARD STEELE demonstrated hypnotism as a result of which PETER CLEGHORN will henceforth definitely and abruptly refuse any cigarettes offered to him. He also sang "Night and Day" which he has never been heard to do before and - we hope - will never be again.

Many interesting and unsuspected interests and peculiarities were noted amongst the staff. It was emerged, for example, during the course of the four days stay, that one was interested in trains and that another was trying to grow a beard. Spare unlicensed hours were spent in two ways - walking clockwise round the island - and walking anti-clockwise round the island.

In conclusion it can be safely said that this Easter trip was a Very Good Thing - extremely enjoyed by all and - we hope - firmly re-established as a tradition.

ROVER HIKE

As a break from the traditional Easter camp at Silwood the I.C. Rover Crew this year cycle-hiked in France.

A party of four, all that was left after the field trips and the like had taken their toll, left London on Wednesday, 2nd April, for Newhaven and the night ferry to Dieppe. After breakfast on board the next morning and a rapid tour of sight seeing the party went by train to Rouen where the cycling began, and the first of the peculiarities of the French diet encountered - how to carry a 3 foot loaf in a rucksack. Mathematical genius prevailed, by breaking it in half.

The first camp, at Romilly, not far from Rouen, was notable for the gales on both sides of the canvas. The inclement weather could be endured but not the snoring necessitating a change of accommodation.

After a day's cycling along the valley of the Seine a 16th century farmhouse, complete with television, was approached - where a site was found - but beware of the poisonous snakes in the barn! These were not quite such a menace as the philosophy of the French motorist, who considers all other roadusers partially deaf and totally blind, and requiring continuous blasting with his horn.

Having successfully ridden the French cobblestones Les Edwards handlebars came off in his hand and a puncture was suffered near Poissy. At St. Germain the cooking paraffin ran out. All manner of substitutes from kerosene to medicinal paraffin were offered, until the wife of the British Army whispered the magic word, "Petrole".

The highlight of Paris is reported to have been a whirlwind in the "Place de la Concorde" to the discomfort of many and delight of passersby.

Bouconvillers was remarkable for an early morning visit. As Buckroyd stuck his head out of the tent he gaped straight into the eyes of a bovine beastie - love at first sight.

And so with only a broken 3 speed cable the party returned to England after 10 days of enjoyable cycling.

Lunch Hour Concerts)
1.30 in the gym.) SUNDAYS

Norman Samways, the I.C. Union secretary, is at present visiting the Technische Universität, Charlottenburg (Berlin), in response to an invitation from their President, Reinhardt Abraham, to Derek Coomber.

THUNDER ROCK

The Dramatic Society's Easter Production was 'Thunder Rock' by Robert Ardrey. It tells the story of a man who endeavours to escape from the unpleasantness of the world by isolating himself in a remote lighthouse. He builds an imaginary world peopled by the Captain and passengers of a ship that had foundered there 90 years earlier. Instead of providing him with the optimistic world he seeks, they eventually drive him back to face the difficulties of his own times.

Charleston, the escapist lightkeeper, was magnificently portrayed by John Harding. He sustained his part throughout the play, and generally carried the whole action on his shoulders. It is a pity that he did not receive adequate support from the producer or the rest of the cast. In general, the other parts were poorly characterised, and many fine acting opportunities were lost. The notable exception was John Saunders, who was outstanding in the very difficult part of Briggs. Though having a rather colourless part as Dr. Stefan Kurtz, Douglas Lerner made the most of his opportunities in Act III: that that act did not die completely is thanks mainly to him.

The major criticism must be of the production, which, though superb in places, was in general of a very low standard. The impression was that too little care had been taken during rehearsal. The accents which were tolerated ranged from a very phony American at times uttered unintelligibly through a cigarette, to an excellent London accent, the like of which Birmingham has never produced!! Charleston was well advised in using his natural voice - the rest of the cast would have been under less of a handicap if they had followed his example.

The first act opened slowly, and what life it developed was killed by an over long 'dramatic' pause at the end. Adam Sobey, the Producer, should realise that these pauses, though effective in debate, can prove disastrous on the stage. On each occasion when he introduced one the audience's interest was lost, and the action of the play broken. It was downright bad theatre.

Act II was the highlight of the play. It had pace, and was skilfully built up to a gripping climax. The finish was magnificent. Unfortunately the author wrote a further Act: more unfortunately the cast played it - almost.

Act III was the lingering death that earlier we had learnt should be suffered by neither bottles nor men. After the departure of the wreck victims it was a matter of just waiting for the end. It is a pity that the play finished in this lame way. It had shown promise, and at times sparks of brilliance. I was left with the feeling that 'There might have been an excellent play'. I trust that the next production will more adequately fulfill our expectations.

24th - 25th MAY

TOUGHSTONE WEEKEND
at Silwood Park.

This will be a
MUSICAL WEEKEND PARTY
in response to many requests

Details to be announced later.
Applications may be made now
to Union Office.

24th - 25th May

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED DIGS NEAR COLLEGE, for two men sharing room, full board. Usual rewards for information. Apply Spink or Lemin through Union rack.

Will the person(s) who borrowed two Morphy Pots from the Union on 1st March please return them. Their owners are thirsty.

For Sale

Mac. Velocette 1949 model 350cc OHV
One owner dual seat exceptional condition
New tyre and battery. £130. Apply
R. A. Saunders via Guilds Rack.

One set of ice-hockey boots and skates, size 9
condition - middling to mediocre. £1 Os. Od.
E. R. Pergande Phys. I

HITCH-HIKING THIS SUMMER? - Frame rucksack for sale £1 - apply room 73 New Hostel.

PHOENIX SPRING '52

The new editor of 'Phoenix' is to be congratulated on producing a good first issue. If he can keep up the standard he has set he will earn the thanks of all followers of that ephemeral bird. Despite the generally high level of the contributions and the diversity of subject there does appear, somehow, to be the same atmosphere penetrating every article. Perhaps this merely shows that the contributors are all from I.C. but it does cause a certain uniformity of mood.

The major work is, as we have learned to expect, from the pen of the doyen of "Phoenix" contributors, Selby Angus. 'The Atomic Blonde' is the latest instalment in the Stagers Saga and is well up to standard. Mr. Angus shows the breadth of his culture by his choice of prefatory quotation. Also in the category of fiction (according to the contents page) is 'Red Tape Revolution' which is an extended anecdote, perhaps a little too extended, 'Heat Wave', a five-finger exercise well sustained up to the anti-climax of its ending and 'The Falling House that Never Falls'. This last story fails, I think, in that the two sections, the description of the Abbey and the encounter with the two boys, are really quite distinct and the unity and lightness necessary for a piece of this kind is lost.

The humour section (the divisions seem arbitrary) contains two good articles and a feeble one, all on some aspect of College life, real or imaginary. 'The Hinge of Fate' is an amusing account of the I.C. swing doors from which we have all suffered. It is this sort of light-hearted treatment of a facet of the I.C. scene which is eminently suitable for the magazine. 'Fundamental Research' will appeal to all postgraduate students but should be kept away from all third year people - it may give them ideas! In contrast with these two articles which gain by their use of local colour 'Mole A.R.S.M.' uses local colour to try to put over a trite little fable but is conspicuously unsuccessful.

The four essays included are not the really indigestible stuff we usually get under this heading. 'Fore' is a plea for his game by one of the foremost golfers in the College and 'Lament' is another shoot of that hardy annual "What is a University Education?" 'Mediaeval Alchemists' consists of two anecdotes about alchemy which is a subject worth a fuller and deeper treatment. Is there an amateur chemist-historian-psychologist in the College? Perhaps Mr. Lusher himself. The principal essay is 'H.G. Wells', written in rather turgid prose and saying nothing enlightening about the subject. The fifteen hundred words of the essay are obviously totally inadequate to discuss the works of Wells, a fact which must have occurred to the author who thereupon proceeded to write an article describing his own (rather confused) ideals with but a bare mention of the supposed subject.

In fact, only two of Wells' books are mentioned by name and none are discussed. May I suggest that the founder of 'Phoenix' be more respectfully treated in its pages?

Of the remaining features requiring comment the verse is unmentionable - is it really necessary, Mr. Editor? The photographs are interesting (even though the aerial photograph is pre-war) and Mr. Dadd's drawings entertaining. More of these small sketches would be welcome as they considerably improve the appearance of the page.

PARTY POLITICS

"Should the Conservative Party follow a Socialist Policy and to what extent?"

The discussion commenced with an understanding being reached on what Socialism actually was. There appears, however, to be no very wide knowledge of what it is among conservatives and the main points that arose in the definition were: complete state ownership, equal chances for all men and a recognition of private property (forming a distinction, it appeared, from communism).

The main subject of the title had now been logically reached, but unfortunately those present were not a fair sample of Tory feeling in the College, and all now agreed that the definition given above should gradually form part of Conservative policy (at a previous meeting, out of which this one arose, one member considered that there should be no Socialism in Conservatism). It was indicated in passing that the Conservative Party had always been introducing Socialist reforms in the past (but far too slowly as the chairman pointed out) and that after the present metamorphosis of policy envisaged in the discussion, the party should seriously consider introducing Communism as defined by Karl Marx, with the modern theoretical amendments (insisted on by the Chairman). It was agreed in this connection that Russian Politics were not Communism.

The passing reference cited above of course leads to the conclusion that the Conservative Party should carry Socialism to the extreme, but over a considerable period of time. It was argued that the country cannot take Socialism in large amounts,

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL.

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND. I.C. General Open Lecture, Main Mathematics lecture theatre, 4.15 p.m. 'Scientific Writing and Reporting - (ii) Organisation in writing.' Prof. H. Levy, D.Sc.

U.L.U. Debate with students from Paris University (in French).

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. I.C.A.C.C. and I.C. Entertainments Committee present Olympic Games Dance, I.C. Union, 8.00 - 11.30 p.m. Men students 1/9d plus tax, ladies 2/0⁺d.

SUNDAY, May 4TH. Lunch hour concert, Gymnasium, 1.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5TH. L.I.F.C.U. A talk will be given by R. Manwering on 'God's Dilemma' in the Botany Lecture Theatre.

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH. I.C. Photographic Society Annual Exhibition will be held in the Gymnasium on 6, 7 and 8 May from 12 - 2 and 6 - 8.30 p.m.

I.C. Musical Society Gallery party to Sadlers Wells: 'The Bartered Bride' (Smetana).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH. The Church of England in the University of London. Holy Communion Service, 8.45 a.m. There will be a short address by the Bishop's Chaplain to the University. It will be possible to obtain a light breakfast afterwards.

U.L. Jazz Federation Stomp, U.L.U. Hut, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3/6 (members 2/-).

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH. I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch-hour recital, Council Room, C. and G. Clarinet quintet (Mozart) by members of I.C. Orchestra.

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH. I.C. General Open Lecture, Main Mathematics lecture theatre, 4.15 p.m. 'Scientific Writing and Reporting - (iii) The Written Word'. Prof. H. Levy, D.Sc.

R.C.S. Math. and Phys. Soc. Large Physics Lecture theatre, 5.30 p.m. 'Living with the Weather' by Sir David Brunt, Sec R.S.. Chairman: Prof. Sir George P. Thomson, F.R.S.

I.C. Political Society, Socialist Group, 5.30 p.m. Rev Dr. Bryn Thomas on 'Marx and Christ'.

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH. I.C.U. Entertainments Ctte Hop, 8 - 11 p.m. Tickets from Union Office Annex in Lunch hour of May 8 and 9.

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH. I.C. Contract Bridge Club Annual Congress, 2.30 p.m. Entry fee 5/-. Prizes. Details from notice board in I.C.U. Entrance Hall. Lunch hour concert, Gymnasium, 1.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12TH. L.I.F.C.U. Talk by Mr. D. Dean. 'Why be a Christian?'. Botany Lecture theatre.

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH. I.C. Mus. Soc. Gallery party. Covent Garden, Benjamin Britten opera 'Billy Budd'.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH. University of London

Presentation Day. The Presentation Ball will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1. Tickets 30/- single from U.L.U., 30 Woburn Square, W.C.1.

The annual Presentation Day Service will be at Westminster Abbey at 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. F.E. Carpenter, Ph.D., Canon of Westminster.

I.U. Conservative Association dance, I.C.U. 8 - 11 p.m. Tickets 2/6.

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH. I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch hour recital, Council Room, C & G, 1.15 p.m.

ATHLETIC.

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. U.L. v Paris University, Motspur Park, 2.45 p.m. Admission to ground 1/-, Reserved seat stands 2/6d.

I.C.A.C. v Barts and Guys, Harlington.

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH. C & G Motor Club Annual Rally.

Rallying point is 'The Two Brewers', Northaw, Herts at 1.45 p.m. Entry divided into two classes: Class A. Open cars of any capacity, Class B. Closed Cars of any capacity. Details and Entry forms from:- The Secretary of the Meeting, Mr. J. Day, C & G College, S.W.7.

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH. I.C.A.C. are participating in U.L.A.C. Championships. Preliminary rounds at Motspur Park today and Thursday, 8th. Finals on Saturday, 10th.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH. I.C.A.C. v U.C. (away).

but that the Conservative Party could introduce it at such a rate that it could be assimilated with ease. Those present, with few exceptions, agreed that there was too much in the country at the moment, and that no more should be proceeded with for some years until economical recovery was assured. The Socialist measures that were in existence now and were of value to the country were cited as: the National Health Scheme and coal and mail nationalization.

After the meeting a list of subjects was drawn up for discussion every Thursday in May.

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MIDDLESEX SEVENS

Every Easter when the weather is at its hottest, I.C. joins battle with the giants for death or glory; in our case the honour of playing at Twickenham in the final rounds.

On Saturday, 19th April, on the Old Millhills ground at Pinner in sweltering heat, I.C. soon defeated Vauxhall Motors II. No sooner was the ball in play when an orthodox three quarter movement gave us an easy try, followed by another a few moments later. With 6 points up, great tactical use was made of the touch line.

In the second round Hoover pressed hard, doing everything but score for the first few minutes. I.C. pulled themselves together, taking the ball to within 5 yards of Hoover's line where a series of demoralising scrums were endured, and from which, as a result of hearty congratulations, a rather dubious try was awarded by the corner flag. The kicker then showed that we really could score goals, converting the try with ease. Hoover then went to pieces, allowing I.C. to win 15-0.

During this game Spooner's knee grew to an enormous size but he gamely went forward into the third round against Pinner. Most of this game was spent in Pinner's half with I.C. ever on the attack but with half a man short just unable to score. The break through of the nippy Pinner threes was a constant menace, but the I.C. forwards rose to the occasion and went with wings to bring them down short of the line. Just before no side Pinner's wing eluded Spooner who by now could barely walk, and after a thrilling chase the whole length of the field, crossed the line for the only score.

In the fourth round a very tired Pinner was no match for the more robust O. Millhillsians.

If I.C. wish for greater achievements in this sphere the 7s. must be taken more seriously with adequate training for several weeks prior to the competition. One run in the park is not enough to ensure the high degree of cooperation and anticipation essential for success.

EASTER HOCKEY

The season was closed for I.C. Hockey Club in a most admirable manner. The 1st XI plus sundry reserves entertained a Dutch student team from the "Forward Hockey Club", Groningen University, whilst both teams played in a Festival at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington. Both teams were placed in the Premier Division of the Festival and consequently each had strong fixtures. The Dutchmen were unlucky to have to play with a reserve forward line. The result was that their strong defence was usually harassed and worried into making mistakes, as the results showed. I.C., however, with 10 members of the first team available, kept an unbeaten record in the 4 matches and may be pleased with the results.

Of all the games played, perhaps it is most fitting to pick out the I.C. v. Groningen match for comment. This was considered the big match by the Dutchmen (and perhaps by I.C. as well), and so everybody was rather satisfied with the result. Groningen scored their goal halfway through the first-half and their defence very nearly did the rest. Attack after attack by the I.C. forwards and halves was broken up and it was not until the last minute that the vital equalising goal was scored. Truly the hardest game of the season for I.C.

Although a lot of hockey was played, the social side of the visit was by no means neglected. A reception, sherry party and dance were held on 10th April in the Old Lounge and a farewell dinner held on 16th April in a West-End Chinese restaurant. In between these two alcoholic end-pieces stand mighty memories of bacchanalian evenings at Teddington, trips to the "Prospect of Whitby", gin parties in the Hostel and sight seeing around the Tower, St. Paul's, the Abbey and other historic buildings.

The Club received as farewell presents a blue and white silk pennant and a Delft china plate. The members of the team each received a miniature bottle of gin from their Dutch counterparts.

The entertainment of the visitors as described above was made possible by a generous grant of money by the Athletic Clubs Committee, for which the Club Officers wish to express their gratitude.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club has had a most successful season this year, both as a team and individually. After years of struggle we have achieved the highest honour by winning the Larcombe Cup of the University of London Men's League, and have again retained our position of runners-up in the mixed league. Also, the men's team has won all their first team matches this season, winning 7 in the League, beating L.S.E. 6-3 in the Final, and the University games, Reading 11-1, Birmingham 12-3 and Oxford University Woodpeckers 9-0. Our 'A' team twice lost narrowly to Cambridge University Cockerels. The club has once again played I.C. in the limelight, and of the 31 matches played 23 were won and 8 lost.

F.S. Iau has placed I.C. in the forefront of University badminton by winning the Men's Singles, Men's doubles and Mixed doubles of the U.A.U. championships at Hull and also the U.L.U. championships. This is the first time on record an I.C. player has done so well. He also captained the U.L. Badminton Club. A.Finch has won the keenly contested men's singles of the South Shields and District Restricted Tournament. He has been elected captain of the U.L. Badminton Club for the season 1952-53.

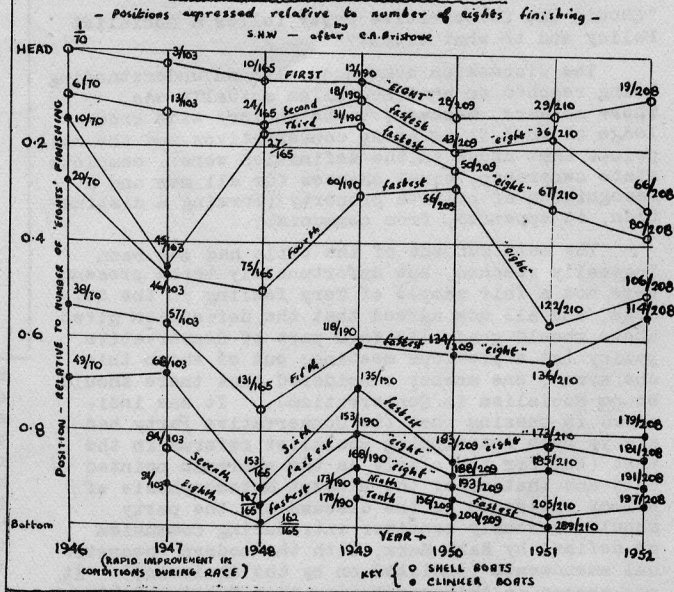
HEAD OF THE RIVER

Of the 208 crews rowing in the Head, some 190 to 200 failed to take full advantage of the stream when taking the bend at Fulham Football Ground, with a loss to their crews of anything from one to fifteen seconds. Not all of the I.C. coxswains were exempt from this criticism, even though it may have been due to a decision made at Barnes, some fifteen minutes earlier. Nevertheless, all members of the I.C. Coxswains Society, would do well to remember Rule V of the Laws of Boat Racing, which begins thus: "A boat's proper course is such course as will enable it to reach the winning post in the shortest possible time," That means learning the "proper course" and steering it, at each and every regatta this summer.

Of the Head itself there is little to say. The 1st. VIII had a good row and are now back in the First Division. With fewer crews to overtake and negotiate, they would have been seconds faster. The 2nd. VIII, up to Hammersmith, showed promise of good performances on the shorter courses later this term. The "old hands" in the 4th. VIII and the freshers in the 5th., both did very well, the latter going up 59 places on last year. The other fresher boats had their first taste of what boat racing can be like, and should produce some good material for the upper boats in a year or so.

Results: I.C.I--19th. I.C.II--68th. I.C.III--108 I.C.IV--80 I.C.V--114 I.C.VI--179 I.C.VII--191 I.C.VIII--197.

I.C.B.C. - Putney Head-of-the-River



RESULTS:-

- I.C. v. Old Kingstonians Won 3-2
- I.C. v. Groningen Drew 1-1
- I.C. v. U.C. Southampton Won 3-2
- I.C. v. Old Waynfletes Drew 1-1