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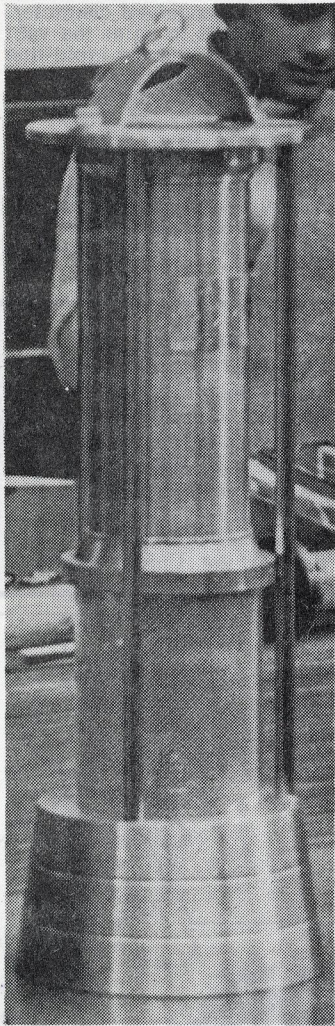
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FRIDAY, 9TH MAY, 1975.

30 PER CENT RISE ON BEER AND FOOD ?

New Mines Mascot



THE RSM Union meeting on May 1st saw the unveiling of the new Mines mascot, presumably still called 'Davy.'

It stands over two feet high and rumour has it that it weighs over eighty pounds. Like the new 'Theta,' RCS Union's mascot, it is 100% virginal at the moment.

Curiously enough it is ten years to the very month since the old 'Davy' was first unveiled in 1965. Before that time, the RSMU mascot had been 'Guy' a Michelin rubber man who had been around since February 1958.

Clearly, IC's mascots must now be the envy of every other university and college in the country.

MORE ICU ELECTIONS

THURSDAY LAST week saw further ICU elections at the UGM for posts on next year's Union Council.

The following were elected as Floor Representatives: Bill Gerrard, Nick Payne, Ann Pickard, Ricky Graham, Paul Branthwaite, Steve Kimmins.

Guy Rigby was elected to the post of Student Residence Office and Sunil Mohindra was elected as the Chairman of the Overseas Students Committee.

There have still been no nominations for the posts of Welfare Officer and Academic Affairs Officer.

THE REFECTORY Committee meeting of May 1st was dominated by the prospect of an enormous catering loss for the year ending July 1975. The running loss was believed to be £39,000 at the end of March hence it is believed that the College will want refectory price increases of the order of 20 - 30% at the end of term.

No real argument took place since detailed discussion has been put off until a specially convened extraordinary meeting of the committee next Friday (May 16th). Also to be discussed then are proposals from the Catering Manager, Mr Mooney, that the prices of "brought in" goods such as meat pies, chicken pieces, yogurt etc should be increased immediately because the profit margin has all but disappeared. It is known that IC Union reps on the committee will try to oppose mid-session increases, but their chances of success are diminished by the enormity of the catering loss.

In recent years this catering loss has been covered by the surplus on the bar and wine cellar accounts. It is understood that these are expected to be about £10,000 and £6,000. The shortfall this year is expected to be about £20,000 and this will more than wipe out all reserves from previous years put aside for necessary maintenance and replacement of furniture and equipment.

The meeting ended with the Catering Manager requesting an interim increase of 20 on beers. This was to cover the budget increase of excise duty which the breweries have passed on to the College. It was pointed out that, on top of this, breweries were

increasing prices by 1 - 2p.

David Sinclair, the student Chairman of the Bar Committee, argued for not passing on any increase at the moment simply because the sheer size of even the interim suggestion would be very difficult to cover on a student income. He is known to want to hold prices down until the end of term if possible. Short shrift was given to this idea by the committee but after heated argument and support from the ICU President, Trevor Phillips, Mr Sinclair proposed doing nothing before the extraordinary meeting on May 16th with the rider that the Bar Committee should meet in the meantime to make recommendations. This was accepted.

The net result is that until May 16th, prices have been fixed in the refectories and bars. Meanwhile, it is hoped by the Union that an announcement of the size of student grants next year will have been made so that this can be used as a guideline for the size of refectory price increases. Talking to FELIX David Sinclair admitted "I'll be in for a sticky time at the Bar Committee meeting on Friday (today infact - Ed.). It will take a miracle for there to be no increases this term."

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

FIRST AN explanation. There was no FELIX on Wednesday for the simple reason that our main priority this week has been to finish the printing of PHOENIX, the ICU arts magazine. If we do not get it done in the very near future, then its actual publication will be seriously at risk. Hopefully, the hard grind that has been done in the past few days will bear fruit with the availability of PHOENIX within the next two weeks.

I was rather puzzled, nay displeased, by the appearance of a memo from the College Registry to self-supporting students (including overseas students) proclaiming the increase of £70 in the sessional fees. I understand that **THIS INCREASE HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY** hence the memo is being blantly presumptuous.

As regards the fee increase itself the Overseas Students Committee is planning action in the form of a petition and possibly a picket of the Governing Body meeting on May 23rd. Anyone interested should contact Chris Kourouniotis in the Maths Department.

Where has all the controversy gone? Has everyone fallen into a dull stupor due to impending exams? Where are all the literary giants who onced graced the FELIX letters column with their pearls of wisdom? And who is Nigel Reditt anyway?

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FEMALE SUB-WARDENSHIP

A vacancy exists for a female subwarden at Southwell House (Evelyn Gardens.)

The house accommodates 65 students, 24 places at present being allocated to women. The job carries rent free accommodation in Southwell House.

The successful candidate will be a single postgraduate during next session, preference being given to those not engaged in thesis-writing.

The closing date for applications is: FRI. 16th MAY 1975.

Application forms are available from the residence office, Room 161, College Block and also the Union Office.

Pause for thought.

ALTHOUGH I hate to begin on the discordant note of criticising FELIX, I feel I must point out to the general public (?) that contrary to what they may have been told, I am *not* Boadsheet Editor, but something quite different, yes you've guessed the obvious mistake... I am in fact the IF Boadsheet Editor. Being Boadsheet Editor

means that it falls to my unhappy lot to entice works of literary talent from the already overworked students at IF. This gets increasingly difficult as the longer you have been here in French South Kensington, the more difficult it is to remember how to write and even express oneself in English! I hope therefore that you will excuse any grammatical errors.

However, let us press on to more interesting things. How would you like to be introduced to yet another member of IF Union who was, unfortunately omitted from that exhilarating and inspiring article written by our illustrious President. May I introduce Lise Bratton, our Accommodation Secretary. Many of you might say, not only have

I no idea who Lise Bratton is, I haven't a clue who any of the other members of IF Union are either. The remedy, gentlemen, is in your own hands, get yourselves over here to IF and visit us in the Union Room. It's always a pleasure to see new faces. However, it may have to be a lightning visit as due to the mountain of work we are required to get through, we are limited to only half an hour for lunch. You may be sure that this invitation has the blessing of 'mon capitaine' who keeps us all in order.

And now I'd like to thank you all for watching my little show here today, if you've enjoyed it ...don't miss next week's exciting instalment.

REVIEW: Dramsoc

THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE entry in the 20th Sunday Times Students' Drama Festival was an excellent production of Tom Stoppard's play 'Albert's Bridge!' The action moved very smoothly among a number of simple sets on the large stage, with the rusty brown scaffolding of 'Albert's bridge as a constant backdrop. Albert, a philosophy student turned bridge painter-poet was finely portrayed by Eric Stovell. He played the word-intoxicated Stoppard character with precision and a fine sense of the poetic pseudo-vision of this brilliantly-conceived character. The blundering city officials who hired Albert to paint the vast bridge single-handedly were vividly depicted, and the rapid-fire Stoppard give and take of their committee sessions was handled in an exhilarating fashion. Of particular note were John Woodfin as the committee chairman, and Ziggi Kronbergs as Fitch, the flustered, efficiency-obsessed accountant. Mike Stanger and Karen Willis were very good as his successful father and success-oriented mother. The final scene, in which an army of painters approach the bridge, was marked by very fine sound effects; and Stoppard's vision of a world so crowded that people can only move upwards into the higher reaches of 'Albert's' bridge is brilliantly conveyed.

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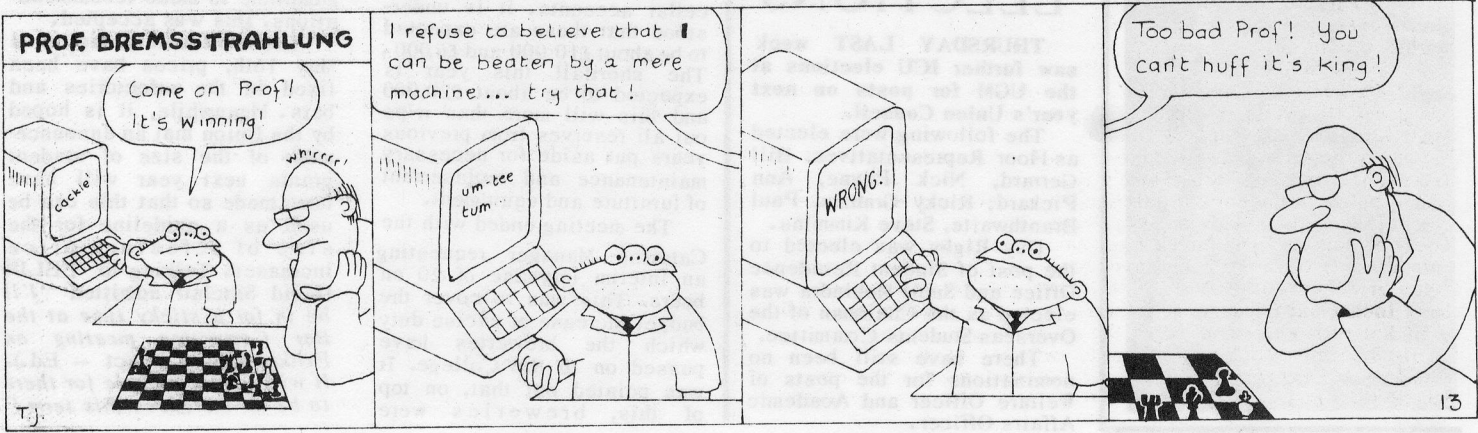
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Racial Discrimination?

AN HILARIOUSLY SEXIST POINT OF VIEW
FROM KAREN GADD

IMAGINE....

Hall places are allocated not on the male/female basis but on a British/Foreign basis. The percentage of places for foreign students is always too low to match the number of foreign students who ought to be in hall. No-one protests; no-one minds; anyway British students need more looking after: they miss their Mothers.

Foreign students are trained to look after themselves - of course lots of foreign students do get attacked and raped (even male foreign students? - Ed.) in London streets after dark. But c'est la vie it's always happened.

Well, one day representing the foreign students, a terrifying aggressive figure known round College as 'Lady Anne' protests and gets the % of places in halls for foreign students raised so that for once they have more places than they should.

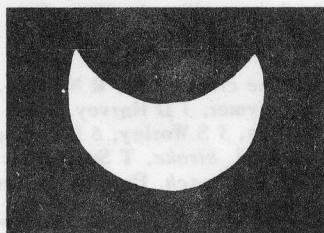
The outcry is amazing. In a special surprise issue of FELIX "Racial Discrimination" is proclaimed and everyone is shocked, including members of the Joint Committee against Sexism and Facism. Protests are made all over College and the rumour spreads that 'Lady Anne' has gone too far this time.

Of course it couldn't happen. We are much too enlightened to be so petty and small minded. We all understand about Racial Discrimination and we all know it's a 'bad thing' - no-one in their right mind would complain that there is racial discrimination against English students. Compared with what foreign students face it's laughable. But with sexual discrimina-

tion it's different. Of course there's nothing wrong with it. It's funny. Men have been sniggering at it for centuries and even women often see the joke. But now sexual discrimination has taken on a new sinister form. "DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEN." Suddenly nobody sees the joke anymore. It's a serious issue: the men at IC gather together in the bars to moan about how oppressed they are.

The question is - where will it stop? If you're not careful, you might find the knickers in the Union Bar replaced by Y-fronts - with their titillating contrast colour elastic. The pictures in FELIX might feature something like "Mike - this handsome hunk hails from Chemistry" etc. Perhaps even the lewd sexist entertainments offered in College Revues will be threatened. There'll be no end to it unless it's stopped. Men of IC unite, your position is threatened. Stick out those puny chests of yours and assert your masculine rights. For who knows, if you let the women of this college claim their basic rights, it might lead anywhere.

Besides if you give them an inch they'll discover that there isn't anymore.



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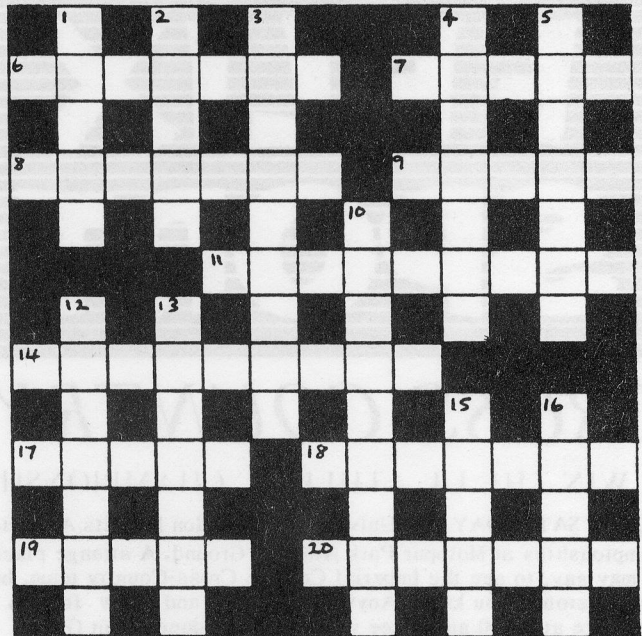
Tony Jones

IF YOU are one of these astrological freaks with exams coming up, watch out! You haven't a chance - at least, not with a partial eclipse of the Sun on Sunday morning. Yes, the die is cast, and at 6.54 a.m. the Moon will begin its passage across the solar disk first appearing as a small nick out of the top right-hand side. By 7.19, as the eclipse reaches its mid-point the Sun will have taken on the appearance of a Luminous Mooney (?) beefburger with a large bite out of it, so if you still crawling homewards at that time, don't worry - it's not.

Those eager to observe the eclipse are not advised to use telescopes or binoculars directly on the Sun - it tends to cause holes in the back of the head. Far safer and much more convenient is to project an image from the eyepiece on to a sheet of paper. If you haven't got an optical instrument, don't look directly with the naked eye. Some old photographic negatives or colour slides that "didn't come out" are useful for brief looks, but if you want to stare at it any length of time fill a bucket with water and watch the reflection.

By 8.18 the eclipse will be over and the Sun whole again. Students are not reputed for early rising on Sunday mornings, but weather permitting, this should be something worth getting up for.

PRIZE CROSSWORD NO. 17



ACROSS

- 6. A muddled representative will almost accept this maxim.(7).
- 7. A fruit to be worn on the head?(5).
- 8. A wager around a tall thin man will keep you warm.(7).
- 9. Cut up an oblong to produce a sphere(5).
- 11. Misfortune.(9).
- 14. An animal exhibition precedes Napier's invention finishing first.(9).
- 17. An alternative to a bad cold!(5).
- 18. A beam of light finishes the scene with you.(7).
- 19. A squeaky meet?(5).

20. This part of literature is repetitive.(7).

DOWN

- 1. Alternating note.(5).
- 2. Dispatched a smell.(5).
- 3. Happy ending for agent out on a limb.(9).
- 4. Real eyes make you aware.(7).
- 5. Bare pot.(7).
- 10. Gardening expert has quaint qualities but is victimised.(9).
- 12. The host as the show is not like this.(7).
- 13. Shiny waste paper?(7).
- 15. Life or fire?(5).
- 16. British Rail soup?(5).

The winner of Prize Crossword No.16 is Alison Heap of Botany 2 who wins the £1 prize.

Answers to Prize Crossword No. 16

ACROSS

- 1. Amphibian. 6. Twist. 9. Nitre.
- 10. Venerable. 11. Titular.
- 12. Elastic. 13. Takes part. 16. Ream
- 19. Dunk. 20. Tenements.
- 22. Remorse. 24. Insight. 26. Retention.
- 27. Inapt. 28. Lacey.
- 29. Tetanises.

DOWN

- 1. Annotated. 2. Pitot. 3. Idealist.
- 4. Invariant. 5. Nonce. 6. Thread.
- 7. In between. 8. Theic. 14. Kinematic.
- 15. Tennis net. 17. Misstates
- 18. Emission. 21. Trendy. 22. Rural
- 23. Evict. 25. Grass.

Entries must reach the FELIX Office by noon next Wednesday. The Editor's decision will be final.

IC RAG MAG!

JOKES, CARTOONS, ART-WORK, LEWD DRAWINGS, BOG-WALL HUMOUR ("Heisenberg was probably here") ETC ARE ALL WANTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S RAG MAG. Send your contributions to Nick Payne or Chris Dutton at the RCS Union Office.

BLOOD DONING

Sessions will be held in SOUTHSIDE LOWER REFECTORY at the following times:
 Wednesday, 14th May 10.00 - 12.00
 14.00 - 16.00
 Thursday, 15th May 9.30 - 12.00
 14.00 - 16.00
 Friday, 16th May 9.30 - 12.00
 14.00 - 16.00

Please sign for an appointment on the main notice board in the Junior Common Room, College Block.

Any queries should be addressed to:
IAN McWALTER, ELEC. ENG. P.G. (Room 709)

IC POSTGRAD GROUP elections for chairman secretary treasurer

at AGM 1pm Thursday 15th May
Elec Eng 407

Nomination papers are up in Union till Monday 12th May

FELIX SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY

IC WIN THE UL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

LAST SATURDAY, the University of London held its Athletic Championships at Motopur Park Athletic Ground. A strange place, you may say, to see the Imperial College Cross-Country team, but they get around you know. Anyway, the team and a few friends were there at 11.00 am to see what could be done about Guy's Hospital, who had won the trophy for the last ten years.

The day started slowly for the IC CCC, mainly due to the preponderance of middle-distance runners in the team. The first two events were the Long-Jump and the 100m heats. In the long-jump, Pete Johnson and Dave Houlbrooke fought hard for last place and finished 11th and 12th, packing well at the rear.

Pete ran his next event at marathon speed but since it was the 100m he did not get a place in the final.

IC's first points of the day came from Kevin Brady, who ran a fast 3000m steeplechase to finish second behind UL's top runner, Martin Knapp. Gaining more points for IC and holding off the opposition was Ian Ellis who ran well, recovering from an appalling start to finish fourth.

In the field events, the Cross-Country team lacked style but made up for that by determination, the only two field events we did not cover were the hammer and the high jump.

The next track event was the 3000m walk in which we had four entries. Rob Allinson, having neglected the sport for a couple of years came back well to finish second, and Ian Ellis "fresh" from his steeplechase surprised everyone, including himself by coming third but he put it down to training with R Ashley. Steve Webb walked into fifth place to keep the other colleges down, and Pad Donnelly finished twelfth.

In a hard 800m Rob Allinson was fourth, but later in the 5000m, he pulled out a superb run to finish second behind Andy Crompton; Steve Webb finished well coming sixth.

The 400m hurdles gave IC its only victory of the day, Dave West winning in fine style well ahead of the field, in the depths of which Ian Ellis

finished fourth.

Roy Rosser was the dark horse of the IC team, nobody quite knowing his potential. After a fine run in the 400m, where he finished second, just beating Dave West, he then proceeded to come second in the triple jump.

The positions of the various teams were read out at intervals during the afternoon and at about three o'clock it became obvious to us that we were serious contenders for the trophy.

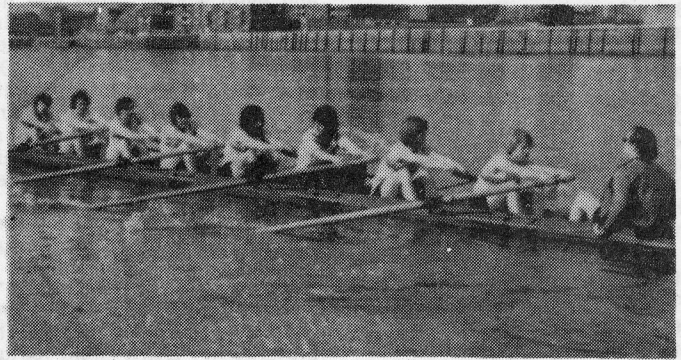
Realising that every point mattered at this stage, Pete Johnson and Ian Ellis were hurriedly conscripted to attempt the pole vault, the only problem being neither of them had seen a pole-vault pole in his life before, let alone used one. Pete and Ian had precisely three goes each to learn to pole vault and to clear a bar of six feet in height. Pete started first with a brave run, but as he stuck his pole in, his hands slid down the bar almost to knee height. His second attempt comprised of a faster run up and a faster slide down the pole, and his third attempt would have done justice to a sprinter, as he breasted the bar, off the pegs. Ian lined up for his jumps, ran up, took off attained approximately 85° and promptly fell sprawling on the grass on the same side of the bar as he took off. His second attempt saw him clear of the bar but neglect to let go of the pole, and the third attempt saw him clear of the bar to gain IC at least one point. By clearing the next height, and failing at the one after, Ian managed a commendable fifth behind such people as the British Universities Sports champion (who can jump nearly as high as Ian pole-vaulted!)

The 1500m saw Steve Webb in action again along with Hurrican Houlbrooke. The pace was carved out from the beginn-

LUB LAB WINS THE MARSHALL HAYS CUP

LAST SATURDAY Hammersmith Amateurs opened the regatta season on the Tideway. IC Novices also known as the Lub Lab Second Eight celebrated one year's rowing by winning the Marshall Hays Challenge Cup.

Our qualifying race early in the afternoon was rowed with the



incoming tide up to Hammersmith Bridge. Rowing on the centre station with the best of the stream but the worst of the choppy water to contend with, we drew away from Cygnet and National Westminster at the start. Then with Tony stroking at a rate which belied his stature we increased our lead at the finish to two lengths, thanks to a good deal of bashing and not much technique.

We were on the water three hours later for the final by which time the tide had turned so the race was rowed downstream from Chiswick Eyot. Again we had the centre station with Latyner Upper School on Surrey and Twickenham RC on Middlesex. Off the start we were slightly down on both crews, striding early to a solid 34 on the fourteenth stroke. After about twenty strokes the other crews finished their starting burst and we began to drive through them, leading by threequarters of a length at two minutes. Latymer

who were striking well into the forties off the start, "blew" but the Twickenham crew held on strongly and it took expert coxing by boatman Charlie (12 stone?) to keep them out of the stream and out of luck. At the finish we were still threequarters of a length up which, having allowed half a length for the curvature of the course left a margin of about a canvas.

Thanks to skilful coaching we now look forward to continued success as a Senior C crew. In the meantime extensive research has shown that the Hays Cup holds a good eight parts (of beer).

The crew: bow, R Newley, 2 D Wymer, 3 D Harvey, 4 C Hedley, 5 S Worley, 6 I Hyslop, 7 R Hill, stroke, T Smith, cox, Charlie, coach, Prof. Cameron and the "Govillas."

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ing by Martin Knapp and Nick Lodge who finished in 4min 2secs, with Martin just in the lead. Steve came fifth in 4min 40secs and Dave sixth only five seconds later.

Roy Rosser ran the 200m and came third which was a similar position to the one he finished the relay in.

At five twenty the announcement of the final team positions came over the loudspeakers: IMPERIAL COLLEGE 68pts GUYS HOSP. 65pts. We had

won the London University Athletic Championships, a fitting end to an excellent season for the club.

If anyone is interested in Athletics in the College and would like to run for our College team, please contact either Dave West (Aero Eng) or Steve Webb (Physics).

Finally, thanks to Mike Welford, Dave Jones and friend and Mike Veerer, for turning out and helping us on our way through the afternoon.