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## GUILDS CIVIL SUCCESS

Guilds elections this year were again preceded by the studied calm and indifference so characteristic of the engineering fraternity. Not for Guilds the glorious hustings of lesser places nor the introduction of the candidates to the electors before the great denouement. The few articulate members entertain the house with sparkling wit and a passing reference to their protégé, thus ensuring that the best man wins. The results of this year's election were:-

PRESIDENT	Philip Allsopp
VICE PRESIDENT	Derek Power
SECRETARY	Edmund Harding
I.C. REPRESENTATIVE	Derek Crossley

The matters of moment having been dispersed, official recognition is given to the advent of the silly season. The President makes a speech, up comes the hardy annual concerning the plumbing on the top floor, which is being looked into or sat on according to the position of the President's drawing office, and every-one congratulates every-one else. Duty done, the Field Cup Race can be run.

The Field Cup was originally presented to the winners of an interdepartmental boatrace on the Serpentine, but due to lack of appreciation in some quarters, the course is from time to time modified. The enigmatic smiles of the Guildsmen who knew were rewarded - not only by a boatrace but a chariot race as well. In less time than it takes to undo another team's bolt, all departments were busy constructing chariots (see working drawing in Room 17) of scaffolding and Universal couplings - but all too soon, the appropriate start by Jack and the Spanner had not been given - the machines were dismantled (well, officially). Down went the Spanner and almost at once the Civils, who had been furthest from the Presidential eye, had hoisted their vehicle aloft as they staggered to Exhibition Road. By a few masterful strokes of a two by four angle the charioteer dispensed with the services of all who were not actively assisting him (some 200).

Closely hauled by the Electricals, the Civils tore up to the Park, waived on by affable policemen, and reached the bridge over the Serpentine with 20 yards' lead. Over the parapet went the flag and away shot the boat beneath, propelled by McKenna and McKenna, ably hindered by the Civils captain at the rudder end and a character with a broom at the other. Due in no small measure to the fishing activities of the Civils, the Electricals, who were rowing strongly, began to creep up, until a boat propelled by two Civils admirers who were not looking where they were going, caused a break in the rowing and a heated exchange of pretty compliments.

By now the Mechanicals had given their flag to the duly grateful Chemicals and one brave spirit delivered his flag personally, when he came up after jumping off the bridge. Running battles were fought as the rival crews tried hard to overtake the leaders.

The Civils, some 5 lengths up, were met by a merman who tried hard if unsuccessfully to make an impression upon the discussion as to the best means of making the shore with dignity. The pennant was hurled but fell short of the bank. Rising to the occasion, or did he fall? Newman plunged into the water to come dripping to the bank. By now all the boats had arrived and chaos reigned as revenge was taken.

### ENGINEERING PAPER PRIZE

The Links Club Memorial Prize for the best student paper written for the 'Guilds Engineer' has this year been awarded to M. W. Anill for his contribution "Methane Production from Sewage Sludge". The prize was first awarded last year and has a value of three guineas. It was instituted in memory of the seventeen 'Links' killed in the war.

### ELECTIONS

Last Tuesday's elections nearly complete the lists of next years Union administration, and the following are results to date:

The nine members of Council are: D.R. Crossley, D.J. Power, S.H. Wearne (Guilds); D.E. Fraser, P.D.R. Maltby, M.D. Martin (Mines); and J.M. Corrigan, H.C. Oldland, A.V.S. de Reuck (R.C.S.).

The new Chairman of the Social Clubs Committee is M.J. Neale, the Secretary M. Abbott, and the Assistant Secretary B.H. Wyatt.

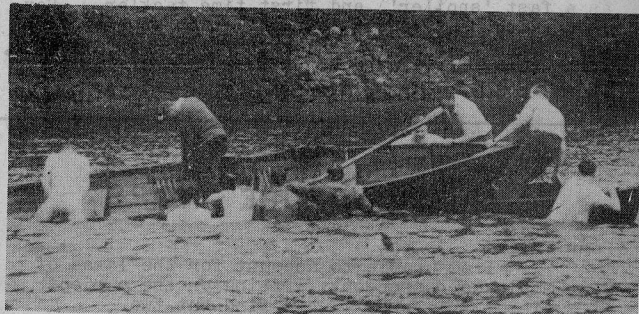
The I.C.W.A. results were:

President: Rae Turnbull; Secretary: Alison Entwistle; and Entertainments Secretary: Inky Schieldrop.

and for I.C.W.S.C. the results were:

President: Doreen Goodway; Vice-President & Junior Treasurer: Marjorie Gratwick; Secretary: Jean Osborne.

The Guilds Officers are given in the adjoining column.



THE FIELD CUP RACE

### BEER GOING UP

The Refectory Committee have decided that they must at last pass on the general increase of a penny a pint in draught beer prices made by the brewers a year ago. The Committee will continue to stand the loss for this session, but from September 1st, when the College reopens, the prices will be 9d. a half of bitter, and 8d. for mild.

### ROVER CREW

Owing to the recent large increase in membership of the Rover Crew this year, their headquarters "The Den" became impossibly overcrowded. Permission was obtained to extend these quarters, and the whole work completed in this term. At an open meeting 27th. May, the extension was formally opened by Haydn Dimmock, Editor of "The Scout", those present including the Rector, and the Chairman of the Social Clubs Committee.

### DRAM SOC

In order that members of the college may see the play which Dram. Soc. are taking on tour to Cheltenham this Summer, it is proposed to stage a performance in the Union on Thursday 26th. June, at 7pm. A charge of 1/6d. will be made to cover expenses. Tickets will be obtainable in the Gym from Monday to Thursday 23rd. - 26th. June, or at the door. All members of the Union are invited to attend. The play is "Summer Day's Dream" by J.B. Priestley. The play will be performed at the Civic Playhouse, Cheltenham, on Monday to Saturday. 30th. June - 5th. July.

## PROFILE

An interesting study for the Sociologist might be the effect of war-time evacuation on the present day lives of the youngsters to whom it applied. For instance, did a sudden impact with the countryside influence the adult personality of an otherwise London-destined child?

At an early age Kenneth Percy Eldridge was subjected to a complete change in environment. From the more fashionable of Northern London's suburbs he found himself in the wide open spaces of South Africa, eventually spending five formative years at Parktown High School, Johannesburg.

Eldridge himself admits that if it had not been for this upheaval he would not now be reading engineering, nor would he play rugby football. To imagine him as anything but an engineer, or rugby player is, indeed, difficult, so to this extent his life has been influenced. But in a wider field it is felt that his present make-up has been greatly formed as a result of this early travel. That Ken is 'different' there is no doubt.

A lack of conservation in his views, manner, and appearance - for a long time his favourite suiting has been pea-green tweed - has led him to become an odd type of practical free thinker. Classification is difficult in his case, for he combines a fresh, youthful personality, with an occasional cultural sophistication. In fact, at times the bespectacled short sightedness, and pouting upper lip, suggests a tendency to superciliousness.

Contrasting these characteristics are those of a more than-average sportsman. In Imperial College perhaps he is best known as hooker of this season's successful rugby XV, where he also made his mark as a fast 'spiller', and first time tackler. Having gained half-colours for athletics in his first year, he has since been able to write knowledgeable, if somewhat frivolous, reports on 'Sports Day'.



## THE BOSS

Whilst claiming to spend a lot of his time swimming, it should be noted that this is carried out well away from Kensington.

Militarily, Corporal Eldridge must be considered a disappointment. After six weeks training, six weeks in the cookhouse, and six weeks rest he spent eighteen months in the army post office at Knightsbridge.

Taking a healthy participation in Union affairs, Ken has upheld his academic progress, and lived at home during his stay here - two hours each day being spent on travelling. Tackled on this life at home he says "none at all, there are four of us". All that is known of the between-years is that, before coming to I.C. he was an architect's assistant for six months, and spent one year at Enfield Technical College, Southgate also knows him as a Rover Scout, and an amateur gardener.

A great reader of other people's newspapers it was perhaps this habit which first brought him to the fore in I.C., and has undoubtedly put him in front of us to-day. Starting as a mere writer, and 'maker-up-er' of Felix he advanced to Sports Editor, Easter half-session last year. There he developed a conglomeration of reports into a definite 'back-page' (unfortunately, omitting 'a guide to the pools'), and continued to fill this until called to the Editor's chair in March of this year.

Readers of recent editorials must agree that Ken Eldridge is a man with firm convictions, which he is not afraid to state in the full glare of public opinion. With twenty-three years behind him, he leaves College to embark upon a career in industry. Industry itself will decide whether K. P. Eldridge in his complete range of interest, and direct approach, will be the type of leader to-day demands. His future career might in fact, be a judgement on the new technologist.

## MUSIC AT THE HOPS

Dear Felix,

I am unable to account for the lapse of your music correspondent, writing on the subject of Music at the Hops. I can find but two conclusions :-

1. He is never in a fit state to listen to any records after sojourning in the bar on Saturdays.
2. He has never heard records by Les Paul, etc., the names being just bar-talk that he has overheard, and as a consequence he doesn't recognise them when we do play them at the hops.

For the benefit of your sadly ignorant or misinformed music correspondent, the greater proportion of the records played at the hops are not by bands usually styled as 'strict tempo'. The number of recordings by Victor Sylvester played at an average hop is 8-10, mostly at the beginning of the evening when there is plenty of room to dance. At two hops this year, only ONE Victor Sylvester record was played (and then by request).

We regularly play recordings by Guy Mitchell, Roy Rogers, Les Paul, Sid Phillips, etc., for quickstep dances, but the number of such recordings available to which it is possible to waltz is microscopic - I know because I've hunted for more. We therefore rely on Joe Loss, Maurice Winnick, Josephine Bradley, and similar orchestras for most of our slow waltzes.

Yours etc.,  
Paul Jeffery.

## NEEDED

4th June, 1952

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on your article on the choice of music for the Hops for two reasons. Firstly, I feel that the writer greatly overestimates the saving in record cost made by the use of lightweight pickups. I am open to correction, but I think some time will have to elapse before the benefit can be felt.

But my second and main criticism lies in his choice of records. My own experience of Hops has led me to regard them as a combination of dance and social occasion. The inclusion of a few records by the performers mentioned, and others of their type, might not reduce their general appeal, but such people as Fats Waller and Stan Kenton are appreciated by only a limited percentage of the community, and if their fans want to cavort to the noises they produce it is, surely, up to the Jazz Club, or some similar organisation, to cater for their needs.

Yours faithfully,

Brian H. Wyatt

## O NO JO!

FELIX has much pleasure in publishing the latest effort (on his Prof's own Typewriter) of the almost extinct RCS Joe Soap.

The Editor of Felix.

Dear Sir,

Imperial College is comprised of Royal College of Science, Royal School of Mines, and City & Guilds College. Why sir, are not the Engineers in a building titled as the other two, 'Royal'?

On leaving College with a degree, members of R.C.S. & R.S.M. may proudly proclaim that they are Associates of a Royal College and Royal School respectively. Not so the ~~the~~ Engineer, who may only claim associateship of an Institute.

Cannot something be done to repair this unfortunate state of affairs? I suggest that we change the name City & Guilds College to Royal School of Engineers, so that an engineer may proudly say that he is an Associate of The Royal School of Engineers. Think of the letters after his name.....

Oh dear, perhaps it's not such a good idea after all,

Yours faithfully,

Joe Soap.

## FELIX



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

EDITOR:

K.P.ELDRIDGE

To those who have already suffered, FELIX wishes the nicest of markers, while for those about to undergo the annual ordeal, all the right questions for the answers you have. May you all leave next week with light heart, enjoy the pleasiest of vacations in many lands, and come back next year.

The remarkably short list of one from which the choice of next year's President will be made by I.C. Council can be attributed to two major courses.

The first is that a strong current opinion is that the Presidency of this College is much too high an honour to confer upon mere mortals. Linked with this opinion is the belief that people of Presidential calibre are not so numerous as they were. Both are fallacies of every generation; that no gods are like those of yesterday. As the character of the student population develops through successive years so do the needs of the Union and the qualities demanded of a President, though no two would agree as to the exact combination of qualities.

Secondly there is a very noticeable reluctance on the part of men who have many, though perhaps not all, of the qualities for the office, to permit their names being put forward. This lack of enthusiasm for self-advancement springs from fears that the additional duties will prove too heavy a burden. This is partly the outcome of the practice in recent years of piling office upon office - or agony upon agony on the shoulders of the prominent. No one man can successfully fill two offices - let alone twelve as has been known in our Union affairs, in fairness to ourselves and to our officers, let us have one man with one job.

Another, and less pardonable excuse is that Union work conflicts with academic progress. The academic life here is merely a means to a fuller and better life later on. That the later life has been impaired by the knowledge gained through work in Union office is not borne out by the progress of past Presidents. Experience of this kind will prove of more lasting value than any number of Ph.D.s. Letters may secure a job - but they won't hold it.

Whatever the reasons avowed or suppressed, we feel that as the college is sharply divided into those who do something, and those who don't, while the do's are further split into brains and brawn, with subdivisions depending upon the nature of the exercise taken. A nomination list of one candidate does not recognize the varying needs of the different groups - nor give Council much room to manoeuvre.

While extending to the successful candidate sincere congratulations and best wishes for his term of office, FELIX cannot but express the hope that next year's President will not only be a complete boulder and utter failure, but that he also reduces the tottery structure of our decayed democracy to shambles as a fit tribute the inert individualities of this college.

All those who have written rude letters to us, sent in News and Sports reports, produced printable articles, verses and rhymes, drawn cartoons and sketches for us - and of us, - helped to make up on Sundays and to sell on Fridays, or whose efforts have so far gone unrewarded, FELIX offers his grateful thanks and appreciation; we hope that you will continue to burden the Editor with more material than he can use.

I would like to add my personal thanks to the Board of Directors who have not annoyed me at all, and to the FELIX Board for their willing help and cooperation, in particular to my two keenest critics Tony de Reuck and Stephen Wearne,

K.P.E.

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IMP'S LAST HOP. 7th. June.

Slow - slow - quick - quick - sorry !

Slow - slow - quick - quick - my fault.

Slow - slow - it's alright, they're not my best pair.

Slow - slow - quick - I say, would you like a drink.

## SUMMER PHOENIX

The new issue of 'Phoenix' maintains the high standard set by the Spring number and at the reduced price should have a wide sale in the College.

Six of the articles can conveniently (for the purpose of this review) be taken in pairs, the first of which is 'Maximillian's Last Stand' and 'The Presses Roar! These are two light-hearted pieces between which is placed the Sir Arthur Acland Prize Essay, the whole forming one of those sandwiches with a delectable outside but a most indigestible filling. Mr.Lusher's story is an improvement on his contribution to the Spring issue, showing a better sense of form, but has rather a weak ending. 'The Presses Roar' is the Stagers story, without which no Phoenix of our generation has been or will be complete.

Another pair, also humorous in content, is made up by 'Aethelred the Redless' and 'Lost Oars'. The former is successfully amusing, not so the latter, except to a rowing type.

Mr.Conway's Essay is the most substantial contribution in sheer bulk.It has been acclaimed by the award of prize, but on what grounds I do not know. The literary style is laboured and the intellectual approach pseudo-scientific rather than scientific. On the whole not a distinguished piece of writing.

The third pair of articles should start considerable discussion in the college. In 'Touchstone Reconsidered' a domestic problem is excellently discussed and in 'The Responsibilities of a Graduate' a broader topic is dealt with.

'Souvenir de Paris' is intended as an invocation of that City, but I'm afraid it would need a very much greater writer than Mr.Schilizzi to succeed.

The photographs are of interest, and once again Mr.Dadd has brightened the pages with his imaginative drawings.

## MR SAMWAYS IN BERLIN

In response to repeated requests Mr.Samways presented FELIX with a sheaf of papers on his recent visit to Berlin. The following paragraphs are extracts of the more legible portions.

After the severe bombing and battles for Berlin, later to be occupied and divided by four powers, what did one expect to find? A desolate untidy city frustrated in attempts develop by the force of circumstances or not. The overriding condition that affected everything was that of the division of city by two ideologies - those of the East and West - the government of each sector being in the hands of German guards one each side, not Russian and British, Russian and American as one might expect; neither, at that time, was travel restricted from one zone to another; travelling in by the overhead railway did necessitate an inspection of papers. In the East one had the Communist system of house and street managers, secret police, enforced meetings etc. whereas in the west the way of life is similar as in England. Whilst in the West food was relatively plentiful and cheap and unrationed that in the East, in excess of a small ration, was very expensive. Similarly with most of the things. There seemed to be little doubt to which side Berliners would go if there was sufficient accommodation and work.

Accustoming oneself to the vast amount of damage, now tidied and walled in by neat stacks of old bricks, Berlin appeared a very industrious and busy city. A vast amount of building was in progress, both in concrete, brick and stone; the products of light engineering were in great evidence, new cars, cameras, bicycles, clothes, footwear. All of which could be bought immediately if one had the money.

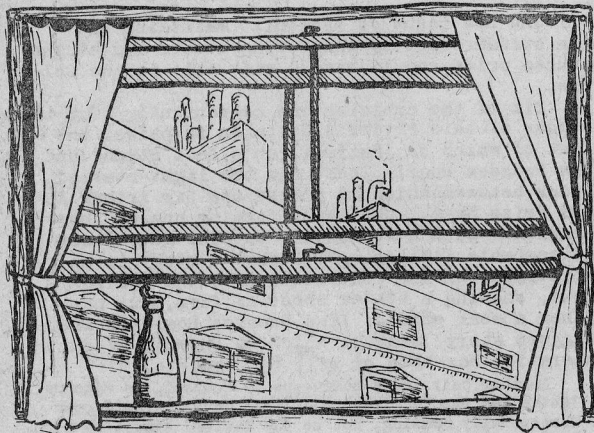
In the evening there were bright lights, open air cafes and restaurants, concerts operas, cinemas all the activity that one associates with a continental capitol.

Kurfürstendamm rapidly regaining the splendour of former times with its wide broad streets, restaurants, stores the new Schiller Theatre, indicative of an industrious people intent on regaining something of what they had lost. Apart from the inaccessibility of Berlin, one would spend a very pleasant holiday there.

Life in the East (Grosse Berlin) appeared to be very different: walking along the border on May Day into Potsdamer Platz propaganda greets you from the loudspeaker system, blueshirt benoculated police eye from the windows of bombed buildings, faces regard each other across the square, while West police stand by. As soon as you enter an east train all is suspicion, who and where is the police agent, when you leave the station who is the agent, in the cafe. Who can be trusted, everybody asks.

ALL THE Trophies that could be found were used to decorate the gym for the last hop of the year.

## ELVASTON SQUARE



"Two more," said my friend, from her chair on the college side window of my flat, tracking in more young things appearing to parade in front of the Americans' barracks in our square. She used to like to sit there, from where one can see up the street from the park, and our corner is these amateurs' final call on their way home at dusk; they make a desperate slow walk round-past the doors and common rooms of the two houses opposite occupied by U.S. Marines - then back once or twice, a wait in a facing doorway - perhaps ours - and then off they go.

The new European community exists at Elvaston Square - with these Americans representative of the next and faster culture that is replacing our own with the same start as fifty and hundred years ago the English missionaries went into Europe and brought back national science and the Ph.D.

Passion in a bowler hat went by here last night, but the principals still rejoicing in the address of Kensington and forcing their own importance of example to the Americans are the family further down. The daughter is just too young to understand, but her mother feels too near to ignore it; the small son sees only the pistols carried by the marines on duty; and father's burden is to demonstrate how to start a British car.

Several houses have been repainted, and show up the rest - their overlays coming unstucco, stained doorsteps, stale milk bottles in the window boxes, and curtains matching the grey walls. The Americans and their hotel followers have accelerated the decay of Elvaston Square, now one hundred years old and following in turn the earlier mash-productions in rows, squares, terraces and places that make London's inner suburbia, the grey belt, that stretches from Victoria to Earl's Court. The servants' quarters were designed in the age of the first railway underground, and one can pick out the better houses in each column by their mixture and degree of decorative coping and stone line.

Inside these are the white-elfantime flats of the first and second floors - ours is one yet to have the full frontage bedroom and its magnificent built-in cupboard split up by partition. However we're splitting up, it's not easy to fill three vacancies now. My girl friend's gone too - for bad and for good.

## NO ENGINUITY

The author bent over his task. From time to time he pulled a large silk handkerchief from his pocket and mopped his brow. The work was nearly completed but the final effort to get it finished was proving harder than he had anticipated. He had reached a stage when his mental outpourings were beginning to dry up and was wondering if he had made a terrible mistake in starting it at all, when his wife appeared with a cup of tea.

She leant over his shoulder looking admiringly at his efforts, and encouraged:

"I think it's going to be a great success dear, but you really must stop and have something to sustain you."

He stood up, hand extended for the cup, his brow glistening again. Thoughtfully surveying his masterpiece he sighed heavily:

"That last crazy paving stone will not fit into place."

G.H.S.

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## STEPHEN ADEPEGBA

In May, this year, Stephen Adepegba was killed in a car accident in Trinidad.

Steve arrived at I.C. from Nigeria in October, 1947, embarking upon the Intermediate Course, and in 1948 entered the Botany Department where three years of diligent work won him an Honours degree and a scholarship to the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad.

One cannot, however, fairly sum up his career at I.C. so briefly. His contribution to the social aspect of College life considerably exceeded his academic distinction which in itself was creditable enough. His enormous grin and infectious laugh were to be recognised at many functions, not least of all the dinners and socials of the Natural History Society and Old Colonial gatherings, where those who were present will vividly recall his singing of Nigerian folk-songs and hymns. Few will have realised how desperately shy Steve was, and the will power with which he compelled himself to perform at these events.

His driving force was a desire to foster a better understanding between the peoples of his country and of others. In striving to this end, he spared himself little and achieved much.

A great affection was felt for Steve by those with whom he worked, and no less by those who taught him.

Our very real sorrow at his tragic death makes only too apparent the inadequacy of the words of sympathy we extend to his wife and two children with whom he was to have been reunited this September after an absence of five years. It is our fervent hope that this inadequacy will not obscure the sincere compassion that we feel.

In his steadfastness of purpose, sincerity, and devout life, Steve has set an example which will be difficult to emulate, let alone surpass.

## TOUCHSTONE

Music and Science to the uninformed may appear to be strange bed-fellows. Yet there is no doubt that amongst scientists, music, of all the arts, has by far the strongest following. The truth of this statement is perhaps most easily illustrated by considering the relative strengths of college societies devoted to Music, Literature, and Fine Arts, viz. large, negligible, and non-existent, respectively. It was therefore not surprising that the accommodation at Silwood Park on the occasion of the recent Musical Touchstone was booked to capacity.

The strength of the week-end lay in the contribution by the Macfiels. Mr. Macfiel, for his frank and illuminating account of the activities of the Arts Council of which he is Assistant director of the music section. His main theme was that since the Arts will never be good box-office, wealthy patrons are essential. The State therefore which seeks to equalise personal incomes must provide the patronage.

Mrs. Macfiel, otherwise known as Michel Hamburg, brought the week-end to an end with a charming piano recital of works ranging from Liszt to Chopin.

## DOBSON &amp; YOUNG

The lecture given by Dobson and Young to a full audience on Monday, 26th May, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. Dobson, covering all kinds of music, coloured his talk with a rich blend of service humour and some very expressive 'visual aids'. The silent Mr. Young provided musical illustrations with an old gramophone.

Although entertaining and intimate, the lecture was very pointed - we must listen and not merely hear, we must discriminate, we must appreciate all kinds of music, but above all we must enjoy music. Finally we were assured that indigent youth is preferable to opulent old age.

## HARD LUCK

I HAVE A CHEMISTRY LECTURER,  
I SHALL NOT PASS;  
HE MAKETH ME TO SHOW MY IGNORANCE, IN FRONT OF  
THE WHOLE CLASS;  
HE GIVETH ME MORE THAN I CAN LEARN,  
HE LOWERETH MY MARKS.  
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF KNOW-  
LEDGE, I DO NOT LEARN.  
HE FIRETH QUESTIONS AT ME, IN THE PRESENCE OF  
MY CLASSMATES:  
HE ANOINTETH MY HEAD WITH PROBLEMS;  
MY EYE RUNNETH OVER.  
SURELY, ATOMS AND MOLECULES SHALL FOLLOW ME, ALL  
THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,  
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE CHEMISTRY LAB. FOREVER.

F. S. LAU

To be Captain of an Athletic Club in one's first year at I.C. must be a distinction which few people enjoy. One such person is F. S. Lau who came to the College in October, 1951, and immediately stepped into the shoes of his brother who was Captain elect at the time but moved on to Nottingham University. F.S. Lau, or simply Lau as he is generally known, came here from Southampton University where he took a degree in Civil Engineering and founded the Badminton Club.

Lau started playing Badminton in Malaya in 1942, but he did not take the game seriously until he came to England in 1947. After winning a few local championships, his first big success came the following year when, at the age of 20, he and his brother won the French Open Men's Doubles Championship.

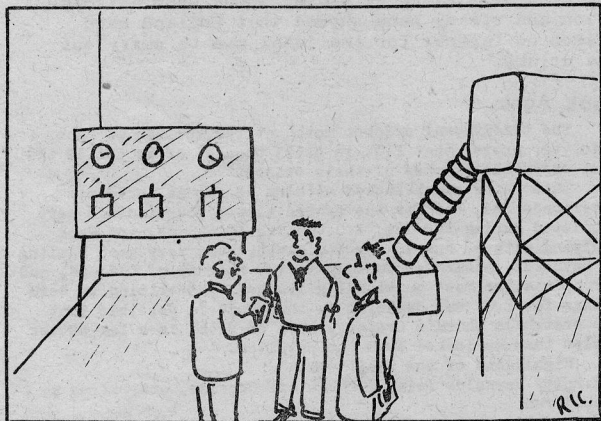
In 1950 he won the U.A.U. Men's singles championship, repeating this success in 1952 when he also won the Men's and mixed doubles championship, playing with partners from King's College. In the U.L.A.U. championship Lau has won the singles and mixed doubles for the last two years, and also the men's doubles this year. He again captained the I.C. Badminton Club during the last season, and at the same time was Captain of the University Club.

Apart from playing Badminton, Lau is working for an M.Sc. in Soil Mechanics, and he also spends a lot of his time flying. He is a member of the U.L. Air Squadron, and in 1951 won a cup for instrument flying.

In his first year at College he did a certain amount of cross-country running, until one particularly cold day led him to the conclusion that the English climate was not suited to that particular mode of improving stamina.

When he has time Lau also enjoys swimming just for the fun of it.

He is very vague about his future plans but expects to be staying in this country for another two or three years. We may even be seeing him around next year as he expects to be taking a part-time course at the College. He will be a great loss to the Badminton Club, mourned even by the members of I.C.W.A. who were bullied into playing in mixed matches when they would rather have been playing hockey; though in this respect he was not as great a bully as his brother. Lau leaves the College with our very best wishes for his future career and for his continued success in the Badminton World.



But Sir, its my turn to discover a Fundamental particle.

MUSIC IN IC

CONCERT

On 29th May there was a notable Thursday concert in the Guilds Council Chamber.

This commenced with a Trio Sonata by Bach, arranged for two pianos. This was not altogether successful either in the arrangement or the performance which tended to be ragged.

The Madrigals that followed were superb, and to my mind the best part of the programme. The I.C. Choir under Dr. Jacques were beyond my criticism. I will say no more.

I did not like the "Rio Grande". It is difficult to criticise a piece that has been generally accepted for years, but it was the first time I had heard it and it seemed lacking. The performance, however, was not lacking in any way and was equal to that in the madrigals; the piano solo (E. H. Brown) was played with great skill.

It is said that Constant Lambert was influenced by jazz in this composition; there were hints in the piano solo of this idiom, but whilst tolerant to both kinds, I think that in Choral Music the two cannot be reconciled. However, the job of a FELIX critic is to criticise the performance (music can be far better dealt with elsewhere) and I can only repeat that this was beyond criticism.

D. J. A.

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH. FELIX No. 38 on sale.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH. An informal dance will be held at Silwood Park from 8.00 p.m. until 1.00 a.m. A Bar and Buffet will be provided. Tickets, price 2/6 single, may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Silwood Park Committee, Silwood Park, Sunninghill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH. End of Session 1951-2.

President's Dance, Imperial College Union.

THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE. I.C. Dramatic Society. Preliminary performance of the Dram. Soc. Cheltenham tour play 'Summer Days Dream' by J.B. Priestley will be held in the Gym. at 7.00 p.m.

Full details are contained on the News page of this issue.

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH. I.C. Dram. Soc. at Cheltenham all this week.

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH. I.C. Refectory closes at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH. University of London (Department of Extra-Mural Studies) are holding a University Extension Summer School at Wye college, near Ashford, Kent. Cost about £4.15.0d per week. Further details are listed on the 'Touchstone' notice board in the Old Lounge of I.C.U. or may be obtained from The Senior Assistant, University Extension Courses, (Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies), Senate House, W.C.1. The School will continue until August 30th.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST. I.C. Refectory opens.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH. Commencement of Winter term of 1952-3 Session.

ATHLETIC.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH. I.C. Y.H.A. Group. Canoe trip up the river Thames, from Reading. Details in I.C.U.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH. I.C.A.C. v Birmingham Univ v Leeds Univ v St. Pauls, Cheltenham (at Birmingham)

I.C. Cricket Club 1st XI v Old Barnes (away)

I.C. Boat Club Reading Regatta.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH. I.C.R.F.C. are visiting Delft S.R.C. on September 20th. Details are listed on the club notice-board in I.C.U. Fare £8.10.0d. Will members who wish to go please sign the list by today.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH. I.C. Riding Club. Last ride of Session. I.C.A.C. v S. London Harriers v Old Rutlisians (at Tooting).

I.C. Cricket Club 1st XI v Goldsmiths' (at home).

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST. I.C. Boat Club. Marlow Regatta.

I.C. Gliding Club. Summer Camp 21-29 June. Details and list on notice-board in I.C.U.

I.C. Cricket Club 1st XI v Westminster Hosp. (away).

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD. I.C. Cricket Club 1st XI v Kings (home).

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH. I.C. Cricket Club 1st XI v St. Edmund Hall (home).

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH. I.C. Cricket Club Devon Tour, finishes July 2nd.

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH. Judo Vacation School, June 30 - July 11. This will be held at I.C.U. and is organised by the British Judo Association. Full details on club board.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND. I.C. Boat Club. Henley Royal Regatta, until Saturday, July 5th.

Note. We would appreciate details of any club events already organised for the Session 1952-3, or any other news of interest. Fixture lists, etc., are welcome (Coming Events Ed.)

FIVE WAYS ROUND THE WORLD

There were once eleven lady marine toxologists. They were all various speeds and species, hale and heights. One was the tallest and one was the shortest, and the other nine were neither taller than the first, who was called Valerie, nor shorter than the last, who was called Valerie. (Everyone of them had been named Valerie in case they became filmstars, or their pictures appeared in the papers - see the "Times E. S.," Monday 5th November, 1950).

Three of them had degrees; five kept boy-friends; and one was the Editor of her Club news sheet. Their mutual distrust could not be differentiated impartially with respect to anybody, so that the evil that did men, or they wished, lived well after them.

(The title to this little piece, Imps regular last-issue contribution to the nonsense absolute, is taken from his unpublished narrative poem entitled "Leave World Alone":

'Fifteen men on the dead man's chest,  
No wonder the poor fellow died.

There are five ways round the world, my son,  
And the Inner Circle's too!')

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## ROWING

### Allom Cup Regatta

On Saturday 31st May at Chiswick I.C. were represented by the 1st VIII in the best boat division and the 4th VIII in the clinker boat division.

In their first heat, the 1st VIII rowed well beat Battersea Polytechnique easily. In the final the crew shortened up and did not hit their beginnings as hard as they might have done, and were beaten by 1-1/3 lengths by last year's winners University College and Hospital Q.M.C. were some 3 or 4 lengths behind, 3rd.

The 4th VIII rowed neatly to beat Battersea Polytechnique II by 3 lengths in their first heat, their first victory of the season. In the second heat they were pushed over into slower water at the beginning of the race by the eventual winners Barts. Hospital.

### Richmond & Twickenham Regatta

I.C. were represented by the 3rd VIII in the Junior event. Unfortunately they were handicapped by having substitutes at 3 and stroke. In the first heat, against Walingford R.C., the alteration of stroke at short notice told, with the result that the crew never settled down to show the previous week's form. The result was that I.C. lost 1/2 length.

### Walton Amateur Regatta

On Saturday 7th June the I.C. B.C. were again represented by the first three VIIIs.

The 1st VIII, the holders, rowing in the Thames Cup were unable to retain this trophy losing by 1/2 length to University College, Oxford.

The 2nd VIII won their first heat in good style beating Barclays Bank by 3 lengths. In the next heat they were beaten by London R.C. who won the event without being pressed.

The 3rd VIII, rowing perforce in a changed order, won their first heat against U.C. and H. B.C. by 1/2 length. In the next heat, rowing very much better they had a very good tussle with Staines, who won the event, losing by a bare 1/2 length.

### Consolation

After the Allom Cup Regatta, the Captain was presented with the Head Clinker for U.L. boats, won (unknowingly) by the 'A' Crew, in the Head-of-the-River last March.

## LAWN TENNIS

### Exit I.C. - Good Luck U.C.

I.C.'s dreams of retaining the U.L. tennis cup (so grimly fought for last year) for a second season were rudely shattered, on the afternoon of Wednesday June 4th, by a strong U.C. team.

It is difficult to decide how the "rot set in" - but that there was a "rot" cannot be denied. Owing to the approach of examinations the I.C. 1st string (Forbes and McDonald) were not to be available until late afternoon and so the second and third strings (Spence-Bate and Grossman; Pile and Ward) joined battle. Each I.C. string lost (by the same score of 4-6; 5-7) to the equivalent U.C. pair and it was obvious, even at this stage, that the home pairs had not yet found their touch whilst the opposition were settling down well. Then the home 2nd string tried its luck against the visitor's third string and I.C.'s third pair engaged U.C.'s first pair. Again defeat - although Spence-Bate and Grossman had a grim battle before they eventually lost in three sets, the last set reaching a score of 9-7.

At this stage U.C. needed to win only one more match in order to enter the final and this they successfully managed when the first strings met and Forbes and McDonald were beaten in two short sets. U.C., therefore, qualify to meet Kings in the final to be played in the afternoon of Sunday June 15th at Mootspur Park.

It is hoped that not many seasons will pass before the Cup again appears at I.C.

## CRICKET

### Colonials Weale Beaten

Advocates of brighter cricket would have delighted in the match at Harlington on Thursday, when a Commonwealth XI, drawn from the Old Colonials, was defeated by K.E. Weale's XI, drawn from anyone who chanced to be present, by an innings and 5 runs. Pride of place must be given to S. Wardle who scored 75 in 35 minutes, in the face of intense destructive criticism from his own side, but later redeemed himself with a display of wicket keeping which should have made 'extras' the top score. That they were not is due to the fact that none of the umpires could remember the signal for byes. (The Old Colonials' umpires were, in fact, the mainstay of their side, particularly the one who, to every appeal, responded by signalling four runs.) M. Holman contributed 20 runs to a total of 132. The wickets were shared between Allsopp, Turtle and Bok, the latter's dismissal of the great Weale being specially memorable: the ball cannoning off Weale's pad onto the wicket in a way which would have aroused enthusiasm on any billiard table.

Commonwealth collapsed in their first innings and were all out for 34, the sole resistance being offered by R. Harris (16). In their second innings they rallied to make 95, and one had time to admire the headgear affected, ranging from straw hats to baseball caps, and the imperturbability of McClurg, who, apparently unencumbered by impedimenta not normally worn externally, scored 31. Coppelman ended with a match analysis of 6 for 5, and special mention must be made (for is not the writer promised a beer if special mention is made?) of a magnificent slip catch by Weale, whose keen anticipation and steady hand showed that England need search no farther for the ideal man to carry out the drinks.

### Hook Again

The traditional cricket match at the village of Hook this year proved that I.C. is still thought of as one of the most enjoyable matches of their season.

This year's match lacked nothing as far as incidents were concerned, but for the record almost four innings were completed during the day, I.C. making 69 and 63, and Hook replying with 62 and 40 for 5 wickets. Some very good bowling by Reynolds, acting as Captain in the absence of Oldland, and Morphy was the most outstanding feature. The batting in both innings for I.C. was deplorable, though it is possible that the erstwhile Charlie Gregory, hero of Hook, is a far better bowler than he looked from the pavilion.

Highlights of the visit were:

- (i). Roley Reynolds being STUMPED off Charlie, attempting a second run
- (ii). Reynolds again - sending a ball almost to the boundary to dismiss a particularly obstinate batsman.
- (iii). Messrs. Willmer and Clapp - and their astonishing appetites.
- (iv). The alarming capacity for beer of some past and present members of I.C.C.C.

## ATHLETICS

### I.C. v Kings v Loughborough

At Mootspur Park, 30th May

			Winning time
100yd.	2 J.B. Davies 10.3	6 M. Browne	10.2
200yd.	2 A.B. Watts 22.6	3 C.D. Palmer 23.0	22.6
440yd.	1 A.B. Watts 50.1 (I.C. Record)		
	2 C.D. Palmer 50.6		50.1
880yd.	1 P.J.A. Willmer 1-58.1 (I.C. Record)		
	4 H. Pinsent 2-00.8		1-58.1
1 Mile	1 G.C. Kay 4-26.9	2 E.F. Whitlock 4-27.0	
3 Mile	1 M. Garrod 14-58.5		14-58.5
Long J	3 M. Browne 20' 4 1/2"	6 D. Curson.	
High J	5 D. Curson 5' 4"	6 H. Pinsent 5' 7"	5' 7"
H.S.J.	3 M. Browne 40' 7"	5 C.D. Palmer 39' 7 1/2"	
Shot	4 D. Goldhawk 31' 2"		
Discus	1 D. Goldhawk 109' 3"		
Javelin	5 D. Goldhawk		
4x110 Relay	1 Loughborough 44.0	2 I.C. 44.3	
	3 King's (I.C. Record)		
Result of Match			
	1 Loughborough (57)	2 I.C. (50)	3 King's (27)