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FORTNIGHT

No. 50.

## FELIX



29TH. MAY 1953.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

## 50 NOT OUT!

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The Road Test of Boanerges The Great (described last term by Royalty as "an amazing contraption") was carried out on 20th May in the presence of a multitude of admirers, after an even larger multitude had despaired, tired of waiting.

Acceleration tests were performed, motor cycle escorts being used to record the speeds reached, while stop watches (by courtesy of I.C.A.C.) indicated the times. An unfortunate tendency on the part of the crowd to spread across Prince Consort Road almost led to severe accidents. On one occasion when the crowd parted to let Bo through at 28 m.p.h. it was seen that there were several cars in the centre of the road, right in Bo's path. He swerved and avoided them.

An interesting competition: an acceleration test 0-5 m.p.h. between Bo and J. Edward Taylor (1949 Triumph 500). Bo won easily.

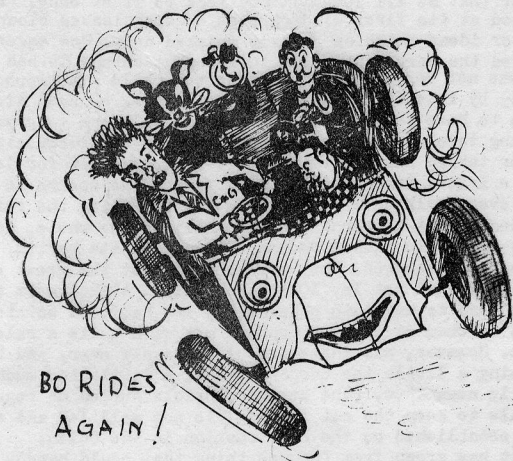
A number of regular Bo drivers were present, as well as several learners, and the opportunity was taken of holding the Bo-Drivers Championship. This was in two parts, the first being a Le Mans Start, in which the driver and co-driver had to run across Prince Consort Road with the starting handle, start Bo who was on the other side, and drive back to their original position. Part two of the Championship was a circuit of the Albert Hall, this being a test of steering and accurate speed judgement. I spoke to the winning co-driver, Mr. Jasper Aspinall, hot and flushed after his victory. I offered him a cigarette. "No thank you," he said, "I don't smoke very often, but when I do I'm choosy."

After the Road Test, the Motor Club took Bo round Hyde Park and to Buckingham Palace, to give the learners some experience. A correspondent reports:

"The roundabout in front of the Palace seemed to delight Bo, and very few pedestrian casualties were incurred on the second time round.

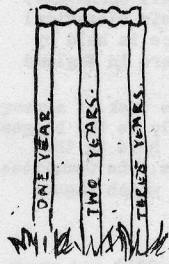
"The Mall had made a stout effort to be worthy of the honour now being bestowed upon it and here the general ovation nearly drowned the noise of Bo and his horn, but not quite.

"Nelson's column took the unaccustomed vibration of earth and ether very well. One tribal chief from the upper Congo, however, mistook a Bo gear change for the mortal cry of a wounded hippopotamus, and was last seen sharpening his teeth on the National Gallery railings."



## SPORTS' DAY

The Rag Committee has organised a Hop for Sports Day, 8 - 11.30 p.m. Admission is 1s., the proceeds to be devoted to the fund for purchasing an I.C. Mascot Phoenix (Herbert). It is reported that impecunious dancers may obtain admission on presentation of: 1 pint beer in bottle, 1 policeman's helmet, 1 live fish more than 3 inches long, 1 bath tub, 1 five barred gate, 1 guardsman's bearskin, 1 Imperial State Coach, or one other Coronation Souvenir of sufficient interest. There will also be 90 unaccompanied young ladies present.



## U.L. NEWSPAPER.

In continuation of the press conference held in the vac., student editors met the U.L.U. president again on Friday 22nd. The reports of the four main College papers - Pi, King's News, Beaver and Felix - were heard. The tone of these reports was cautiously optimistic with the exception of Beaver (L.S.E.), which was definitely enthusiastic about the idea of restarting the "University".

**Background:** The first U.L. paper failed for want of staff. The second one failed for want of support - that was two years ago. This time it is expected to get starting sales of 5000, and more later when the paper settles down.

**Plans:** The paper is to be about "Evening Standard" size, eight pages of newsprint, price 1d. or 2d. Reporters and sales managers will be appointed in each of the constituent Colleges, while the offices will be in or about the U.L.U. building. The Editorial Board will consist of an Editor, a sub-editor, the news, sport and features editors and the Business Manager. The business side will be handled largely by professional people, and will look after advertising, printing, circulation, block-making etc.

Preliminary surveys regarding the cost of printing and distribution, contacts with advertising agencies etc. are going ahead, and the results will be known in about a fortnight. The Colleges in the meanwhile have been asked to enlist the necessary support, to find people willing to do jobs on the editorial and the sales sides, and in general in the words of the U.L. President Alan Tate, to spread the glad tidings.

## BURNING PROBLEM.

An amusing incident occurred at the annual Holland Club versus Selkirk Hall cricket match at Harlington last week. A member of the Holland Club was batting, and was struck on the thigh by a ball delivered by Graham (Get-em) Gales. A puff of smoke rose from the unfortunate batsman's pocket. With characteristic British phlegm he went on batting while a match box in his pocket burned merrily. However, he was persuaded by horrified witnesses to remove it and it was seen that all the matches had exploded, singeing his pocket slightly. This story is quite above board, and will be supported at any time by the Captain of the Selkirk Sloggers, John, Duke of Ellington (3 Civils), who has acquired notoriety owing to his persistence in telling it.

## Our Roving Correspondent Reports:

It has not been officially denied that there is to be a notice-board in every room of the Hostel. Neither is it known whether prizes are to be given for the best answers to the Hostel Entry Application Form.

The New Imperial College blazer, designed to fit in with the garish Coronation name posters on the fronts of the Colleges, is to have "IMPERIAL COLLEGE" written in six inch yellow letters on the back.

## PROFILE

## I.C. ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN:** C.J. Morriss (C & G)  
**SECRETARY:** I.W. Joffe (C & G)  
**MEMBERS:** Miss J.I. Findlater (R.C.S.)  
 M.A. Champney (R.C.S.)  
 B. Wyatt (R.C.S.)  
 M. Rich (C & G)

The Entertainments Committee has its annual beginnings, on that obscure Old Lounge notice-board which seems better fitted for the times of Service and Holy Communion than for the election notices of such temporal posts as I.C. Entertainments. It is surprising to find that I.C. has had an Entertainment Committee for only a few years. Who ran the hops and organized the Commem. Ball in the pre-I.C.E.C. days? The Committee has a big responsibility, for they are in charge of the one phase of Union activity in which a majority of the College take part. It is only at the hops for instance, that many students have an opportunity of meeting people outside their own year. Apart from running the President's and Commem. Balls members of the Committee are present, looking after the mike or amplifier, at all Carnivals, Club dances and Debates etc. in which their electrical equipment is used. In the summer a dance is held by the Committee for overseas students who are in England doing vac. work.

This year they have the considerable task of arranging a Coronation Ball which will certainly be the biggest and, it is hoped, the best function ever held in the Union. In the publicity and the tickets, the Committee have already shown imagination and care, which augurs well for the Ball itself.

C.J. MORRISS.

Kit Morriss was born in Somerset in 1929 and spent his early childhood in Malaya. He returned to England and was educated at Cundle School. His experiences on a course at the Outward Bound Sea School caused him to choose the Army for his National Service, where he became 2nd/Lt. and served with the Sappers in Egypt. In 1950 he first set his foot into the Civil Engineering Department at Guilds. His childhood voyaging has left him with a love of travel; a love which has been fulfilled for Kit has hitch-hiked and worked his way across most of W. Europe. Swedish farms, Spanish Railways and French rebuilding have all received his attention. He once even worked in England - dustman at the Festival.

Kit became Chairman by sheer bad luck. A late nominee for the Committee he was elected Secretary, then Chairman and three Committee members failed to return so Kit was elected Chairman at the beginning of the session. He has run cross-country - played squash for I.C. but only when he could find no-one else - he says. His likes, obviously headed by Travelling (and the associated pleasures), include Eric Linklater and Van Gogh. His dislikes are few but vehement - pictures of flowers and people who conduct loud Bridge post-mortems in a quiet Union Lounge.

He has been quoted as saying either "Gorgeous women are a nuisance" or "Women are a gorgeous nuisance" which he actually said is uncertain!

The Editor Emeritus.

## THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN

Like man's, a woman's ages number seven  
 Before her orbit shapes its course to Heaven.

The first, unconscious, in a blissful state  
 She wends a tranquil way through Cow and Gate,  
 And like dear Granny (mumbling in her chair)  
 She doesn't know her age, and doesn't care.

The second now; with fat and sticky finger  
 She hunts to find what Santa Claus will bring 'er.  
 She has her private knife, and spoon, and cup  
 And likes the world to think that she's grown up.

The third, the schoolgirl clad in blouse and slip,  
 Spitting at all the boys, and learning how to skip.  
 But see poor Mother vainly try, once more,  
 To tell the busman that she's only four.

The fourth, embedded deep in paint and plaster  
 She looks quite opposite from an Old Master;  
 And for a secret purpose none can glean  
 She tells her boy friend that she's seventeen.

The fifth age next; she sports a golden ring,  
 Brave symbol of her skill in bargaining.  
 And though she is not far advanced in life,  
 "Much older than her teeth," says Brother's wife.

The sixth soon falls, and time is getting late,  
 But birthdays stopped when she was thirty eight.

The seventh now, and Granny's looking fine.  
 (You wouldn't think that she was eighty nine).

The seventh gone; how sad the sombre day  
 When Granny, in her nineties, passed away.  
 And Eldest Daughter (who is getting on)  
 Tells the reporter, "died, aged sixty one".

A.R. Bray

I.W. JOFFE

I. W. Joffe was born in Johannesburg in 1930 and is the son of an old Guilds-man. At King Edward VII School in Jo'burg he played the first of his selection of sports - rugger. At Rhodes University College where he studied economics he played hockey. In 1949 he came to England to take the Intermediate Year at I.C. and is now in the 3rd year Civil Engineering. At Guilds he gained his colours for rowing but now pushed his car for exercise. He will be returning to S. Africa this summer with the Trans-continental expedition. His chief interests number three. Two show roots in S. Africa the third is Universal. They are - Modern Architecture, Racial Politics and Drama Students.

## THE REST OF THE COMMITTEE

Janet Findlater is the only lady member of the Committee. Her nimbleness as disc-jockey at the hops is only surpassed by her skill on the Athletic Field.

When at school, in Slough, Janet won the All England Schools long-jump championship and since she entered the Botany Department in 1951 has run and jumped with great success for I.C. and U.L.U. At the Inter Varsity sports at Birmingham recently she broke the ladies long jump record. Her interests naturally include all forms of exercise and unusually Janet has an interest in Campanology and musical instruments.

Maurice Anthony Champney came to R.C.S. with a Royal Studentship in 1949 and in 1952 collected a 2nd Class in Chemistry. He is now doing research in a lab. well known for its 'atmosphere'. M.A.C. entered Union affairs in 1951 when he was co-opted as Dance Secretary. He has served again this year in this post and is responsible for the technical side of the work. His interest in dancing rises considerably higher than a "hop-shuffle" for he has been elected Hon. Sec. of the Dancing Club for next session. Indeed he loves to have someone in his arms - his hobby is Judo.

Mike Rich entered I.C. in 1951 but has an insatiable interest in the 1st year course. Mike is another of the Entertainments Committee who has strong connections abroad. He was born in Mertola (Portugal) and came to England in 1939 to be educated at Mill Hill School. Somewhere in this life spent half in Portugal and half in England Mike Rich has acquired the somewhat unusual habit of wearing three pullovers throughout the year. It may have been his love of motor-cycling that started it.

Brian Wyatt also had schooling abroad - in Cairo and Aberdeen. He entered I.C. in 1951 to study Entomology after wasting two years in the R.A.F. as a Radar Instructor. He has held the posts of Assistant Hon. Secretary to the Social Clubs Committee and Hon. Sec. of the R.C.S. Boat Club and is usually seen and heard at College Debates. Next year he will tread the light fantastic with Maurice Champney, as President of the Dancing Club. He likes Music, Opera, Theatre and Dancing. Brian is also the only expert on Salvadore Dali on the Committee. He dislikes record request programmes; people who call spiders insects and having to unroll his umbrella.

So FELIX is fifty issues old, coming, I hope, into the prime of its existence. Those who were at college on the day when from the litter of fifteen hostel rooms there emerged a very scruffy kitten, looking like all other kittens, its eyes gummed up, its fur puffed up like a young chicken, taking very short steps on such unsteady legs. A bundle of mischief. No wonder that we all loved it and took to it at once. Now we laughed at its first wild springs chasing leaves blown by the wind or ideas which as quickly whisked away. How eagerly we awaited the next appearance to see what scrape it had got into. It was not very long before this cat could get round very nicely by itself; it stayed out at nights, changed its coat, began to have regular habits. In fact it began to grow up, passing through a period when it was very self-conscious, each editor taking himself rather seriously, but not for long. Good spirits, irrepressible humour, and the desire to look into every milkbottle and mousehole, including the refectory kitchens, kept it running very sanely on the whole, perhaps too sanely. Its public became critical of its habits, and wanted them changed. They were changed but the great sporting I.C. public did not lay 10 to 1 on Felix. Although it tried very hard to maintain popularity, its habit of scratching those of whom it did not approve met with quite a sales resistance. However, all those troubles are now over, and Felix, becoming a little too unsponaneous, a little too much like a daily newspaper, (the standard bricks hurled at regular intervals to keep the cat jumping) is now well fed and cared for, established on the best cushion in the Union. So it has grown from the wee thing that could hardly raise a bit of fluff from an ICWA jumper to a cat that will lift its tail on anybody's doorstep. Let us hope that like its predecessor it will keep walking- and walking-- and like Kipling's, by itself, no strings and no cat-towing to the prophet that is said to be existing in the East. Keep walking and the best of luck!

I hear it rumoured that London has gone to great expense to stage a procession to celebrate the occasion!  
 As I've not written waffle for so long -- although I tried and tried nothing worthwhile has resulted-I'm very sorry. But you have my congratulations for the first half century well run and best wishes for the second half.

Greetings to all those who suffered me, there must be some left!

--K.P. Elridge, The Fifth Editor.

# Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Editor: D.C. Kale.

Circulation: 1200.

This is FELIX no. 50. First showing his tiny whiskers on Dec. 9, 1949, he was a favourite right from the beginning, and today stands alone among the U.L. papers as one not running at a loss. In the past three-odd years he recorded many glorious events in I.C., played a large part in keeping the Union informed of its own activities, and managed at the same time to keep its readers amused. FELIX is glad to have the Coronation celebrations coincide with his own, and wishes everybody good cheer next week.

It is unfortunate that a shadow should start creeping at this time across FELIX. Though this shadow--in the form of a U.L. newspaper--means well, we cannot avoid the fact that a U.L. paper, to run successfully, must not have competition from individual College papers. The latest developments in that direction are reported elsewhere in this issue; the FELIX representative at that meeting gave what might be termed passive consent to the decisions taken, for FELIX is unacquainted with such problems as printing (we have an entirely different method of production) and advertising (we don't court outside advertisers) which must be first thrashed out.

The fate of FELIX, therefore, hangs in balance. We MUST have our readers'-yours, that is--views on this matter before we can take any action one way or another. The little response we had to our enquiries in the last issue was primarily against the idea of a U.L. newspaper, but we cannot judge the pulse of I.C. from half-a-dozen opinions. Do let us know your views before June 7th, so that we can say something definite at the next meeting of the U.L. editors.

We present the attempts of some of our past Editors at short-notice composition. Messrs Hughes (the founder-editor) and Midgley are unfortunately unrepresented.

### The 2nd editor.

On this famous occasion our first reaction is to feel much older and smile with pride at the achievement of our offspring. But then we realize that fifty issues is not much in the life of a newspaper - time will be when she is fifty years old! If Felix goes on as now, she will indeed live to that proud boast, like her fabulous brother Phoenix. Consider - did Wells dream that his plaything would outlive him?

In the early days Felix lived from day to day. We were short of everything - money, news, articles, even readers. But after a modest start things improved slowly until in its second year Felix found its feet with an 8000 word, six page paper with a circulation of over 1200, and thanks to careful stroking Felix has purred its way through three and a half years. May it continue to do so as it grows.

As it grows . . . for Felix must continue to grow both in size and stature. Growth is almost a synonym for life - for newspapers as well as organisms. With the projected expansion of the College, the next fifty issues will cover a period rich in opportunities. We confidently look forward to a doubled circulation, a larger Felix, perhaps even a letterpress Felix! But whatever happens we want Felix to remain its independent and insouciant self.

C. M. Hargreaves, Eindhoven, 20:5:53

Cliff. Hargreaves is now Editor of the Philip's (Eindhoven) "Technical Review".

The Fourth and Sixth Editor. (S.H. Wearne)

CAS WHAT, CAS WHY

the third guy from the left said just breathe deeply and soon you'll be away and so I did and next he was saying why didn't I marry the girl which one was my counter to get time to think and then my defence poured out about them in order the first was the best but I was too young and anyway she never brought it up second was an attempt to react the first the third was a glamour girl and knew it so she played her cards and gave nothing away the fourth didn't last too naive and the fifth I would and I asked but she is a career girl then I came round and it was all coughing and spitting my gums out with a horrible headache and utter wretchedness only wanting to dry up and sleep

Dear Sir,

Could the Refectory Committee please publish the ingredients of their delicious Solferino soup?

Yours gastronomically,  
An Anxious Stomach

## VIEWPOINT.

### DOWN WITH FELIX?

Dear Sir,

Once again U.L.U. have decided to foist their wretched newspaper upon us, and they time with all the audacity of new born pups they calmly suggest that "Felix", together with various other college newspapers should quietly cease publication to make way for a "greater cause". Just like that; no fuss or bother, just pack up and go, and give dear old Uncle U.L.U. some elbow room.

How long will it take U.L.U. to realize that students don't want to read the kind of news that U.L.C. would like them to read. The "Felix" correspondent asserts that we do not hear enough about Senate House; this may be true, but it does not need a U.L.U. newspaper to remedy this situation. I consider that any U.L.U. newspaper would inevitably contain paragraphs upon paragraphs about Union "policy" and Union "plans". Now this may be all for the good of our souls, but I think that most students would rather have this sort of news relegated to a small column in a hinder page. To quote from the I.C.U. Handbook "Felix reports College activities . . . and other news of interest to students. Felix is a lighthearted animal, but he can be serious; he has no axe to grind save the interests of the College, and is politically independent".

Felix sells well in I.C. because he is a lighthearted animal, not because he prints columns about Senate House and Woburn Square. In other words, I believe that even if all college newspapers did close down to make way for a U.L.U. paper, that paper would never entirely capture their circulation. London University is too widely scattered for students to display any more than a minimum amount of interest in the activities of students from other colleges.

However, this does not mean that Felix should not contain any University news at all; half a page an issue could be devoted to Varsity News, preferably in the form of a brief summary. A report contained in a few lines would probably be appreciated more than its long-winded cousin. Please don't let us have any more highfalutin ideas about 'graciously giving way to a greater cause'; let us be selfish for once and think about I.C. rather than U.L.U.

Yours etc.

D.A.D.

## U.L. NEWS.

### U. L. U. CARNIVAL

The U. L. Union is organizing a Gala Festival on the 25th June, to be held in the Festival Gardens in aid of charities. Those who were present last year will need no further encouragement to participate. A procession will start from Hyde Park at about 3.45, and go by way of Clapham Common (tea here) to enter Battersea Gardens at about 6.30.

Highlights of the evening include an all-student Revue, demonstrations on the lawn by Bobby Locke, stunts in the boating lake, a famous magician's performance, and crowning of the Carnival Queen. It is hoped to leave the gardens at about 11 for a bonfire and dancing for a while. Further details will be posted in the Union later on, and will also be published in the U.L. Rag Magazine 'LULU'. Handbills for distribution amongst the public will also be issued.

### U. L. LITERARY SOCIETY'S VENTURE

The U.L. Literary Society, encouraged as also a little irritated by the success of the Oxford and Cambridge ventures, have decided to bring out an annual anthology of L.U. poetry. It will be a 'digest' of all the poetry printed in the College Magazines in the preceding year. The price is to be 1s. or 1s. 6d. and it will come out at the beginning of each session.

King's College won the U.L.U. debating championship and the motion in proposing "An infant is happier in its infancy than an adult in adultery".

Wye College, their opponents, offered themselves as personal witnesses for the opposition; and gave most of the constantine arguments for King's to oppose on irrelevant moral grounds which King's had presumably retained from their inhibited infancies. The house passed the motion by 18 votes to 13. (The four abstainers confessed experience only of infancy).

### PERSONAL ADVERTS.

WANTED: ULU Coronation Ball ticket. Any price paid. Apply B.H. Wormsley via Rack.

FOR SALE: Portable H.M.V. gramophone in good condition. £5 or near offer. Apply M.J. Evenett via Union Rack.

WANTED: A white rowing Windcheater - size to suit cox plus much clothing:- S.H. Wearne

FOR SALE: Remington Rand full-bank portable typewriter £20:- S.H. Wearne, I.C. Union.

## FELIX ROAD TEST No.4.



HODSON AND TROTCHAN UP - but not very far yet.  
Note the throttle (covered by the co-driver's hand) and the ignition lever above the steering wheel.

## HISTORY

The present "Bo" is the second of an illustrious line of Guilds' mascots. The first was a Rover which appeared at the back of Guilds in 1919. It was a regular entry in the Brighton Run, until in '23, the R.A.C. became more strict about dates. The Rover was fixed at 1905, so he was out. Nevertheless he took part in a number of rags. In 1934 he was left outside 10 Downing Street containing an effigy of Ramsey Macdonald holding an outside biscuit - this being in commemoration of Lord Macfarland's gift of a new Rolls Royce to the first Leabout P.M.

The Rover finished his days chugging round the Crystal Palace Race Track, announcing events during the intervals. When the war came and the army took over the Palace, Bo. I disappeared.

Bo. II, AW33, was bought, reputedly for £40, in Shropshire by the late John Garland, who ran it for a few years and then handed it over to F. J. Pidgeon, who later stored it at his home in Rickmansworth until the end of the war. Bo had many Veteran Car Club runs, and raced at Brooklands, lapping the old "Mountain" course at 29 m.p.h.

Bo was made by Messrs. James and Brown, Hammer-smith, in 1901. Only one other car made by this firm, a '04 model, is known to exist. Last year, at the end of the Brighton Run, the "Bo" team had the pleasure of meeting Colonel Brown, the designer, who was highly delighted to see his product of 51 years ago still going well.

The days between '01 and '34 are uncertain, but "Bo" was bought from a blacksmith, near Much Wenlock, Salop, being then a dirty grey and black. He also had solid tyres, but these were replaced by special old crock pneumatics in '37.

## Technical Data:

Two horizontal cylinders, total capacity = 2464 cc.  
Tremblercoil ignition. Cigarettes: Abdulla.  
Tyres: front, 31 x 4 inches; rear, 30 x 3½.

Tyre pressure 50.

Consumption: petrol, 12 m.p.g.; plugs, 1 per outing.  
Capacity: 2½ buckets of water. 10 gallons petrol  
Valves: automatic inlet; exhaust driven by camshaft.  
Steering: rack and pinion.

Brakes: foot, disused owing to gear box strain. The handbrake operates by contracting on to drums on the rear wheels, the brake lever being pushed forward.

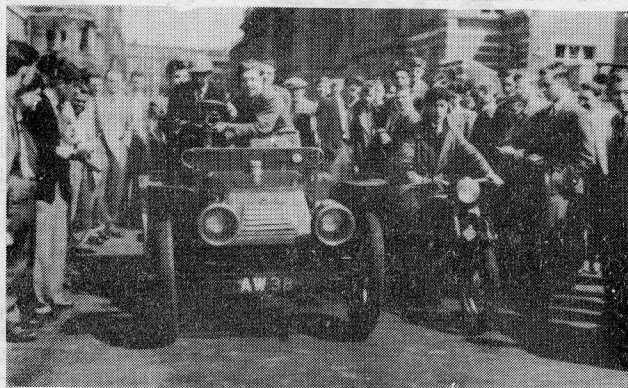
Transmission: chain drive; no differential.  
Lighting: side and tail by paraffin. Front by acetylene.

Lubrication is by drip feed to cylinders and main bearings. Circulation of cooling water is by a water pump, chain driven from the camshaft. There is no dynamo, and a battery has to be charged for each outing. The throttle is hand controlled, and is on the steering column, as is the ignition control. This necessitates having a co-driver in modern traffic conditions, where the driver needs one hand at the wheel and the other at the brake. The gear lever is outside the car, on the right of the driver.

For the convenience of members who may wish to vote we print the nomination sheet of the "Boys" Club. There was another nomination for Committee Member, but it was not fully seconded.

	NOMINATION	PROPOSER	TWO SECONDBERS
CHAIRMAN	A. Smith	B. Jones	C. Brown, D. Black
HON. SEC.	B. Jones	A. Smith	C. Brown, D. Black
TREASURER	C. Brown	D. Black	A. Smith, B. Jones
COMMITTEE MEMBER	D. Black	C. Brown	A. Smith, B. Jones

## WORLD'S FASTEST



## THE START OF THE TEST

- Day and Aspinall Up. The Test Officials are on the left, and the speedometer - J.E.Taylor, Esq. - to the right.

## CHAMPION BOANERGES DRIVER COMPETITION

## EVENT 1. LE MANS START

1.	Aspinall and Day	19 secs.
2.	Pilkington and Brown	21.6 secs.
3.	Trottman and Hodson	45 secs.

## EVENT 2. CIRCUIT OF ROYAL ALBERT HALL

1.	Pilkington and Brown	41 secs.
2.	Aspinall and Day	42 secs.
3.	Trottman and Hodson	47 secs.

## ROAD TEST

Acceleration	Time	Remarks
0-5 m.p.h.	4.2 secs.	Bottom gear
0-10 m.p.h.	12 secs.	Bottom and 2nd gears
0-20 m.p.h.	16 secs.	Bottom, 2nd and 3rd gears
0-23 m.p.h.	35 secs.	Bottom, 2nd, 3rd, top gears
Brake Test	Distance	Remarks
15-0 m.p.h.	12 feet	
26-0 m.p.h.	24 feet	Confirmed by marks on Prince Consort Road.

Turning circle, 35 feet. Track, 4 feet.  
Maximum speed (Prince Consort Road, two up) 28 m.p.h.  
Maximum speed (Hyde Park, five up) 33 m.p.h.  
(This has not been officially confirmed).

NOTE: A modern 2½ litre car accelerates 0-30 in 7 secs. and, with 100 lb. foot pressure, will brake 30-0 in 30 feet, consuming 20 miles 1 gallon. Thus, while "Bo" is a little behind in acceleration, he has rather better brakes than the modern car.

Readers are reminded that Bo has further outings this term:

1. To-day, when he attends the Guilds Field Cup Race.
2. Sports Day, next Thursday.
3. Coronation Rally. Old Crocks to Windsor, June 7th, from Hyde Park, 8.30 a.m.

## NOTICE

In order that events occurring late in the term should not pass unrecorded it has been decided to produce the next FELIX to appear on the 19th, not the 12th, of June. It is hoped that the I.C. Presidential results will then be available. They will be stamped on FELIX after printing.

People who will not be at College at that time are invited to give their names and addresses to the Editor via the pack, with 5d. to cover postage costs. Alternatively, if names alone are left a copy will be reserved and may be purchased on N.T.

Theatre

SHAW'S 'THE APPLE CART'

Theatre Royal, Haymarket.  
(Gallery bookable - 3/6).

Shaw subtitled this play "A political extravaganza". It suffers from that ogre of the theatre the indefinite conclusion. But it is not, as many of his later plays tend to be, merely a platform for incisive comment on the ways of the world. The time is the future, and in such a future the royal family is no longer content to christen traditionally: nor is it alone in this respect for we have Balbus and Boanerges and Lysistrata amongst a host of odd sounding christian names to add to the fantasy.

One might have expected the royal household to have rushed ahead into a futuristic pattern - but no! The decor is traditionally ornamental, and the dress, save for Boanerges' most amusing 'uniform of labour', practically normal. A great pity, since there is scope for imaginative design here.

The particular apple cart which is constantly in danger of upset is the constitutional monarchy. King Magnus, played by Noel Coward suprisingly effectively considering the part is by no means his usual type, is beset by a squabbling cabinet of humbugs, led by Proteus, (Laurence Naismith), a booring, short tempered little man, who cannot sit still for more than a few moments, and who keeps control, such as it is, largely by threatening to resign. Admittedly he has a pretty tough job - he has two women in his cabinet, as well as the newcomer Boanerges, behind whose naive awkwardness lies a wealth of initiative. Magnus has a very active mind, but as king he must keep his views largely unexpressed. He sees the political set are ruining his country (no wonder, for in this unhappy England only seven per cent of the voters go to the polls): but instead of giving him freedom to act, Proteus demands that he sign away the vestiges of his power. A pretty problem, which Magnus solves in a dramatically ironical manner.

Orinthia, the king's mistress, deserves much more mention than I can reasonably allot. Margaret Leighton plays the part to perfection, and her provocative guile forms an interesting contrast to the matronly queen. The boudoir itself, lavishly curtained and suitably furnished in grand style, forms the background to the intriguing tussle between Orinthia and Magnus - a spectacle in itself. Over and over they roll, and one feels that they must soon tumble into the orchestra. But as usual there is a knock on the door, a rapid reorientation to dignity, and calm ensues after a glorious scamper.

We are not feasted yet however. Shaw has one more morsel to offer in the form of the American proposal to reunite the U.S.A. to the British Empire. Cecil Trouncer carries off the part of American ambassador with enthusiastic geniality, and gives an amusing, caricature, accent included, of the confident, soulless American. His superficially emotional 'I was born in the shadow of Ely Cathedral' left me chilled.

Singularly enough, Shaw does manage to insert into this fantasy a comment on science, for Magnus laments:

"The scientists will have nothing to do with us, for the atmosphere of politics is not the atmosphere of science."  
But need it follow that while a community advances brilliantly in matters scientific, it tends to stand still as far as social and political organisation are concerned?" R.B.

THE GUILDS' ENGINEER

The fourth number of the annual Guilds' Engineer is now on sale (2s. 6d. to students; 5s. others), and is well worth buying. It is written in such a manner that practically everything can be easily understood by a non-specialist, the only exception being an article on polynomial solving using an electrolytic trough - and this could not easily have been simplified. A short, fascinating account of speech research and an article on the new wind tunnel are among the other features.

As an account of work being done in Guilds', this magazine is far more illuminating than any prospectus could possibly be. Congratulations to all concerned. (Review by a non-Guildsman)

PHOTOGRAPHY

The annual I.C.P.S. Exhibition was held a fortnight ago. While the standard of most of the work submitted was inexceptional, your reporter was greatly impressed by some exhibits by a Past President, Col. Bull. These were very like lithographs, but with an elusive texture which suggested the sort of thing that Seurat might have done in monochrome. A view of the South Bank Festival Site was particularly impressive. One had the feeling that here the camera was contributing to art. In contrast the deserts of mountains, side streets and heads which formed the greater part of the exhibition were uninspired.

THE LOST SOULS.

J.S. was quite a character. He was also quite an eye-full. He was tallish, slimish, and had attractive hair, fascinating eyes, and a good share of sex appeal (which, of course, is just as important in males as females!) He also had a considerable Personality Quotient, which soon made itself evident, and he was on some committee or other early in his first year at I.C., and he was popular on the sports field. He wasn't much of a one for the arts, but he did write a few letters-to-the-editor when he was particularly roused, and he was a good debater and conversationalist. In general, then, he was looked up to as an acknowledged leader in several circles, and was quite an asset to the College.

Why "was"? Because J.S. was asked not to resume his course this session - he was chucked out. I don't think he shirked his work, although he didn't seem to be all out for a "first", and his Practical was not above the average. He was one of those who just couldn't make the grade. Why did I call him "J.S."? Because he might be anybody, so he became John Smith. He is typical because about a quarter of the first year entrants to I.C. are thrown out each year, and it is not the Nondescripts we lose. Some of the best all-round College men haven't quite the brilliance required at I.C., and they have to leave, to enrich usually a polytechnic, or Her Majesty's Forces, with their sparkle.

For some reason, nobody ever says much about the "chucked out bods". Felix has never mentioned them, save in a passing reference in the first Felix of the session. But it is a most important problem when a College loses some of the most promising people it ever gets. I fear it emphasises the fact that I.C. is far more of a technological school than a University College, and has no time for those who don't show promise of being top grade technologists. The staff are only too glad to lose, and rapidly forget, the scientifically second rate. A real University is a place where one's primary object is to develop one's personality and intellect to the full, in a background which may be scientific or artistic according to one's temperament. Oxford and Cambridge are like that, but London never has been.

All this raises a lot of red herrings. We all know that London can't be a University, and that I.C. can't be a University College; they both have too important Utilitarian functions in society. We also know that I.C. has to chuck out men to leave room for the cream to work properly, but none of this alters the fact that the College is aesthetically and humanly the poorer for their departure, which is a very sad thing.

It is however one of those sad things that can't be helped. Without being irreverent, it is like someone dying - it can't be helped, but it is a loss to Society, with the exception that in that case Society recognises its loss, and attaches due seriousness to it. I.C. never appears to regret its losses due to chucking-out, which apathy I've spent a column deploring. I've nothing to suggest that should be done about them, but anything would be better than pretending that these people have never been. Well, I've done my bit; the only consolation I can see is that the poor blighters are probably happier outside this institution. EDDIE

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Today (Friday) is Guild's Field Cup Day, an annual competition between the departments of Guilds. Starting after the Union meeting at lunch time. The last two events have been a race with home-made Sklyons to Battersea, and a trolley-and-boat race between Guilds and the Serpentine. Always a good show. Report in next FELIX.



# Sport



## ROWING

### THREE MORE ROWING WINS

A Coxed Four and the fourth Eight represented I.C. at the Thames Ditton Regatta (a junior occasion) on May 16th, and the Four - in a boat never beaten - won their event. The Eight was not so hot, but improved a great deal for the U.L. Regatta the week after.

At the U.L. Boat Club's Allom Cup Regatta on May 23rd. The fourth Eight won the Clinker Division and the Clinker Four repeated their success at the Dittons. With the first Eight not entered this year, the second took on the job of doing battle in the Best Boat Division on behalf of the College, and though they were not counting on doing more than give U.C.H. I more than a good row for their money, they were in fact shaky when beating Q.M.C. I in their heat and lost to a very fine effort by L.S.E. I in the semi-final. Even L.S.E. were staggered by their excellent row, but were not able to produce the speed required in the final and U.C.H. retain ed the cup for the second time.

### Thames Ditton and Allom Cup Regattas: Clinker Fours

M.D.C. Campbell (bow), C. J. Lock, S.V. Lincoln, M.R. Hoare (stroke), D. Marshall (cox).

### Allom Cup Regatta: Clinker Eights

D. Willek (bow), J. Ridley, H. Evans, A.M. Smith, J. Taylor, M. Alexander, M. Clarke, C. Bentley (stroke), J. Stoton (cox).

Also at U.L. was a Rum-Tum sculling event with but two entries, L.S.E. beating N.E.C. It was a pity that some of the I.C. junior sculling not rowing that day were not entered: a win should have been theirs.

## COMING EVENTS

### SOCIAL.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd. Coronation Day. The I.C. Coronation Ball will be from 10 p.m. till 4.0 a.m. Tickets have all been sold. On the same night there is also a U.L.U. Coronation Ball - for details see the notice board in I.C.U. On the Thursday (4th) some minor universities are holding a Coronation Ball at the Royal Festival Hall from 11.0 p.m. till 5.0 a.m. Tickets for this, price three guineas double, may be obtained from the I.V.C. Secretary, 53, Plimlico Rd., S.W.1.

THURSDAY, June 4th. Sports Day. Besides the usual Sports at Harlington there will be an I.C. Sports Day Party in I.C.U. including dancing from 8.0 - 11.30 p.m. Details appear in I.C.U.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS. These are now being held in fantastic numbers, among those scheduled for the next fortnight are the following :-  
FRIDAY, 29th May. I.C. Photographic Soc, Ctte. Rm A.1.15., R.C.S. Rifle Club, Ctte. Rm. B., 1.15., I.C. Mus. Soc. (no place announced), 1.15. R.C.S Boat Club (no place or time announced in I.C.U).

MONDAY, JUNE 1st. I.C. Lit. & Deb. Soc., Ctte. Rm. A, 1.30., I.C. Mountaineering Club, Ctte. Rm. B., 1.15.

Monday, June 8th. I.C. Ice Skating Club, Ctte. Rm. A, 1.25., I.C. Golfing Assoon., Ctte. Rm. A, 5.15.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH. I.C. Union General Meeting, Gymnasium, 1.15 (?). Election of Entertainments Committee and I.C.U. Council Representatives.

All the A.G.M.s listed above involve the election of Club Officers for the Session 1953 - 54.

FELIX regrets that no other details are available for this period (except possibly exams!).

## CRICKET

I.C. vs. Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Despite the attentions of Foster and Holman, I.C. managed to leave the Union at about 10 o'clock in a fleet of cars, and arrived at Cambridge without incident. I.C. seemed to find the change of playing on a picturesque ground far removed from bleak and windy swept Harlington very stimulating, and put up their best display of the season. Good, sound batting by Hitchen (29) and Hammerton (50) gave I.C. an excellent start on a perfect wicket, and there followed some brisk scoring by Wilson (24 not out) and Kitchener (37 not out), who put on 50 in twenty minutes, thus enabling I.C. to declare at 181 for 6.

Reynolds and Wilson bowled vigorously, but obtained no help from the pitch and Trinity Hall scored 141 for 4. Ault took 2 for 46, and the whole team fielded very soundly.

Other results:

I.C. 134-9 dec. (Hitchen 43), Wembley 135-5 (Reynolds 3 for 37).

I.C. 102 (Postlewaite 31, Wilson 29); Q.M.C. 104-6 (Reynolds 3 for 44.).

The second XI have scored three more victories since our last report, and the Sunday XI are still unbeaten; R.T. Severn in particular batting with remarkable consistency.

ENGLAND RETAIN THE ASHES.

England beat the Empire by two wickets at Harlington on Empire Day, for the third successive year. We hope to publish a report in our next issue

## GOLF

Sixteen members played in the Spring Meeting at CAMBERLEY HEATH Golf Club on April 27th.

The President's Prize was won by R.H. HEENAN with a gross 77, the runner-up being K.W. GLOVER (79). The Foursomes STABLEFORD were won by W.T. ROACH & K.W. GLOVER with a total of 32 points.

M.T. FRIEDL won the handicap prize for morning 18 and all day 36 holes at Denham when playing in their Open Challenge Bowl Meeting. He was an unlucky loser at the 19th in the VICTORY CHALLENGE CUP meeting held at N.FORELAND over the Easter Week-end. At their meeting K.W. Glover, who did not qualify for the match-play stages, won second prize in a Foursome Competition; W.A. Gardner was knocked out in the 1st round of the matches; H.N.A. ASHFORTH shot the qualifying score but failed to qualify on his last nine holes total.

I.C.G.A. beat King's College Hospital 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 at Highgate on Wed. 29th. April.

### Lament upon the Cultural Paralysis induced by Examinations

Not a single piece of gen  
Falls from my once fertile pen.  
Can the Muse be idle then?  
No, just working.

Can the rhymster find a rhyme  
When he hasn't any time  
Even for a gin and orange?  
Not damned likely.

Though a poet's licence covers  
Lots of sins in ardent lovers  
It can never hope to shove us  
Through a B.Sc.

Watt A Wordsworth

## SPORTS DAY HARLINGTON

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