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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

OUTRAGES IN THE UNION.

WHAT IS "29"?

Towards the end of last term the Union was horrified to find that the well known stuffed animals which in those days adorned the walls of the lower dining hall, had been behatted. Particularly disgusting was a lovely deer head (the Latin name has now been removed and is lost to us) which carried a black bowler. Also, several fine sets of antlers had been taken away, and bicycle handlebars put in their places. Underneath was painted in white a small figure 29.

At about the same time the lamps which illuminate the imposing steps leading from Prince Consort Road to the statue of the Late Prince Consort were subjected to an even more repellant attack. They were coated with pieces of perforated paper, each one delicately coloured, so that a dignified and charming Victorian terrace became a pantomime piece, garish and vulgar. Again, one of these papers (and Heaven knows who was low enough to procure such material) was marked with a figure 29.

Speculation is rife. Whispers of Mau Mau and the Klu Klux Klan are common, but Authority believes that the Red Menace is more likely to be at the bottom of things. Members of R.C.S. Union have different ideas.

REST OF THE NEWS.

The Natural History Soc. held their usual party at the end of last term. The highlight was an oratorio presented by the Rex Dadd Philharmonic Orchestra and the N.H. Choral Society. Father Christmas, thinly disguised as Dr. Murray, distributed prizes ranging from wet kipper to a potato and a lump of sugar.

Otherwise, we have little news to offer. It is rather late for us to herald the arrival of Professor P.M.S. Blackett, who was appointed at the end of last term to head the Physics Department in place of Sir G.P. Thomson, who is now Master of Corpus Christi, Cambridge.

Mr. J.C. Matchieson has been appointed to the Chair of Mining, and Professor A.J.S. Pippard has taken over from Professor Willis Jackson for another three year term as Dean of Guilds.

A rather hastily collected I. C. debating team was defeated on the second day of term in the first round of the U. L. Debating Tournament. Drawn at home to Westminster College, I. C. proposed "that conscience is an unmitigated nuisance" and although the team appeared fully convinced by their own arguments, the result was a win for Westminster by 64 to 55 debating points.

On Friday Jan. 16th the I.C. Conservative Group held a debate with the Royal Holloway College Conservative Society on the motion that "The Women of today are more masculine than those of yesterday, and the Men are more feminine." A lively discussion was held on the comparison between the two sexes in such things as choosing hats and coats, and the clothes worn by them in history: men having perms today: such women as Boedecia; the lack of women in Parliament inspite of the efforts of Mrs Pankhurst: and womens' rugby and soccer teams in Lancashire.

The motion was defeated 4 For and 6 Against with 1 abstention.

The debate was followed by an expedition to the Strand Theatre to see "The River Line" which was a great success.

On Saturday, the terpsichorean year began with an informal Dance run by R.C.S. Union. The organisers are to be congratulated upon giving a very enjoyable evening and upon decorating the Gym in a novel (and inexpensive) fashion.



BE A DEVIL
COME TO THE
R.C.S.
CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 13TH FEB. 1953.

CARNIVAL SUCCESS.

This year's Guilds' Carnival "Fiesta" was much less like Bok-Bok, or an Eton Wall-game, than previous affairs. The decoration scheme was ambitious, and mightily successful in the Gym, where the essential purpose of making familiar places look freshly different was achieved best. The downstairs decoration ideas also deserve mention, particularly the detail of turning the

Refectory doors into bookcases, but the overall effect was incomplete for lack of more materials and curtains; and lack of assistance. In fact, as is too usual, the whole affair appeared to be under construction by a total of twenty people, and the volunteer party to clear it up numbered less than half that. However, perhaps the organizers of Carnivals have begun to learn the lesson that they can rely only on their immediate friends.

The judging of the costumes dragged on too long, and everybody had different ideas from the harassed judges.

After the lesson of hired cabarets of the past two years, Guilds produced a better amateur show, largely their own, that was received with attention and applause. If their subjects, of student contribution, were excursions near the old and hoary, at least they were done with wit and presented with a light air. The Spanish dancers who topped the bill had already limbered up early in the evening, but were still much the Anglo-Saxons - that most of them were - until they got warmed up again. They were worth every minute that their soloist, Miss Rosalind Philips, was on the floor.

The President of Guilds neatly evaded the demands for a Calypso, throughout the evening.

LATE NEWS - Refectory Committee

TUESDAY NIGHT; Refectory Committee decided no action yet on possibility of residents having supper 1/2 hour earlier than others in Union. Previously RCS & Guilds Union meetings felt split undesirable, but sympathised with residents. Mines thought week-end meals early for residents would help. ICWA favoured split, but said it would help if residents could buy their own separate meat rations (impossible by MoF regulations. Amount of food available to refectory does not, in any case, depend on ration books, but only on number of meals served). A number of residents including some at the Comm. Meeting, opposed separation. Thus: most of I.C. was against the measure, & it was dropped.

OTHER BUSINESS; Whisky & rum down from 2/3 to 1/9. Price list to appear in Bar. New pastry ovens should operate next week. Brighter food should appear next Friday. A separate coffee urn, away from main queue, in New Lounge .5/- deposit to be charged on crockery borrowed by clubs etc.

ATTENTION is called to buffet service in lower dining hall on Saturday dance nights, available to all. Service may stop if insufficiently supported.

We apologise for hurried typing in the late news.

PROFILE

JOHN S. HARDING



Although President of the R.C.S. and Secretary last year, John Harding is also well-known as a leading member of the Dramatic Society amongst whom he is more readily known as "Willy" after his celebrated performance. But the Society's recent choice of play, "The Jealous Wife", was hardly the opportunity for its cast to enjoy the fun and games expected in an Eighteenth Century Comedy, and John, as the dissolute and leisured fop Lord Trinket, was not given full employment in his parting appearance for the Society.

Willy is a difficult person to analyse beyond the first observation that an artistic bent (in a creative not precious sense) is a greater element in his character than is plain force. He keeps in mind many fluent ideas and accurate comments on events, but he is reluctant to thrust them forward too quickly in public. One is therefore surprised at his success in the R.C.S. Union, as well as in our entertainment world. On occasions these two interests suit each other's demands well, but on others we find that his speeches at receptions are more serious than suit their function. These perhaps lack rehearsal, though rehearsal alone did not produce the acting of Willy in "Off the Record". He has truly produced such effectively timed and complete characters on our stage that we have overlooked the concentration and work involved, and we have begun to assume that he should mould himself to a foreign nerveless character at all times.

Freshers will have met him at receptions, and some Chemists will have known him as the demonstrator who put out their earlier experimental fires; but even these, together with his appearance at Union meetings, and the facts of his life do not add up to the whole Harding. Commonsense he may have gained from being tossed around in war-time evacuation, and from taking Matric. at a Co-Ed. school. Success in obtaining a Royal Scholarship came after two years in a school of boys only, and he came to the R.C.S. Chemistry Department in 1948 at the age of seventeen, a year earlier than he expected. He thus missed his turn as Head Boy at School; here is the link that has led to his being Head Boy of the R.C.S., and also to his profession of interest in industrial administration now that the spell of research is coming to an end.

He admits with defensible cheer that his abrupt change from school to I.C. left him with social commitments at home (Ilford) including production of a concert party, that together with Finals in the second year left him effectively a Brown-Bagger at I.C. for so long. He eventually passed from a mild interest in the Rifle Club via a second in the Seconds in Finals to research and the Dramatic Society. He has maintained his interest in singing and sailing, and must be rare in having read all but one of the books on show in his considerable bookshelf.

His predecessor as President of R.C.S., Brian Purslow, is the essential link between his career in the R.C.S. Union and in College entertainments. "Certificate X" and the R.C.S. Smoking Concert at which it was presented last year were their productions. John was also concerned with David Greenfield and Bernard Latter in their attempts to build up an I.C. Revue.

John has now to work on his thesis, and has given up dramatics. This is his third post-graduate year, and he hopes that his research on some extremely organic sulphur compounds, with their unpleasant chemical and social problems, will soon be completed. It is an odd truth that for all his Union interests, John manages to parcel his time so well that he may most surely be contacted in the laboratory. This is quite a reputation to maintain.

The Play Notices in "Phoenix" are the best summary of Willy's success. Following his first appearance in "The Ascent of F.6", came the part that gave him his nickname in "Off the Record", and which he considers his favourite individual character. In "Thunder Rock" came his greatest part, which he chooses as his favourite dramatic opportunity, and then the American businessman in "Summer Day's Dream" at Cheltenham.

"Phoenix" had these things to say of two of them:

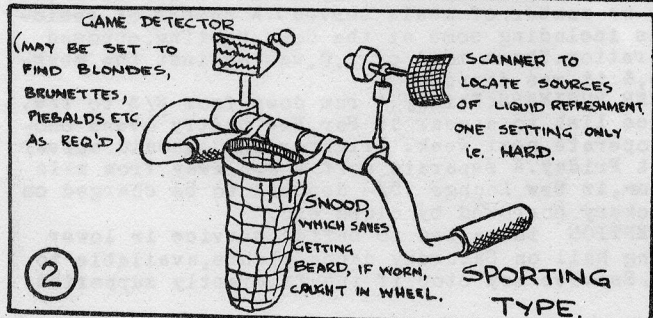
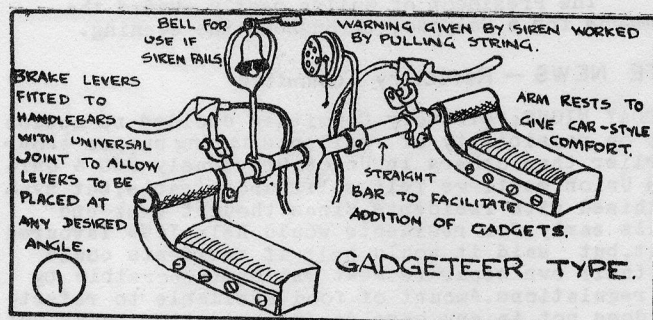
"'Thunder Rock' was a redoubtable success ... the acting was of a uniform excellence that held the audience in tingling silence through the Producer's daring dramatic pauses.

Charleston, the escapist lighthouse keeper, was admirably played by John Harding, whose controlled and restrained portrayal of any inward struggle with *acidia* lent unity and conviction to the play."

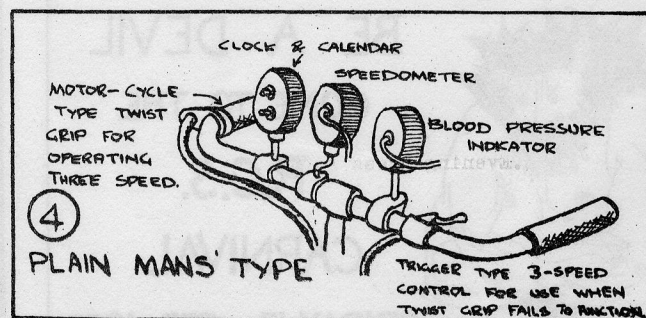
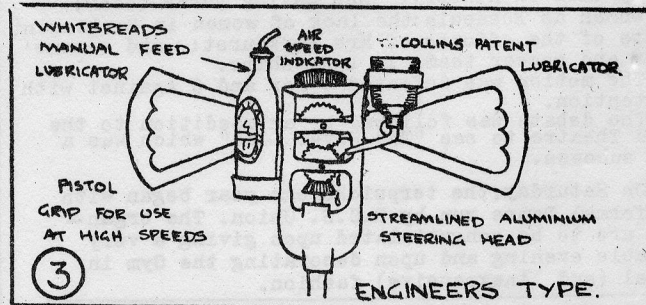
Of "Off the Record" 'Phoenix' says:

A great deal of our enjoyment "flowed from the part of Flag Lieutenant the Hon. Willy Aughton Formby, R.N., exquisitely underplayed by that 'dam' fool' John Harding. He balanced himself with willowly grace on his sword, he swayed gently to starboard when he would move to port, he searched his breast pocket for the massive volume of "Burke", and he heard of miracles on the telephone with vacuous incomprehension. The Miners awarded Mr. Harding their fire extinguisher and he can have mine too!"

IDEAL BICYCLE COMPETITION.



FELIX invites you to choose your dream bicycle. In later issues other components will be displayed. Note which one you like best. Further details later. Valuable prizes.



Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

EDITOR: A.R. BRAY

CIRCULATION: 1250

It may be wondered why our headline is so trivial. Apart from the shortage of news which confronted us when it was written, it is our opinion that the escapades to which it refers were witty, neat and in the best of taste. They were a model to those who clamour to some release of spirit, in a rag.

So Professor Powell has been prevented from doing a tour of German Universities. Well, well, well! Watch your passports.

It has been suggested that there should be a Woman's Column in FELIX. What about it, ICWA? We can't write it, but you can.

By special arrangement with our printer, we are now able to hold back a single page of FELIX until Wednesday, and news up to Tuesday evening (or even Wednesday if exciting) can be accepted. Clubs making late announcements will be able to use this service. As this new arrangement entails extra work for our staff, normal articles should still be handed to us by the Sunday before FELIX is sold, and preferably (for ease of typing,) by noon on the Monday before that.

At the moment of writing this note, it is hoped that we will be able to include, in this issue, a report on the Refectory Committee meeting of Jan. 20th.

LUNCH TIME GENERAL STUDIES LECTURES.

A correspondent, "Rufus", writes:-
 "First one must decide whether or not these lectures are good in principle, and secondly whether, if they are, the practice is equally good. Perhaps some people's lives are such cultural deserts that it is permissible to play all hell with college hours. (Against the wishes of a majority of students) in order to bring them to some realization, however dim, of their place in the universe. And perhaps, this being admitted, culturalization will be achieved by a succession of lectures which are fashionable, even when trivial, and non-controversial, even when superficial. I really can not say, but speaking personally I have given up going to the lunch time lectures. When they invite Edward Glover or John Piper I shall change my mind again."

FELIX plans to enquire into student opinion on this matter. You can help by sending us a paper with your comments under the following headings.

1. Do you attend regularly?
2. Do you derive anything except enjoyment from the lectures? i.e. Have they developed your interest in art, literature, science?
3. Do you consider the timetable eruptions too great in comparison to the good done by the lectures?
4. Suggestions for improvements
5. Your College. Names are not needed.

As many replies as possible are wanted, in order that we may have an accurate idea of the Union's attitude to General Studies.

Felix announces the engagement of S.A. Scott to Miss Eileen Pearson.

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FOR SALE. Evening Dress suit, to fit person about 5'6". WANTED, ditto, slightly larger. Apply J.B. Davies, Room 83 New Hostel, or Union rack

RADIOGRAM of mongrel manufacture for sale, Radio works well, and gramophone needs only overhaul. For sale because owner will not be able to cart it around the wide world. The Guts and Cabinet are both ideal bargains. £15 or offers for gram. guts only. S.H. Wearne c/o I.C. Union Rack.

VIEWPOINT

"We won't have a formal meeting, just a talk among friends, and we'll get through the business in hand much quicker." This is a common enough sentiment in the college today, and it is equally common for these meetings to take two hours or more, and end with the business still not done.

With most members of the college having less than no time to spare, it is surprising that those who convene these meetings do not attempt to run them in a business-like manner. Even those who do set up to go about their business in the proper fashion often fail miserably, either through the inability of the chairman or the lack of cooperation of the members.

The job of the chairman is far from easy and needs much practice before it can be performed reasonably well. Allowing for the inexperience which is only natural and expected in most chairmen of the college societies, is it too much to expect them to get acquainted with the elementary procedure for conducting a meeting?

How many of them have read Sir Walter Citrine's book on "The Art of Chairmanship"? It is only a small book; the time taken to read it would be negligible compared to the time saved at meetings when conducted on the lines suggested.

If it is too much trouble to read a book (and the one quoted is only one of many on the subject), then insisting that only one person speaks at a time would save most of the time wasted at meetings. Only recently a member of one general meeting was making a very sound statement on the matter in hand when he was interrupted by the secretary speaking to someone across the room - about a dance at one of the women's colleges! An admirable subject to talk about at a more suitable time, but how discouraging for those who want to further the activities of our particular clubs or societies.

It is obvious from the above example that we cannot put all of the blame on the chairman for time-wasting at meetings. Co-operation on the part of all members of clubs and societies in speaking to the chair, and not having a talk with ones neighbour would help the chairman and help ourselves.

Appreciation of the other fellow's point of view is only possible by listening to his arguments. The obvious advantages of your own ideas can only be illustrated in comparison to the others and such a comparison is impossible without knowledge of the other persons view.

Many people blame their lack of support for various college activities on shortage of time. Often this is only an excuse, but it is possible that the numbers in all our clubs and societies may increase if we waste a little less of the members' time in badly-run meetings.

Signaman.



"BUT SIR, IT'S NOT THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S THE WAY I FEEL IT."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, At this time of year I spend more time than I would wish in rendering students' technical texts into English, so I must object to the ideas expressed by "A.R.B." in "Viewpoint" in your issue of Dec. 12th, if only in self-defence. I have little enough time for correcting inadvertent errors: I have none whatever for deliberate ones of the kind put forward by "A.R.B."

With apparently characteristic modesty, "A.R.B." couples his own name with that of G.R.S. (putting his own first) as a reformer of our spelling. He does not seem to realise that Shaw's spelling was an idiosyncrasy tolerated by most people in one of the foremost wits of the age. If the citizens had wished to adopt this spelling they would have done so already. When "A.R.B." attains Shaw's standard of wit, and exhibits Shaw's mastery of English, he will be able to get away with Shaw's spelling. Then, and not before.

It is absurd for "A.R.B." to assert that millions of people have helped to develop the English language, and then name only two of them. Many persons would be hard put to it to name more than twenty such developers. And there can be little doubt that the popular journalist has at least as much influence as "Whitehall" in the development (so to call it) of the English language at the present time. Incidentally, does "A.R.B." include "W.S.C." among his providers of "Ministerial platitudes and evasions"?

Further on, "A.R.B." tells us that he occasionally misses out "redundant" vowels. I can assure him that there is a much more numerous company that always misses out what it thinks to be superfluous consonants. I spend too much of my time in restoring the second "m" to "accommodate", in the texts referred to above; this particular error appears also in the advertisements in your issue of Dec. 12th. Even more time is spent in altering sentences to read singular or plural throughout: duplicity of this kind in provided by "A.R.B." at the end of his third paragraph.

The answer to "A.R.B."s final question must be, I fear, "Yes, you are", if only because it is not clear in which direction "A.R.B." has taken his step. His spelling inclines occasionally to Mr. Shaw, but his use of "frustrate", "differentiate", "reactionary" and "redundant" shows that love of the overworked long word which marks so many of our popular journalists.

It is usually agreed that the object of most written work is to persuade the reader to accept the statements of the writer. To do this, the text must conform to the usual standards (not necessarily the grammar-book standards) of grammar, spelling and punctuation. If it does not, the reader will be irritated, and if he is irritated he will not be persuaded. So that the writer who uses fancy spelling and punctuation goes some way to defeat his own proper object, which is the persuasion and conviction of his readers.

Yours faithfully

"Filepusher turned Penpusher"

A.R.B. replies:

Apart from personal remarks, "F.T.P."s argument is not very convincing. My article was written to justify my practise of writing "cant, dont, wouldnt, and isnt" in serious prose. To dismiss these expressions as "deliberate mistakes" is to beg the whole issue. And to attack my proposals on the grounds of their irritating the reader is no real argument, for the irritation would soon disappear, and would be followed by pleasure at the convenience caused by my method. (c.f. your own experiences on attaining a more than superficial contact with American books). No doubt the Romans grumbled when Arabic numerals came in. I'm attacked for mentioning only two people out of the millions who evolved Shakespeare English from Chaucer Saxon. Perhaps I was a little lazy, but I don't know the names of most of them. Also, I've read many a Churchillian platitude and cliché. "F.T.P.", no doubt, doesn't believe in sunspots. But why should I bring red herring in? I'm getting as bad as him!

A.R.B.

FOUND in the Union by the worst-dressed member of the FELIX staff on Returning belatedly to College:

Dear Blank,

Many Happy Returns - and about bloody time too.

You will be pleased to know that I am now happily married, and my wife and I would be very pleased if you would be the God-father of our child. We feel no-one could be father from God than you.

Dear Sir,

It was with much concern that we read of your opinion of our College as expressed in the "Felix" dated 12th December.

We fear you have been seriously misinformed about the noble structure of Goldsmiths'.

It may once have been of Medieval design but it was demolished during the war.

The present building is a well built, modern structure, excellently proportioned, and therefore a delight to gaze upon, being generally of an outstandingly attractive appearance. Its warmth and friendliness contrast vividly with the surrounding filth and gloom of New Cross.

Your article was correct on one point however, our women do resemble the building in the above respects.

You should therefore, Mr Editor, be much more careful to ensure that your data has been proved by sound and constant observation. It is a sad reflection upon the standard of accuracy maintained by this country's future scientists.

Yours Sincerely,

Ardent Followers
of Le Corbusier.

P.S. In case your scientific minds are unable to appreciate the connection, we feel bound to give the following explanation. Both Le Corbusier (the great French modern architect), and ourselves feel that the most important things in life are: "air, light, sun, foliage, space, science(?), liberty, intimacy, isolation and beauty."

Sir,

As you say, Sir, in your Editorial in a recent issue, the General Studies Lectures are a great boon to us, but there is a danger that, like T.V., they will demand little conscious effort from the students. However, they are a means of stirring up a large proportion of our college undergraduate population that was never possible by the small numbers involved in a Touchstone weekend, and in the practical numbers that can attend Dinner in Hall to advantage.

I would suggest that further changes are made in our student habits aimed at making undergraduates constantly aware of their responsible status in future society, and I can think of no more appropriate measure than the apparently retrograde step of introducing undergraduate gowns, and requiring these to be worn at all lectures.

The cost of simple gowns would be well repaid in the saving of wear on clothes, and the appearance of the college at Commemoration and other assemblies would be vastly improved. A gown is an excellent pen-wiper. It is also a protection against lecture-theatre draughts, and against the light rain of the seasons.

Yours etc,
SH.

POLITICAL SOCIETY REPORT.

Reviewing the activities during the past term of the Political Society and its constituent groups one realizes that students do not give this important society sufficient support. The real aim of the Pol. Soc., of which all students are members, is to interest and inform students in the views of the political parties.

The society started the term with high hopes and a full programme, but lack of support caused a number of discussions to be cancelled. The first item on the Pol. Soc., programme was the annual Freshers tea held in conjunction with the Lit. and Deb. Soc.

The following day the Conservative Group held their A.G.M. where they elected officers for this session, drafted a constitution, and arranged to hold a series of discussions. Due to lack of support only one was held. This was on "The future of the Labour Party". The number present was less than half a dozen even though open to all who wished to attend.

The Socialist group fared slightly better, holding three meetings. The first of them, was addressed by Gordon Schaffer on "German Rearmament". As he had visited Germany several times in the past few years he could talk from practical knowledge. On November 7th the "Problem of Kenya" was discussed: this was led by a Kenya student so that first hand knowledge was again available.

The Liberal Group, the smallest, did not hold any meetings during the term. A joint meeting at I.C. with the U.L. Liberal Federation at which Mr. Ronald Walker, the President of the Liberal Party, was to speak unfortunately had to be cancelled.

The political activities of the term ended with a visit by 5 members of the Pol. Soc., to the House of Commons.

The man who can live for today forgetful of the past, indifferent to the future, is a man full of wisdom.

(Arab Proverb)

PHOENIX

AUTUMN TERM 1952 1/6

We all feel a touch of pity for faded gentility, for those unfortunates who are forced, in the evening of their lives, to live in circumstances far removed from those of their heyday. When the same situation applies to a magazine, founded sixty-seven years ago in the days of Progress and Optimism by a literary scallywag, and growing respectable with age (as did the scallywag himself in those broad traditions which turn the filth of Chaucer and Boccaccio into "classics" when the original freshness of their exercises has been glazed and hallowed by time), we are indeed sorrowful. Not that I would ever suggest that Wells or Phoenix is, or has been, filthy; I mean rather that it is foolish to hold the magazine in undue veneration simply because it was started by one who later became recognised as a Great Writer. But even the veneration may turn to anger - anger at being rooked for 1/6.

What little there is, is good; but the dull, clogging factuality of the Review section overpowers any literary content Phoenix may have. Messrs Goss and Cohen have handled the Sport and Social Club sections effectively - the former having been admirably outspoken though over-profuse of exclamation marks, and Mr. Cohen making a chunk of unreadable fact barely readable, a creditable result with such unpromising material.

That four departing professors should simultaneously require "profiling" was tough luck on the Editor, bound as he was to do his duty. The four resulting accounts are valuable in that they represent the sort of lives the best of us may hope to lead; but they are not literature. In the circumstances, the Photographic Exhibition account might have been cut a little, to make the Review less bulky, though it was well done. The same applies to the Dramatic Criticism, a rapier-sharp analysis presented with a bludgeon of typical Wearnesque prose.

In the field of original literary composition, the very bones of Phoenix, it was a shock to find Selby Angus in temporary (we hope) retirement. The resulting gap was partly filled by a disjointed though amusing story by Vere Atkinson in a style so typically student-like that it often parodied itself. But a good deal of gap still gaped. Equally self-conscious in style, an anonymous article on Judo came off very well, better than the opening oeuvre, a piece of frippery about Rectors. A descriptive incident about mountaineering by "Jad" gave me the impression that the writer was reliving a vivid experience; but I was unable to share it with him in spite of subtle, but overcopious, detail.

Phoenix suffers from high costs, from the obligation to print a lot of routine fact, from student apathy, perhaps even from the presence of FELIX, which exhausts the literary capacity of a number of potential contributors. It is subject to extraordinary delays, like that which made the issue under review appear at the end of term instead of at the beginning, to lose in consequence the major part of a valuable "fresher" market. Phoenix is doddering. May superhuman inspiration fall on the poor devils who run it!

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, Jan 24th. The Imperial College Dancing Club Annual Dance will be held at I.C.U. from 8.00 p.m. Evening Dress optional. Tickets 10/- double, including Buffet.

MONDAY, Jan 26th. C. & G. Radio Soc. Dr. B.G. Plessey of the D.S.I.R. Radio Research, Slough, will speak on "Radio and Navigational Aids".

TUESDAY, Jan 27th. Prof. D.M. Newitt (Chem. Eng. Dept., I.C.) will give the first of three lectures at the Royal Institution on "Experimenting at High Pressures", at 5.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan 29th. 1.15 p.m. I.C. Mus. Soc. Lunch Hour recital, Council Room, C&G. Violin and Piano Sonatas.

5.30 p.m. C&G Engineering Soc. Brig. A.C. Hughes will lecture on "The Education and Training of Engineers".

MONDAY, Feb 2nd. C&G Radio Soc. Annual exhibition of home made equipment.

TUESDAY, Feb 3rd. U.L.U. Philosophical Study Group. Dr. G.J. Whitrow will speak on the "Philosophy of Mathematics" at 5.15 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall.

THURSDAY, Feb 5th. A student paper on "Time and Motion Study" will be given by G.H. Starmer, Room 15, C&G, at 5.30 p.m. for the C&G Engineering Soc.

PLAY REVIEW

Jealous Wife Hard to Beat.

In the right spirit for an X'mas presentation was George Colman's 'The Jealous Wife', presented by the Dram Soc. on four consecutive nights.

By some obscure criterion, the opening 'Mines' night was pronounced to be "above the usual standard"; it is definitely true, however, that the dialogue could actually be heard at times. The third night produced an unexpected change, as the leading lady, Julian Stern, was indisposed. The stand-in Jean Osborne carried on very well, with occasional aid from SHW's best falsetto through the wings.

The production was very well planned and executed, and all the characters were well interpreted. Special mention must be made of the polished Lady Free-love and the foppish Lord Trinkett (Guess who? John Harding!). The costumes were true to the 18th century atmosphere, and the stage management was excellent. The man in charge, Harry Pakes, once made an impromptu appearance on the stage--obviously a back-room boy who wants to get ahead in show-business.)

In plays of this nature, a little overacting is always welcome and there were some scenes which delightfully bordered on the farcical. The dialogue did not call for any finesse and there was not much on the stage. The humour may appear slow to an audience used to the machine-gun wisecracking of Bob Hope and Groucho Marx, but it must be remembered that the play was written at a time when people had far more leisure. There is no doubt whatever that the Dram Soc made the best use of material at their disposal. They took a chance on a risky revival and were successful entirely due to their own merit. Well done, boys!

RAG TIME BAND

I. C. Presidents repeat,
"Our members never in the street
Disport in uncollegiate ways
Upon the U.L.U. days."

But now the tide of feeling grows
and students letters, rows on rows,
enquire if dormant Presidents
Who can't forsake this residence
Ever disport in childish gambols
And leave their intellectual shambles;
Or, if to raise the college name
They could see fit to play the game
and join in organised display
In Coronation year rag day.

But Presidents with air supreme,
Repeat as wallowing in a dream,
"But this year's Coronation year.
Organise a rag? ... Oh dear!"
And also other useless stuff
Like, "Harlington is good enough."

Awake you men with brownish bags
And all campaign for better rags.
Presidents then be not shirkers,
We want rags for all the workers.
Arise then I. C. men, proclaim
To London I. C.'s glorious name.
And lastly with a loyal cheer
Make '53 IMPERIAL year.

TEAPOT

Prize Essay Competition

In order to encourage research workers both in academic life and industry to appreciate the industrial significance of new discoveries and to exercise their ability in expressing their ideas at a policy-forming level, the publishers of *Research* have enabled the Scientific Advisory Board to offer prizes for papers discussing the possible industrial applications of some recent scientific investigation, whatever its origin. Papers, which should be about 3000 words in length, should be written in a manner which will enable an intelligent reader with a general scientific interest to appreciate the argument.

Entries, which will be judged by a committee to be appointed by the Scientific Advisory Board, should reach the offices of *Research*, 4, 5, 6 Bell Yard, London, W.C.2, on or before 30 April 1953. Entries will be accepted only from persons actively engaged on research work in industry, Government or university laboratories.

Prizes of £100 and £50 are offered for those entries which are adjudged to be best and second best, respectively. The Advisory Board has discretion to award an additional prize or prizes according to the quality of the contributions submitted. The judges' opinion must be regarded as final. The prize winning entries will be published in the Journal. *Research* also reserves the right to publish any other papers submitted, for which payment will be made at the appropriate rate. Further details may be obtained on request from the offices of *Research*.



SPORT



Cross Country-

TYRIAN CUP TO I.C.

On Saturday 13th. Dec., I.C. once again won the University Cross-Country Championship over the 5½ mile Roehampton course.

Although I.C. had a strong team it was thought U.C. would be in a strong position to challenge, however the winning margin was even greater than last year. I.C. scored 41 points to King's 70, whilst U.C. came third with 73. The low total of points was due in the main to the fine running of the last two men in the team; Woods and Huxford, who came 13th. and 14th. Since the first three of the team run for the University they are expected to do well, and hopes were fulfilled when the final placings were Robertson 2nd., Pain 4th., and Bailey 6th. It bodes well for the future of the Club that four of the team were freshers.

R.C.S. caused a minor surprise by beating Guilds 19-20 to win the inter-college championship which is held in conjunction with the U.L. Championship. Several Miners were stirred out of their subterranean tunnels by the enthusiasm of their captain, James, and the Mines fielded a team. Lack of training told, but in spite of this a gallant effort was made.

Climbing-

LAKE DISTRICT MEET.

The I.C. Xmas meet was held at Buttermere in a hut, the journey to which was traversed on foot in virgin snow on a very dark evening.

On the first day a precedent was set for late arrival when as a "training" walk three enthusiasts walked over Brandreth and the Gables to Scafell Pike. The return journey was completed slowly in wintry moonlight over Black Sail Pass and Search Gap.

Each day someone would get up at 7 a.m. to make breakfast and so quite early parties of 3 or 4 would set off in all directions. The climbs were mostly high up and so covered in snow and ice. Consequently as much hill walking was done as rock climbing.

New Year's Eve was celebrated in the usual way, but next day there was a slight hangover. This was purged by an ascent of Whiteless Pike. As the summit was approached the wind became stronger, the rain turned to snow and the party entered the clouds. Under these conditions it was decided on an immediate descent but six masochists continued along the ridge to Grassmoor where the summit was found only with difficulty and nearly minus one pair of bags.

The next day broke without a cloud in the sky. Parties set off by different routes with Gable as the goal. On the summit a wonderful view was beheld of snow covered hills across the sea (Arran and N. Ireland perhaps). A large party went to find "a piece of verticality" and having found it progressed up it rather slowly, not regaining the summit until 9 p.m. On their way down they were met by a rescue party. However, they didn't need rescuing and the walker who was to be rescued was not found - he had got himself down it transpired - so everyone returned whence they came.

On the last evening the assistance of the Fire Brigade was needed. In a usually quiet valley this caused some local excitement and a few yokels came to see the fun, only to find that it was a smouldering beam beneath the fireplace and easily extinguished when the fireplace had been smashed to pieces.

Long before the last morning had dawned most of us were on the way home with thoughts once more slipping into the regular grooves of term-time.

THE ONE ANSWER

KEMPSON'S
44, Queen's Gate Mews.

Squash ON TOUR

Our first match, against Cardiff University, proved rather a disappointment after the long and arduous drive down from London; without J. Kenyon, our No.1 string, and with A. Williams still with a touch of flu playing No.2 to M. Martin, the score arrived at 2 matches each, when E. Hughes, last to play, set a captains example by winning, thus giving us the first match.

A shaky ferry trip across the Severn, soon brought us to the Clifton Club, Bristol; they proved excellent hosts, and we were very glad they entertained us after the match, and not before; J. Kenyon set the pace, as regards squash, by evening up a previous tournament meeting with J. Lloyd Park, the Gloucester County player, defeating him by three games to one. Match result: Won by I.C., 4-1.

The trip to Torquay provided us with an excellent interlude at the Manor House Hotel, where we were complimented by a "local" for averaging 7 skittles; we feel that we could never have enjoyed ourselves so much at this hotel, had we known what was in store for us at the I.C.A. at Torquay. The muffled (and sometimes not so muffled) phrases that floated out thru' bedroom doors the next morning were, we hope, drowned by the object that caused their utterance; at 8:30 in the morning we were awoken at ten minute intervals; by a drumstick being struck on our doors and a large song, alternately; Hughes, you blasphemer!

The match against the Imperial Squash Club Torquay proved to be the serious highlight of the tour. Each team received a considerable shock; I.C., by learning that we were to meet a team including four county or ex-county men, headed by G. Maycroft, and Imperial Hotel by having that same team defeated 3-2.

J. Kenyon was most unlucky to meet Maycroft in the middle of his training for the Amateur Championships; even so, it was an excellent game to watch, and thoroughly enjoyed by the many spectators. A. Williams, disgustingly fit, had the gallery almost permanently applauding, in a memorable game against J. Michelmore, the Devon County Champion; Williams was retrieving all Michelmore's drop-shots with incredible agility and went on to win in the fifth game. Martin won against D. Campbell, an ex-county player, in four games; Martin had thus won all his games on the tour. Hughes, playing at No.5 with a shocking cold again pulled us thru' by winning 3-1. Match result: I.C. Won 3-2.

Martin then left us, and we motored on to Exmouth to defeat the Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club by 3-2; the evening, as a whole, proved very disappointing to finish up with, but we were justifiably feeling pleased and tired, and returned to London to enjoy the festivities of Christmas.

This was the Club's first tour and all four matches were victories for I.C.

D.J.P.

Skiing-

This year I.C. Ski Club has joined with other clubs in the University to form a University of London Ski Club, which is now being permanently affiliated to U.U.U. At Christmas, thirty four members, including 13 from I.C., went to Kanderstag, Switzerland, for two weeks. Kanderstag, in the Bernese Oberland, has an excellent practice hill, and after about 10 days of instruction even complete beginners were able to enjoy the Red and Blue runs, with their 500 metre drop, and the scenic overland trip to Gemmic Pass. Due to a late start on the energetic trip to this pass the return journey was completed in the moonlight (but unfortunately there wasn't any moon!)

After supper each day, our group showed considerable appreciation of the wine and music in the local hotels. These welcomed us all without any cover charge and gave us many wonderfully pleasant and inexpensive evenings. This Christmas trip was certainly a successful ski holiday.

In the new, larger University club, there are enough people interested to arrange an Easter trip abroad this year. Anyone who would like to join may get information from I.C. Ski Club Sec., Union rack.