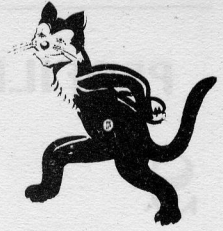


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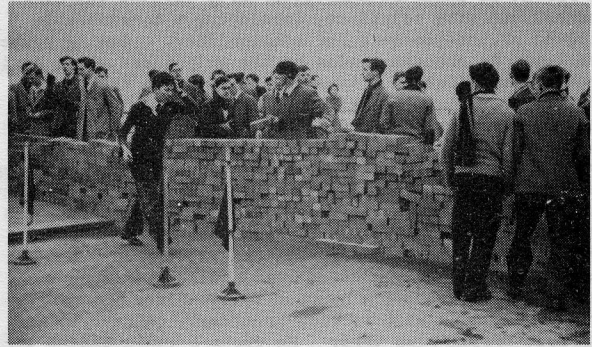
NOVEMBER 28th 1952

COSH SCARE AT PUTNEY.

As can be seen in our sports reports, a double victory for the Guilds was not the only cause of celebration on the evening of November 12th. On the same afternoon I.C. Hockey and Rugger Clubs won their first round ties in University Cups, the latter with the happy score of 22 to nil.

Throughout the day at Putney the United Hospitals' Regatta was also in progress, providing both excellent and entertaining rowing, and the possibilities of a clash between supporters of the two regattas. As a precaution the undefended Union buildings were locked after lunch until an appreciable force had returned at five o'clock.

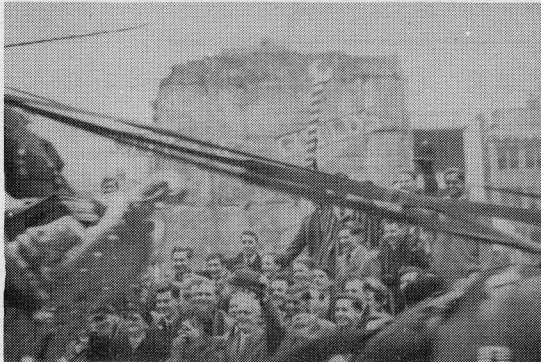
Earlier in the week, Lord Mayor's Day saw the Guilds assembled in the city. At one time they unknowingly passed within yards of a lightly-escorted "Reginald" (property of the Strand University School). On that Monday Felix's fragile paper head was taken from the Union office by a Northamptonshire College of Rubber Technology. Since this item is the personal property of the nineteen longhairs that are Felix, we are not able to force this head to an issue.



above : accomplices after the fact.

below : the scene of the crime.

Meeting of the Lord Mayor and the President of the Guilds, Cheapside, 1952.



A boat-house roof eyewitness, interviewed by FELIX, tells:

"The crush of marching feet across Putney bridge heralded the arrival of R.C.S., 100 strong, armed with brownbags, and Guilds, 150 stalwarts with the Spanner and Bo. First move by Guilds; a barricade of planks across the towpath. The Law arrived in a car to protect the interests of the Public. Two policemen ripped down the barrier and grinned at a delighted crowd, then like all true artists they left the stage at the height of their success - after pausing to inflate a tyre which had gone down.

There followed THE SPECTACLE. A brick wall suddenly appeared, 4 feet high and stretching right across the towpath. A pantechnicon, finding the road so unaccountably blocked, stopped. The wheels were immediately chocked, back and front, in order that the vehicle should not be washed away if the river flooded before the road was open again. The driver managed to get away in reverse after a long period of frustration.

Meanwhile, frontier patrols were allowing only women and children to pass. Once again, the Law arrived, 6 of it, and, of all possible courses, decided to close the road. Then, barehanded, they removed the bricks, while floury dust settled on their car. Another flour bag burst in the air over a bunch of students and officers. In a trice the police whipped out coshes, and brandished them playfully in the faces of a horrified crowd.

To relieve this painful situation, and as a form of compensation, a helpful student washed the police car with a bucket of water. He disappeared, followed by the blues.

There was no trouble with the Hospitals people. Indeed any misbehaviour was on our side, for we removed the Westminster flag from the Thames boathouse. It is understood that it was given back."



FIESTA

BUFFET ~ CABARET

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

9pm.~4am. Double Ticket 16s.

FIRST AGAIN

FELIX is informed that Asst. Prof. A. Stephenson has been elected President of U.L. Hockey. FELIX is not surprised. He printed this same information in 1951 and withdrew it later with an apology. We now withdraw that apology, and remind readers of the old adage
"WHAT FELIX PRINTS TODAY, LONDON PERFORMS NEXT YEAR".

IC CHOIR
THE XMAS CONCERT
JACQUES ORCHESTRA
DEC 4 7:45 AT Q.A.H.

PROFILE

S.

H.

W.



It is customary to 'Profile' the Retiring Editor of FELIX. After all, the Editor, while in office, can have considerable influence over the Union: his views are as important as those of most Union officers. Thus it comes about that Stephen H. Wearne (the H. is said to stand for Hobbs) faces the ordeal of exposure by an unflattering biographer.

S. H. W. spent an unsettled early life at boarding school and with relations, developing a considerable degree of independence and adaptability. Owing nowhere as home, he chooses London as the only place where he is really comfortable. Apprenticed at 16 to the De Havilland School, he left after 7 months to become an articled apprentice to a London firm. His factory experiences showed him some of the frustrations of 'shop work, and gave his politics a tilt from their right wing public school tendencies. He did part time studying at a technical college, from where he won a scholarship to Woolwich Polytechnic, after having the unusual experience of being Union Secretary, and winding up a Union at the end of its emergency (war) full-time student support. At Woolwich he rose to 1st Class Honours by way of magazine Editor, Vice-President, (sinecure) and various social club jobs. He wrote a radio script for Russian consumption telling of the life and prospects of an English technical student. Travels in France, Norway and Sweden produced a book of reminiscences, unpublished as yet.

Back in office work, he found that his heart was in hydraulics so he got a Bursary to Guilds, and duly obtained his D.I.C. He wrote a report for the technical press on his Spanish water power vac. work in '51, but denies having further ambition in the scientific journalist line.

At I.C., he didn't like being a fresher, so he stayed out of things until his eye was caught by a FELIX appeal for labour. He joined as a writer, and a prodigious volume of work has since fallen from his pen. His prose is "distinctive and even unpolished" according to his own description, but he also uses his early draughtsman-ship training to good account. Maps and headlines are often his work. For light articles he uses the pseudonym "Imp", while his more serious work is characterised by a display of semicolons; a habit which the new Editor has caught from him.

It was inevitable that he should become Editor; and at the beginning of this session it was natural that he should take the job a second time to organise the wreckage of the last Board, after the disappearance of the Ed. Elect. He confesses to finding FELIX Editing frustrating: there is too much managing to be done; not enough writing and too much routine.

He is a keen boat-clubman. After 2 weeks as cox (no previous experience) he was thrown out of the Guilds '51 Lowry crew, but this year was in it and won. Fond of Delius, Mozart, Brahms, Josh. White, and many others, he dislikes reading novels ("waste of time"), has an unusually strong fear of war, is interested in most things, is very sensitive to criticism, hates facetious articles ("they must be witty or sensible") and has an abominable taste in puns. Unlike the average Felician Boss, he doesn't want to write a play ("there are enough already"). On 'Profiles' he says, with characteristic sprightliness, "The subject should see it before it is printed."

His Boat Club Dinner account in this issue is interesting. He was seen, at that event, to be enjoying himself immensely and we view with deep suspicion any suggestion that he has not made the whole thing up. Nevertheless, we have no doubt that it is the most accurate account obtainable, such is our faith in him.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE DRAMATIC
SOCIETY
PRESENTS

"THE JEALOUS WIFE"

A COMEDY

BY GEORGE COLMAN

DECEMBER 10TH-13TH 7.30 P.M.

VAC. WORK COMMITTEE

The Autumn Term meeting of the Union Vacation Work Committee was held on the 11th November. It lasted 1½ hours, spending most of this time in discussions on Publicity, Insurance, standards of firms' training programmes and complaints concerning students going abroad. The meeting was attended by its full membership: Professor Levy, the Chairman, and the eight other senior members of the staff representing the departments; together with an F.B.I. representative for industry, the two Union Council student members, and the Secretary, Mr. Newby. First the Annual Report to the college Governing Body and I.C. Union Council, and an abstract form of it for press release, were approved, and the committee then received reports of various details of the International and home working of the scheme last year.

Arising from certain accidents to a few students, from various countries, abroad last year, the costs and benefits of some Insurances were discussed. It was agreed to recommend strongly, but not insist on, sickness, industrial and travel insurance to all students going overseas. Since the majority of students registering for next year had already replied, to a suggestion made to each, that they were interested in such cover, the committee were happier about making this a stronger proposal, than they were on how to meet one further liability: the need for a fund to assist in the expenses incurred following serious or fatal illness of the student abroad. Such would not be covered by the reasonable premiums of the recommended insurance, and would cost much more to cover. A proposal was therefore made that the Union, or the committee, set up a fund for such (very rare) cases, levying a small sum, say 2/-, from each student going abroad, to form the fund. The Union representatives agreed to put this idea before the Union.

The massive detail of the report - a copy of which is in the Library - boil down to some interesting numbers: a total of 488 students went abroad from this country last summer, from 25 colleges and universities, including 119 from I.C. In exchange 602 came in, Britain being one of the five countries of the seventeen, that receives more students than they send out. The year's total multi-lateral exchanges totalled 3493.

Nearly 80 reports by I.C. students, of their experiences abroad this year, have now been evaluated, and these indicate that "the results still obtained are of a very high level."

BOAT CLUB DINNER

This year's Boat Club Dinner was held two days after Morphy Day, and it was perhaps the fact that your reporter thus did not arrive tired from racing and an afternoon's beer that resulted in his enjoying it only in parts. However it was better than last year's all-time low in Refectory dinners: the meal was worth what the committee paid for it.

About 100 attended, including some 25 guests. Among those with their private pin of beer - Bar bitter only - were the victorious Guilds Morphy and Lowry crews. The Captain of Thames R.C., RR. Swatton, presented them with their Cups and Pots; and also the winners of the club small-boat competitions with their cups:

Tizard Challenge Cup for Senior Sculls - R.G. Seaman
Webber Challenge Cup for Junior Sculls - I.M. Titchener
Lindsay Memorial Cup for Novice Sculls - A.R. Saunders
Wynne-Finch Cup for Pair Oars -

J.P. Gibson & I.M. Titchener

The toast to "The Club" was proposed as usual by Charles Bristow. He referred to the fine race given to the Guilds by the Mims, and he was greatly cheered in his praise for the stout efforts made by the two R.C.S. crews against the odds. His talk lasted the surprisingly snappy time of 22 minutes. The Captain, P.D.R. Maltley, took up Charles' outline of the history and aims of the Club concerning the past and present year. His survey included the loss of the Walton Thames Cup, but the regain of the Sabin Tankard - which ghastly two-gallon (a capacity its sole virtue) trophy was there on the table.

The Vice-Captain, Geoff Seaman, then proposed "The Thames Rowing Club" - the foster parents, taken so much for granted by I.C., who provide bar and tea facilities for us, and who in exchange receive the worn-out I.C. oarsmen when they leave college. "Swatt" in reply had only four minutes voice left - from umpiring the races on Wednesday - and made a speech in it. One would think that the Morphy Day behaviour of I.C.'s supporters had never been noticed.

Peter Gibson, the Secretary, then proposed "The Guests", by short references to each of them. Derek Coomber in reply made the popular speech of the evening with formalities properly said and jokes of no content well told.

The company then retired for the remaining hour in the bar. But the sing-song was noisy. Perhaps everyone felt they had to catch up in the hour an evening wasted on talk, and were trying to repeat the good long evening's voice of Wednesday. However, by that time your correspondent and other, more senior, coxswains present were beyond steering the course.

Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

EDITOR: A.R. BRAY

CIRCULATION: 1250

We are deeply involved in the General Studies lectures; they are a great boon. But a real danger lies in our passive acceptance of this knowledge which is made available to us. Dr. Jacques, who talks every week in an increasingly overcrowded Guilds Council Room is alive to the problem.

"Don't just play it on the piano," he says. "Play it on the oboe, the fiddle, the bassoon, anything, soak yourselves in it."

This formidable advice contains the essence of the matter. The "television set" attitude is far too prevalent; it is a sign of decadence. The general studies lectures are not a luxury; they are necessary to an intelligent and well balanced outlook.

R.C.S. seem to have been guilty of Contempt of Union. After officially abolishing the Morphy Day Rag they went down to Putney in the usual style, though the march down Exhibition Road compared unfavourably with previous efforts. There is lamentable confusion over the whole question of Rags. Some sensible proposals appear on the letters page: it now remains for an I.C. Union meeting to do something about it.

Very rarely do we receive comments about the articles which appear in FELIX. This week there is a complaint about our University Coverage: we will try to improve this in future. Another correspondent writes about a temporary lapse into "appalling spacing and composition."

Are there too many or too few humorous features? How do you feel about Music Criticism and Library Reports? Are there any startling omissions or unnecessary inclusions in the coming events column? Please give us some idea, in private letters if you don't want publication, of what you prefer.

FAITH, HOP AND CHARITY

Eighteen months ago, the increases in paper and printing costs of FELIX threatened to over-tip the balance of payments against sales income, and so the first FELIX Dance was held in May, 1951. We feel that such a method of raising the money we need - in particular for a typewriter - is far preferable to dependence on a subsidy from the Union, and that the alternative method of filling up with outside advertisements is equally undesirable.

It has been decided that our Third Birthday next week is a suitable time for another dance. We hope that it will be the chaotic affair you expect. The programme will include a film show and other diversions. If we are well supported we shall produce a special 8-page Christmas and Birthday issue, at 3d. Light hearted contributions are invited. Dance tickets are 2/-.

GROUNDNUTS

FELIX and Our Printer well overshoot themselves in the experiments of the last issue. It was not realised how long the conversion of a FELIX prepared as usual would take: the Printer worked all day and night for three days on it, and even then only four pages were imperfectly done.

We apologize for our enthusiasm. Some trials had to be done, and now we hope that FELIX will learn to use the new tools to advantage. Some of the difficulties to be faced are that time to proof-read has to be found during the printing period, and illustrations and headlines are at present crude in the new process. Thus, in this present issue, only a small proportion of the paper is done the new way.

FELIX Christmas Competition

A printable limerick, beginning: "There was a young lady of Bude", results to appear in the next issue. No prizes, except Honour, as all the great I.C. poets are expected to enter.

MARXIST LITERATURE STUDY GROUP

To date two meetings of this group have been held and subsequent ones will take place on Thursday lunchtimes at 12.50 p.m. in a Committee Room.

The subjects already discussed have been: - the Economic History of the World, Commodity Production, and the essence of Capitalist Exploitation.

The literature currently being studied is John Eaton's "Political Economy." Anyone interested in the subject is welcome to the meetings.

Viewpoint-

From time to time Felix has published letters to the Editor, Articles, and even Editorials urging its readers to broaden their minds, enliven their intellects and captivate culture. A recent Viewpoint deplored the possibility that certain clubs and societies should die a natural well-merited long overdue death. Everywhere I find an enthusiasm for the expansion of extra-mural activities, and for the encouragement of a liberal education. What nonsense this is!

There is always a bright side, of course. The Authorities do not want any broad-mindedness. Admittedly there is some such aim with our college Authorities, but luckily they do not carry much weight. The Authorities that matter, those that pay, agree unanimously with me. A college should be, and ours is, merely a posh name for a polytechnic. Both are institutions accepting people of a certain standard, instructing them, and turning out people of a higher standard. We are fortunate to belong to a mainly non-residential college of a mainly non-residential University, because we enjoy comparative immunity from corporate life. We can bury ourselves in our brown study for three years, without it being possible to bring pressure against us and push us out of it. Praise be. You are not here to learn how to live, poor misguided misinformed fresher, as you will find out soon. You can learn how to live when you get out into the world, and you are earning your own living, for then you will have a much better opportunity, and much more time.

Luckily many Felix readers are with me. All those of you who read the reports of games and meetings merely do so because you weren't there, and you don't know anyone who was. It is to this intellectual minority that I offer my advice. Gather ye laurels whilst ye may.

CHEM. ENG. SOC. DINNER


In Chem. Tech. the name of Professor W.A. Bone is legend as the last of the old school, with a command of language and directness of expression not now associated with Professors. In 1936 his place was taken by Professor A.C. Eger-ton, and a greater contrast could not have been found. Since 1936, and in spite of the war, the fortunes of the Department have been steadily increased, largely through the efforts of Sir Alfred, as he is now known. Now, in his turn, he has returned to give place to the new King of Chem. Tech., Professor D. Newitt, an old student of Bonio.

At the annual dinner of the Chem. Eng. Soc., held in Ayrton Hall on the 14th, farewell was said to Sir Alfred. It was a farewell tempered with pleasure however, as he is remaining at I.C. as a P.G. and hopes to do some more work himself, now he has handed over the heavy administrative burden. The evening was notable for the excellence of the speeches, both short and long, and surprised many of the past students who were present. Sir Alfred himself gave an address beforehand, consisting largely of fascinating personal reminiscence. Through his description of the personalities of such men as Nernst and Ramsey and the atmosphere surrounding them, one realised the importance of that personal contact with one's Professor which is today all too rare.

After the dinner the speeches were many and varied. Indeed so wide was the scope and so high the interest that it was almost possible to forget one's hunger. Chemical Engineers were exhorted to stand on their own feet and stop being almost apologetic about their existence. It was suggested that they had sufficient "nous" to be able to select their own Culture when and where they liked, but by all means make lectures compulsory, even for registered 'brownbaggers'. And in lighter vein an appeal was made that those in 'High Office' should spare a thought for the less fortunate, whose only consolation was a waspish landlady. No soft hand to soothe the troubled brow - sad indeed their fate!

Suggested remedies for the lonely student were elaborated after leaving the table and when closing time came old friends parted afresh, and new friends parted as old. An evening to be remembered.

HOLE IN YOUR SHOE?



THEN TAKE A TRIP TO

KEMPSON'S

44, Queen's Gate Mews,

QUEEN'S GATE

I.C.U.

PRINCE CONSORT ROAD

QUEEN'S GATE, I.C.

U. L. DEBATES

On November 14th Barbara Castle, proposing the Motion - "that the present level of rearmament constitutes a danger to World Peace", stated that the Motion was of realistic and not pacifist origin and that the moral case for Democracy was being neglected for the sake of political expedients. Mr. Russell, opposing, repeated the usual Conservative argument that arms are a deterrent to war and that the U.S.S.R. is the only threat to peace at the moment. There were loud cheers from the supporting benches when he quoted Mr. Arthur Deakin.

Speeches from the floor ranged from Korea to S. Africa and back to China with a surprising lack of political bias. Even so, one wonders whether the Motion would have been carried by 84-27 votes if there had not been a Conservative dance that night.

I. C. TRIAL DEBATE

No more than 20 people attended the debate, run on U.L. Debating Cup rules, that "To be or not to be is not the question." Some of the speeches were difficult to follow, others lacked humour, but, generally, the standard was good. Speakers tended not to attack, or build on, others speeches; but this should be corrected when the newer members gain experience.

RECTOR AT CAMBRIDGE

Introducing the first of the Rector's series of lectures at Cambridge, entitled "Some Human Factors in Warfare", the Master of Trinity College said:

"Sir Roderic Hill is not merely an ex-Air Chief Marshal, but a distinguished engineer. Indeed there is no phase of aeronautical science with which he has not been closely associated. Moreover, he is Rector of Imperial College, which is the leading institute in this country for the study of applied science, as well as pure science."

In his lecture the Rector drew attention to the similarities of warfare by sailing-ships and by modern aircraft, and drew examples from the Battle of Trafalgar to illustrate his theme, that a knowledge of human nature counts at least as much as a knowledge of scientific things.

I.C.W.A. COMPLIMENTED

The *Evening Standard*, continuing its spasmodic University series, last week published a picture of eight young ladies, one of whom was Miss E. R. Turnbull, Pres. I.C.W.A. The correspondent remarked on the absence of the traditional concept of a "blue stocking" woman student from modern University life.

"Bobby Socks" were certainly more popular at Rutney.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

There was much written in the last 'Felix', and much has been lately said in the college, about the lack of I.C. participation in organised rags. The obvious solution to this problem is the institution of an official rag committee. We know that other colleges possess them and the need for one in I.C. is self-evident.

I believe that I speak for a large number of others, as I know it was definitely intended to raise the matter at the last Guilds' Union meeting, had not time intervened.

Disorganised riots have their points, but I am quite certain that organised rags achieve better results and are usually more entertaining, and we may be quite certain that without organisation we shall not reach our proper position, consistently at the head of University activities. In any case it is time that some of the peace loving officials realised that they cannot prevent rags by taking no part in them, and that by taking a hand themselves, they may well guide the rags away from some of the dreadful consequences they seem to fear.

To organise a rag in a full union meeting would be an awkward procedure, impossible in the time available, and so I propose in open letter that I.C. should have a full time, democratically elected rag committee, composed of enterprising, and yet fairly responsible, individuals, for, if such a thing ever existed in I.C., it died some years back and not even its grave is now in evidence (unless some archaeologist would like to sort about in our history in order to confound me).

Yours Faithfully,

D. J. HIGSON

Sir,

It is quite obvious from the general feeling at the last I.C. Union Meeting etc. that the main body of students within the union are tired of being repressed annually by successive Presidents on Guy Fawkes day, and are in favour of an I.C. rag, on a well organised basis.

As one of your correspondents suggests, what is wanted now is less talk and more action.

But unfortunately, we cannot have the one without the other, so I suggest that, (next year being Coronation year), a committee is immediately set up to examine the possibility of holding, and the organisation of, a charity rag or a carnival through the streets of London, early in the New Year.

So that this venture should be fostered from the top, the committee should be elected by council from nominations posted on the union board in the usual way. A rag of this type would require thorough organisation so no time should be lost.

If leadership had been forthcoming some weeks prior to Guy Fawkes day, Harlington would have been empty and I.C. would have been in their proper place in the University Rag. As it was, nothing further was heard, after all the talk of the meeting, and hundreds turned to Harlington for want of something better.

Come on I.C., wake up and let's make 1953 a really 'Imperial' year.

D. INMAN.

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of 'Felix' we were told that College newspapers are to give more prominence to U.L. activities - a very laudable intention and yet, in the same issue, there is not one other mention of University of London, except on the Sports page.

I cannot imagine that nothing worth reporting has occurred in the other Colleges during the past fortnight, indeed a report on the two previous U.L. Debates was submitted but not published, ostensibly due to lack of space, in spite of a whole page being devoted to sport each week.

At a time when the only solution to the grave problems which beset the world is a resurgence of critical and constructive thought in mankind, it seems more than unfortunate that so much prominence is given to those activities which directly prevent this renaissance.

Can it be that 'Felix' does not know what its readers require, or does she copy her policy directly from the commercial press; or is the mentality of the students at Imperial College really no higher than that of readers of the cheap dailies?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER FISHER (2C)

Dear Sir,

The blood transfusion for student societies announced in the last 'Felix' is likely to prove to be of the wrong group, with the usual fatal result. It is not possible for the student societies to be part of the General Studies scheme as it now stands without their losing their identities. If they organise meetings with the help of the college authorities in finding speakers they are acting as middlemen instead of primary producers. In a General Studies lecture the conditions are such that the audience is largely passive; the shortness of the time, the size of the audience participating which, I suggest, is a very important feature of student society meetings.

This difference in character between the two types of meeting means that they must be kept separate and some solution, such as starting at 9.30 every day, must be found to preserve both of them.

Yours etc.,

L. C.

Sir,

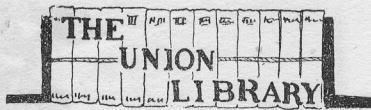
It is now over half a century since Guilds last purchased a motor-car, (Boanerges 1901), and we feel that it is time a more modern, yet equally outstanding mascot is acquired.

We therefore regret the bargain recently missed by the Motor Club - a B.R.M. would have made a fitting successor to 'Bo', having a similar standard of reliability but less seating capacity. A 'Bo' body fitted to a B.R.M. chassis would have overcome this.

Failing this, we understand that the Dockers' Gold Daimler is now on the second-hand car market.

Yours faithfully,

'WHITE ELEPHANTS'



Th'apparel may oft proclaim the man, but it seems to have little to say about his poetry. Consequently we are treated to a comprehensive collection of the standard poets, all bound in 1886 vintage ditchwater green. I looked at 20 of them, and found that only Shakespeare and Milton had ever been taken out. The Faber comic verse book, which is very entertaining, has had a better fate (five times in 1951), and T.S. Eliot has a nucleus of fans. Its odd how the intellectualad-dicts gather round Eliot, even when they are totally ignorant of time-conquering giants like Shelley and Pope.

Kipling was a colourful writer. His "Barrack Room Ballads" is revered by the Regular Army: he must be the most popular poet ever. But bad luck was his lot. He wrote about "the widow at Windsor", referring to a certain lady as "Missis Victorier", and he never became Poet Laureate. Then he died two days after George V, and nobody noticed. Still, Maugham and Eliot have started "discovering" him, and no doubt he has a rosy future. A Kipling disciple, Robert Service is represented by a slim volume in our library. Both of them have a wonderful sense of rhythm: they don't often rise to the level of poetry, but they're worth reading.

There's a book of verse by Professor Andrade, if you're interested in poet-scientists, and a slim volume of Henry VIII love letters if you want a few tips. Housman and Rupert Brooke lie undisturbed on our shelves, entombed in that dusty oblivion about which they wrote so charmingly.

When your work goes wrong, or when you're cheesed off in the dinner hour, you ought to wander into the library and read an essay. Try Robert Lynd on clergymen and umbrellas, or Harold Nicholson on the discovery of some old stamps. Here is the finest thing in literature: pure writing, untinged by any particular aim or prejudice, content to ramble through fantasy, ready to stand and stare. Read Chesterton on Penny Dreadfuls, Lamb on Pork, Belloc, Hazlitt; the names are legion. Essays are not meant to be taken out. Nobody reads straight through a book of them: you just savour one when you feel like it: in fact you treat them as respectfully as you would a bottle of whiskey. If you like it neat you might try Bacon, but don't be led into thinking that his cryptic, close-strung edifices of remorseless logic are the work of the man we call Shakespeare.

Between the heights of Paradise Lost and the doubtful level of "Merry Gentlemen, a Bacchanalian Scrapbook", surely there is something for you in this section of our library?

DRAM. SOC. STARTS WELL

"The Inca of Perusalem"

This one-act play was produced by the I.C. Dram. Soc. for the U.L. One-act play Festival. Shaw wrote the play during the first War as a satire on the Kaiser, who is its main character.

The prologue was very effective and unusual, and the Archdeacon's exit through the auditorium was a surprise to all.

In the play itself, Valerie Stacey was perfect as the timid princess and made the best of her few minutes on the stage. Jean Osborne as Ermytrude had a lot to say and she did it very well. But she had a lot more to listen to, and here she seemed merely to be waiting for her cue instead of paying attention to the Inca. The main part, that of the Inca himself, was played by Neil Blackmore with assurance. In places he was too much at ease and spoke more like a retired Colonel than like a dignified Inca who takes himself very seriously. Though it is no reflection on his ability, it must be said that he did not suit the part, which needs a much more robust person with a strong, clear voice.

The stage was lit brightly and evenly throughout, thus handicapping the players to a certain extent. Shaw's stage directions, always complete, were followed fairly closely. Producer Adam Sobey is to be congratulated for this and for the smooth flow of the play as a whole. This is difficult in a play which has only two main characters with others peeping in more or less for comic relief. Difficult too is balancing the flagrantly silly parts against two sober judgments the Inca passes on the world and its diplomats. This was executed particularly well, and the crowd which was laughing a moment before sat and listened in pin-drop silence to the two long speeches.

In all, it was a worthy first effort this year by our Dram. Soc., and we can justly expect great things from them in the future.

Blurb

"The name Tungsten is universally accepted, in this country". I.C. Chemistry lecturer.

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL.

FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER. FELIX No. 42 on sale.

5.15 p.m. U.L. Philosophical Study Group. Prof. Ayer (U.C.) will speak on "Scientific method in Philosophy" at the School of Oriental Studies.

5.30 p.m. The I.C. Ski Club are holding a free film show in the Mines lecture theatre. All are welcome.

6.00 p.m. U.L.U. An inter-varsity debate will be held in the union Assembly Hall. No further details are available yet.

6.00 p.m. I.C. Mountaineering Club depart for North Wales weekend. Further details in I.C.U. SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

7.30 p.m. I.C. Film Soc. are showing Jacques Tatis' comedy "Jour de Fete", also "Designing for Women" and "The nature of Plastics". New Lounge, I.C.U. MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

From today until Friday a Mass X-Ray will be held at I.C. Further details in I.C.U.

1.15 p.m. I.C. Christian Union. Mr. Leith Samuel will speak on "Is faith in God a delusion?" in the Botany lecture theatre.

5.15 p.m. An I.C. Sailing Club lecture will be given by J Conway-Jones on "Trim in all directions" in Committee Room 'A'. TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER.

5.30 p.m. The presidential address of the I.C. Railway Soc. will be given in Room 161, C&G, on 'Railway Civil Engineering' by E.C. Cookson. THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

1.15 p.m. I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch-hour recital will consist of works for five wind instruments by Hindemuth and d'Indy.

7.45 p.m. The Xmas Concert of the I.C. Choir and the Jacques Orchestra will be held at Queen Alexandra's House. Among the works are Vaughan Williams' "Sea Symphony" and Corelli "Christmas Concerto". Tickets are 2/6 & 3/6.

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

8.00 p.m. Felix Birthday Party and Film Show SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

I.C. Mountaineering Club trip to Stone Farm Outcrop, East Grinstead. MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

5.15 p.m. I.C. Sailing Club lecture on "Rules, Board of Trade and Racing" will be given by Mr. J. Wheatcroft. Place to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

7.30 p.m. The I.C. Dram. Soc. production of "The Jealous Wife", a comedy by George Colman, will take place nightly at this time until Dec. 13th.

See advertisement in this issue of FELIX.

I.C. Railway Soc. Visit to Beckton Gas Works. See notice in I.C.U. for fuller details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.

I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch hour recital - Bach cantata No. 21.

FELIX SATURDAY
6TH DECEMBER

DANCE

ON SALE
NEXT WEEK

2/-

UNION ANNEXE

FILM SHOW

DIVERSIONS

DANCING

8.0 — 11.30 P.M.

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Will the person who took the Olympic beret belonging to the Thames Rowing Club boatman on Morphy Day please return it to the Captain of the Boat Club as soon as possible as it has great sentimental value (No reprisals).

Will the owner of the Black Singer behind Guilds please contact B.L. Fenoulhet (R.S.M. Met.3).



Rugger

EASY FIRST ROUND.

U.L.CUP 1st. ROUND: I.C. - 22 pts. U.C. - 0 pts.

The game at Harlington on November 12th. was not one of the hard, narrowly-decided contests which are usual in the Cup competition. I.C. were rarely extended and won as comfortably as the score suggests. The visiting forwards were an ineffectual combination, so that the college almost monopolised the ball from the scrums and line-outs, and the strain on the U.C. defence was too great. The first break came when Hykin cut through diagonally on the left and found Davies up inside him for a scoring pass. Knox converted this try, and later kicked a penalty goal. Further tries were added at regular intervals by Holman, Davies, Robinson and Crossley, and one was converted by Knox.

The threequarters can be criticised for too often resorting to a high punt ahead, and for not trying any rolling ground-kicks. There were also some bad of dropped passes, which would have been expensive against better opponents; but the determined running of Hearn and Holman was a good feature. The forwards appeared disinclined to unnecessary exertion, but cleaner heeling together with much more intensive backing-up, both in defence and attack, will be needed if we are to retain the Cup.

RECENT RESULTS

Nov. 12th.	I.C. v University Col.	Won 22-0
15th.	v Wadham (Oxon)	Won 16-0
19th.	v St. Mary's Col.	Won 13-6
22nd.	v Rosslyn Park 'A'	Won 20-3

**U.L. Hockey First Round—
TRUMPETERS TRIUMPH.**

This season has so far shown a bad harvest—the probable reason for such a crop is inexperience. In previous seasons we have had a large percentage of ex-servicemen, the majority of whom had attained considerable 'club' experience. However, some of the freshers are showing great promise, notably Cox, Curtis, and Brockman; the 1st. XI is beginning to settle down and we hope now to enjoy some hard-fought and close matches.

This season we have four representatives in the University Hockey team and their absence is reflected in the Club's record so far. Of the twenty-one matches played only two have been won and two drawn. However we hope that U.C. is polishing the U.L. Hockey Cup for us as we have a very good chance of winning it when the four University players have added the necessary 'zip'.

The first round of the Cup was played on November 12th. against London Hospital Medical School and after a rather scrappy game I.C. won by three goals to one. The next round is against King's and has been brought forward to Wednesday, 26th. November so that both colleges can turn out their strongest teams.

The mixed team has again had some amusing games in spite of disapproval shown by those Gods on Mount Olympus concerned with the meteorological aspects.

**Technology Cup—
RCS BEAT MINES 4-0.**

On a cold, wet and windy November afternoon the Mines Motley Mixture strove manfully to try and produce a giant-killing act for the second year running but, happily for R.C.S., they were unsuccessful. With only three regular soccer players the Mines, minus their usual fighting spirit, provided poor opposition for a team which is aspiring to win the Cup for the 4th year in succession. The strong wind probably upset the Miners who did not observe the golden rule of keeping the ball on the ground. R.C.S. were also guilty of this fault at times, but when it was corrected goals followed naturally.

Jackson and Lowe were the scorers, the latter registering a hat trick.

Swimming

The promising start to the season has been maintained in the matches against N.E.C. and Foster's Transformer Company.

Against N.E.C. the result was:-

Swimming won by I.C. 24-14 pts.

Polo won by I.C. 3-1

Against Foster's

Polo won by I.C. 9-1

FELIX DANCE BARMEN

Two barmen are wanted for the FELIX dance - contact Stan. Wardle, New Hostel.



Morphy Rowing

On Wednesday, 12th November 1952, the Morphy and Lowry races were rowed off, on a slack tide with little wind and pleasant, if wintry, sunshine. Both races were well fought out and produced some interesting coxing.

R.C.S. were drawn on the Middlesex station, C. & G. on the centre and R.S.M. on Surrey. All crews started well, at about 35. Guilds took a



The Guilds crew at Harrods

slight lead at once and were some 4 feet ahead of Mines at the end of the first minute, with R.C.S. $\frac{3}{4}$ length behind. Good steering by Mines kept Guilds out of the best water at the bend and at the Crabtree, Mines were some 4 feet in the lead, with an outclassed but very game R.C.S. crew dropping back. The mile post was reached in the good time of 3 min. 17 sec. with the two crews level. Mines forced the turn a little early at the Football ground and Guilds only gained a bare canvas as a result. Mines spurred and drew level and had their bows just in front at the end of the wall. Guilds then began to go ahead and led by $\frac{1}{2}$ length at the Boat House, at which point Mines held on until London R.C., where Guilds raised their rate to 34 and increased their lead to win by one length. The time was 7 min. 53 sec. The race was well fought out by two good fighting crews; Guilds well together but short in the water and Mines somewhat rough, but with plenty of length at the finish of the stroke.

Owing to the breakdown of the Umpire's launch, the Lowry was started without it, a clash occurred and the race was restarted. This was unfortunate for the Mines who had made an excellent start and were some $\frac{3}{4}$ length ahead at the end of half a minute, when the clash took place. The crews were restarted in their relative positions at the time of the clash and Guilds got away well, drew ahead of R.C.S. and up to and beyond the Mines. At the end of the wall Guilds were $\frac{3}{4}$ length ahead of Mines who were $\frac{3}{4}$ length up on R.C.S. From here Guilds drew ahead and won by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. A fine fight developed for second place, however, with special praise to the R.C.S. This crew, stroked by the cox of the Morphy boat, and containing five oarsmen and a cox who had never been in a boat before the beginning of term, made a grand attack on the Mines and, well hemmed in by the other two crews, drew up level only to catch a crab. They recovered quickly and had another go and were only a canvas down at the finish.

If that spirit is carried through to I.C. rowing, then there should be many more pots on the high table at next year's Dinner.

MORPHY CREWS

	R.C.S. (Middx)	GUILDS	R.S.M. (Surrey)
Bow	D. Campbell	D. Kelly	F.R.C. O'Connor
	E.F. George	P.H. Swift	C.B. Bristowe
	S.V. Lincoln	M.E. Clibbon	G.L. Swales
	K.A. Brown	I.M. Titchener	R.H. Janes
	C.J.L. Lock	B. Kiaernsli	H. Ramstad
	M.R. Hoare	S.K. Ash	J.C.M. Taylor
	B. Wetherill	J.P. Gibson (Capt)	R. Appleby
Stroke	P. Makings	R.G. Seaman	P.D.R. Maltby (Capt)
Cox	B.H. Wyatt	M.D.G. Garner	J.E. Sharpley

LOWRY

	GUILDS (Middx)	R.C.S.	R.S.M. (Surrey)
Bow	L. Peters	D.R. Plummer	J.R. Spooner
	J.R. Platt	D.G. Taylor	J. Cooper
	J.E. Taylor	D. Jones	G.P. Jones
	N.G.B. Trotman	P.D. Wilcock	G.C. Wood
	J. McCallum	R.E. Dimes	J. Austin
	A.R. Saunders	E.J. Guthrie	K. Chandler
	C.K. Newhouse	E.S. Hall	J. Hardboard
Stroke	P.J. Rata	B.H. Wyatt	G. Bateman
Cox	S.H. Wearne	L.P. Harding	C.H. James