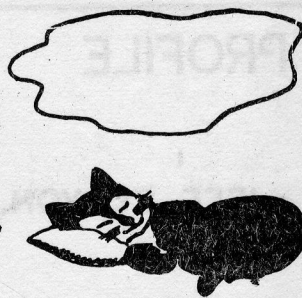


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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

GUILDS SMELL TROUBLE

R.C.S. IN THE SWIM

Members of R.C.S. who walked past Guild's just after lunch on 29th May were not surprised at the horrible smell drifting through the doors, for it was known that the Guilds were holding their A.G.M. and Presidential Elections; and when you get several hundred of them together.

Philip Allsopp, presiding over the meeting, sniffed delicately and expressed the opinion that "Gentlemen, there is a member of R.C.S. here somewhere." Mr. Allsopp, retiring President, was presented, in token of his services, with two books. Lest worse befall, suffice it to say that they were printed in English in France, and are about what you expect.

CORONATION CAPERS

Imperial College celebrated the Coronation in its own way. A large contingent chose to greet the Great Day from the streets of London, with a heap of papers under one arm, and shouting "Daily Mail. Everest Special Coronation Edition." Our reporter, up all night, describes the thrill of "being a link in the chain which started with a brief wireless message, then a youth with a banner, running down a mountain to the North of Khatmandu, then another wireless message, then a printing press, then me." Everybody in the crowd was mad keen to buy a paper - one lady bought two dozen to sit on. The police, brawny countrymen with a glorious variety of accents were, of course, not supposed to read on duty. Nevertheless, "Fold one up, son, and slip it under my cape", was heard more than once. Another paper seller reports how he entered a grandstand at Marble Arch at 6 a.m., sold all his papers, and decided to stay there. After waiting seven hours a steward came up and demanded to see his ticket. The inevitable happened and he watched the procession from a dreadful position in the street.

The whole idea of selling newspapers was to have enough money to go to the Ball. Excitement ran fever high, for those who were in the Union on Coronation Eve saw the frantic and very noble efforts made by a group of enthusiasts in transforming the Lounges, Gym., and Dining Hall into appropriate arenas. The tennis courts too were equipped with dance floors, floodlighting and beer garden.



Prior to the ball, a host of very tasteful and witty advertisements had appeared, and a specimen ticket was shown. These tickets were master pieces of art and printing, and the world flocked to buy them. We were also told that we were to be allowed to keep them, but that, lest any should be used twice, they were to be franked on the back with "a specially made stamp."

With some eagerness, then, I handed in my ticket at midnight on Coronation Day, and it was handed back to me, stamped. And how delightful to find that the special stamp was a signature of I.C. Hon. Secretary W.P. Goss!

The rain made a mess of tennis-court plans, and the Union was very crowded, resulting in a little chaos, especially when several hundreds had to stand for a quarter of an hour holding glasses of wine, waiting to toast the Queen. Mention should be made here of the Cad who set off a firework in the Upper Dining Hall, causing wine to be spilled over many dresses.

The supper, fresh salmon or ham salad, and wine, was very good. In fact, a good time was had by all.

In the Elections, Ron George became President, and Tony Gill Vice-President, with Edward J. Taylor Hon. Sec. A clay pipe was presented to Mr. Selby, oldest established member of the Union, leaving this year. The previous day, in the R.C.S.U.A.C.M., Jim Anderson had taken his place as new President amid tumultuous cheers, with the new Vice President, John Hathaway.

After the Union Meeting, Guilds assembled outside R.C.S. to start the Field Cup Race. Each department had to make a crown, and carry it in procession in a palanquin to the Serpentine, where a waiting boat bore it, like King Arthur, to the other side, thence to be disembarked and rushed to Knightsbridge where Derek Crossley, disguised as an Ex Eastern Monarch, was waiting to be crowned, seated of course on the Coronation stone. None of the boats sunk th this year (c.f. Field Cup 1950), although a number of swimmers did their best to cause a maximum of chaos, Chemical Engineers won for the first time ever, Civils being second.

Following the base instinct of revenge, Guilds then marched to R.C.S. A witness who was inside R.C.S. at the time tells us, "The first sign that anything was wrong occurred when I saw the porter rush to the main door, and bar it. In a few minutes time it became clear that the rabble outside was in a dangerous mood. We tried to quieten them down with a hose pipe, sticking out of the cloakroom window, but water pressure was low and we only succeeded in wetting ourselves. Then the Guilds discovered that they could enter R.C.S. by a side door, and in a few minutes a dreadful scene was displayed before me. Women and children were fleeing along corridors hotly pursued by the ravaging hordes who brandished spurting fire-extinguishers. Guilds also managed to get hold of a large hose-pipe, and they used it to great advantage on the R.C.S. corpses which were lying around. The building was almost completely wrecked."

A V.I.P. who was in conference at the time in R.C.S. is understood (FELIX Underground News Service) to have said, "There must be some changes here."

And the soaking multitudes agreed.

LOST HOURS

In connection with the FELIX exposure of a film which (we alleged) libelled R.C.S. (see FELIX 45), after prolonged negotiations between the distributors of the film and the Royal College of Science, a number of R.C.S. officials have been invited to a private viewing of the film. The distributors claim that the film "Lost Hours" contains nothing which can be considered in any way libellous. We await further developments with interest.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

So far, there are two fully seconded nominations for I.C. President.

1. W.P. Goss, present Secretary of I.C.
2. J.S. Harding, present President of R.C.S.

The election of President, held at the I.C. Council meeting on the day before this edition appears. If the result is not stamped in the space below, readers are entitled to complain to the Editor, who will supply details.

HARDING ELECTED

PROFILE

JEFF KENYON.



A rare picture of the Best Dressed Man in I.C. seen without a tie.

Born in 1928 at Darwen, the youngest of a family of five Jeff. decided to prove that though last he would be by no means least.

Known for his neat appearance - called The Squire or The Gentleman Miner - never being seen with a hair out of place it is said he even carries a comb in his pyjamas and that his electric razor is always in his pocket.

Smooth though his appearance is, with his powers of concentration and willingness to burn his hand to anything, he has made a success of almost everything he has done. Not least is this shown in the Sporting world, his successes at school - Wrekin College, Wellington - where he played in the first team of every ball game, captaining Cricket, Squash and Fives are shadowed by his career at I.C.

Entering the Mines in 1946 he has a B.Sc. (Mining) and a B.Sc. (Mining Geology) and is at the moment studying for a Ph.D. Whilst here he has represented the University at Rugby and Squash (Purple), I.C. at Tennis, Squash, Cricket, R.S.M. at Hockey, Soccer etc. Winning the Individual Squash Championship for 6 years in succession, Jeff. also won the Tennis Championship the first year he entered and this year he has won the Shove-Half-Penny Competition also reaching the final of the Darts Tournament. In 1948 he claimed to have won the Golf Championship finishing in two strokes less than the winner though he tore his card up in disgust at the ninth hole.

Outside College he has played for the East Lancashire Club at Cricket, his favourite and best sport, representing the Lancashire League on Tour together with such notables as Constantine, Pope and Jim Smith of England and Middlesex fame.

Jeff's talents are not confined to the Sporting field - his mime of Gigli singing "The Barber of Seville" at the President's Ball in 1952 will long be remembered together with his Sand dance at this year's Mines Carnival.

A staunch supporter of Lancashire he follows closely the fortunes of the Duchy - his dialect stories being known to many.

Being a Mining Engineer Jeff. has large interests abroad and at the moment these are centred in South Africa.

If Jeff. leaves college this year his friendliness, companionship and good nature will be missed by many people. Not the least of these will be his opponents on the Sporting field.

AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

Welfare

The Empire State Building is going to instal a platform on the 98th floor level for the benefit of people fed up with life. Special arrangements are being made to ensure that long queueing will not be necessary. Practise jumps under expert guidance will be given from the 1st floor windows. Arrangements are also being made so that the customer can collect his insurance check as he passes the 67th floor and pay the undertaker when passing the 19th. The scheme is to come into operation as soon as a sufficient number of people have registered.

Students

The Nevada Students' Union has complained to President Eisenhower about the frequent disturbances caused by A-bomb explosions on the Yucca Flats. Athletes have complained that several false starts in races occur due to confusion between the sound of the tactical A-bomb and the sound of a starting gun. Anglers and lovers complain that victims on the point of being hooked are scared away, never to return again. Other complaints are also coming in. The Union requests that explosions should be arranged only early in the morning, not over weekends.

Fashion

The favourite shade for girls' summer dresses this year is called McCarthy Red. One side of the cloth is printed with designs in that colour. The dress is ordinarily worn with the white side showing. Indoors, however, the owner may turn it inside out and wear it. All sales of the textiles and clothes made from them must be reported to the Security Department. Lipstick and nail enamel is also available in this shade.

From - Alabaster Crooke

HYDROLYSED PROTEIN 12.6%.

Ask anybody what a Gruyère is and they will tell you it is a 60° sector of a disc of creamy cheese spread wrapped in silver paper. Or words to that effect, with no mention of the waxy, subtle cheese with the big holes in that sells for Gruyère in France. I can see no end to this sort of thing; artificial, synthetic, processed factory made substitutes not only competing with the real article, but assuming its very name. We find it with our cheese, our coffee, our wines. All is "processed", "specially combined with", "specially blended", "homogenised", "consistensized", "decaffeinated."

(I could even bring in the Nation's Daily Bread, but since I have never gone berserk on agenised flour, nor found myself exactly a package of concentrated energy on whole wheat flour I feel incompetent to comment).

The distressing side to this business is the way it is increasing, and it increases by appealing to the basest instinct in man - his damned laziness. Our factory - fresh food products, dissolve instantly, spread smoothly, are lump-free, scum-free, require no boiling, straining, overnight standing. If we are to follow our cousins (or "brothers", "comrades", "friends",) across the Atlantic, we shall soon have our (specially compounded straight-from-the-churn: fully flavoured radio-color-enriched) cheese spread ready out in generous mouth-melting slices, ready for our Krispa Biska Rusks. We shall have a Solvo-Pronto Tea product (called Neftee or something similar), which will eliminate that time-and-energy-wasting chore of making tea in pots. No need to calculate $t = n + lp$. Instead we just add boiling water to a spoonful of the aroma-sealed powder in the cup. And so ad. inf.

But we traditionalists (I assume you are all with me) can find some hope for the future. That these Blenders and Fresh-Packers have a deeply ingrained inferiority complex is obvious. What do they continually harp on in their entreaties? Firstly their products are terribly easy to use and secondly they contain accurately known quantities of the most amazing components. These are usually given us in a formula (hence my title) giving "condensed full-cream milk solids A%, hydrolyzed protein B%, haphazardly assorted dextrins C%, preservative D%, coloring matter NIL" etcetera. Our products do not need this sort of thing. Real sherry, unlike Liverpool-style port type made in England, does not need to tell us its precise proportion of alcohol. It is in this itch of the Blenders to justify themselves at all costs that we can see their sense of insecurity. (We can see the same thing in history - Gin and Rum invariably give us information about degrees of proof spirit, and they are relative upstarts - but does our brandy or our liqueur trouble to tell us this sort of thing?).

There is however an answer to our dilemma. Advertising sales appeal in the flashy manner - "SEE the grocer cut that slice of delicious, subtle flavored Gruyère specially French - made for YOU! The only cheese with the great big humidity-freshening holes in it. Refuse adulterated processed substitutes!" Or how about - "Gorgonzola; the only cheese with Nature's own miracle - working chlorophyll; chlorophyll not only kills unwanted odors, but fortifies the delicious aroma straight from the Italian plains." "Buy real coffee; no dusty powder to dissolve; you SOAK our Nature's own stimulating refreshing compounds, and that full flavor which you only get in REAL coffee grains."

Let's go into the bar and get a wood-aroma-sealed, instantly drinkable flavor - full glass of real English beer shall we?

EDDIE.

P.S. The Times wouldn't print this for fear of alienating commercial interests. Only FELIX can give you the straight-from-the-horses-mouth low-down on matters of public and college interest; only FELIX has the courage of its convictions, and convictions which are not mere prejudices. Order your first-of-the-term copy NOW to avoid disappointment.

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As the session draws rapidly to a close, we begin to think of the summer holidays, some of you might still be in the thick of exams, and as yet unable to dream away your time. While we are all looking eagerly ahead, a quick glance backwards in time will do a lot to encourage us.

In sports, the triumphs of I.C. are still fresh in our memory. Amongst ourselves, Guilds took the lion's share of the various athletic Cups-- a pity perhaps, but there it is. For the people without two left feet, the three Carnivals-- Fiesta, Nightmare, Gold Rush-- together with the Coronation Ball provided excellent opportunities. We ourselves remember the FELIX birthday Dance vividly.

Though Nov. 5th was considered by many to be too gentle, all its shortcomings were more than wiped out by the Victoria rag. After all the tears shed in November, after laments about "successive Presidents presenting the Union with faits accomplis", it was a worthy demonstration that there is still some spirit left in I.C., that we are still capable of energetic Rags.

In January came the momentous announcement that I.C. is to be expanded to roughly double its present size. Though this will take time, we must start thinking now about our future strength, for it is going to have considerable effects on the running of the Union.

Well, all that is past. We hope you have pleasant holidays in many lands, and return to the Union full of new ideas and energy; also, we hope, something to feed FELIX. If this is your final year, may we discreetly remind you that FELIX will keep you in touch with I.C. wherever you go? FELIX is now feeling sleepy, and for once he can afford to relax, to ignore the goings-on. Just hear him purr . . .

The Editor wishes to express his thanks to the staff of FELIX for their excellent work. In particular, Nigel Benson who has spent many hours stencilling headlines, Peter Clewer who helped us out with photographs although he retired from the Board last term, Buster Deacon of unlimited artistic inspiration, Phil Purser a tower of strength as Production Manager, Jim Anderson, next years R.C.S. President with little enough time to spare already, who has served as Sports Editor.

Thanks also to the less spectacular jobs of A. B. Blake, (Advertising Manager), Stan Wardle (Treasurer), Elizabeth Blydenstein (Secretary), Peter Lilley (Coming Events Editor), Mike Piggott (Circulation Manager).

NEWS MISCELLANY

Geoff. Gillett has been elected U.L. Athletic Chairman for the next session.

Brian Fenhoulet says he brought four (drinking) bars to the Mines Carnival, and could find only two after it was all over. He suspects that someone mistook them for girls and walked away with them. Please return forthwith he is very thirsty.

B. D. Smith is next year's U.L. Hockey Secretary; Derek Hughes is Rugger Vice-Capt.

Mike Piggott denies that he is taking out an expedition to try and scale the Sinkiang mountains, some of them said to be taller than Everest.

The FELIX Society reporter spent Coronation Day sipping cocktails and looking at T.V. in the Moorchester. A waiter in a hurry spilled a tray of drinks over him. Our reporter remained calm and unruffled, his only comment being "Thank heavens they were all dry Martinis".

1,000 students are enrolling, on the average, at the Law Faculty of Paris University every year; however, only 800 students graduate from this Faculty per year (by obtaining the "licence"). Similar ratios of students and graduates prevail at the Philosophical and Medical Faculties of the University. (Le Figaro, Paris)

"Studium generale" lectures at Wageningen have so far been attended, on the average, by five to six students only. It is envisaged to shift these lectures to morning hours, as obviously the competition of other events is too strong in the evenings. (Wagening's Hogeschoolblad, Wageningen).

The name of the National Union of Students, formerly the Federación Estudiantil de Nicaragua, has been changed recently to the Unión Nacional de Estudiantes. (Information Bulletin, Coordinating Secretariat)

I.C. lecturer:
"You men should work during the day and take your exercise at night."

(Dm. Lawitt to 2nd. year chemical engineers)

I.C.U.A.G.M.

The A. G. M. of I. C. Union was held on 11th June, with not many people present. The first important matter was the rejection by the Union of a Motion for sending an Imperial College representative to the Bucharest Festival. On a show of hands, the Motion was defeated by a small majority, but the meeting did not divide, since the President announced that a majority of 100 would have been needed to pass it.

Presenting his Report for the year, the President, talking about proposed expansions, said, "The Student Presidents were given the opportunity of stating their - we hope - representative views on necessary Union and residential accommodation, to the Governing Body. As a result we have an undertaking that the addition of two extra floors to this building is viewed only as providing the extra space necessary for the present number of students and will not prejudice the fuller scheme proposed. This addition should commence some time after next Easter. The large scheme we suggested should include accommodation in not too large Halls of Residence for a minimum of 1000 students."

Elections to I. C. Union Council made at the meeting were:

R.C.S.
Miss J. Findlater; A.V.S. de Reuck.
Guilds.
G.M. Gillett; M.J. Neale.
R.S.M.
W.S. Robinson; D.E. Hughes.

Previous elections to Council by the respective Unions were:-

R.C.S. J. M. Hathaway
Guilds J. Lockyer
R.S.M. M. E. Woakes

I.C.W.A. Election Results:-

President: Alison Entwistle
Secretary: Doreen Goodway
Entertainments Secretary: Elizabeth Hayton

I.C.W.S.C. Results:-

President: Janet Findlater
Vice President and Hon. Jun. Treas. Marjorie Gratwick
Secretary: Ena Parmenter

I.C.U. Entertainments Committee:-

M. A. Champney; B. H. Wyatt; S. Wardle;
Miss E. Hayton; A. Peacock.

The Chairman is to be nominated by Council

Social Clubs Committee:

Chairman: M. Abbott
Secretary: B. H. Wyatt

E. M. Hughes, Chairman of the A.C.C. had an enviable job at the I.C. U.A.G.M. when he delivered his Report, for Session 1952-53 has been the greatest even in the history of Imperial College Sport. Ten U.L. Cups have been won.

Mr. Hughes dealt with the increasing support of U.L. Sport by I.C. He regarded it as good policy, pointing out the experience it gives, as well as the opportunity of being spotted by County selectors. The Rifle Club are exceptional, in not providing men for U.L., since if they did the U.L. Rifle team would be the same as the I.C. team. Entering in the Inter University Rifle Championships, I.C. won, as well as winning the U.L. League Trophy.

At the opposite extreme, another team with a brilliant record is the Boxing Club, with one cancelled match to their credit. The opponents, of course, were the defaulters.

Hockey, weakened by having 5 men in the U.L. team, were only once able to turn out their strongest team. They failed in the Cup semi-final, casualties of overloyalty to U.L.

Rugger, permanent custodians of the U.L. Cup, scored 62 points, with 6 against them in this year's competition. On the morning of the Cup Final an I.C. "first team" just missed winning the University 7-a-side tournament.

The Boat Club are in the middle of a very successful season, and are considered to have a chance in the Thames Cup at Henley. Fourth in the Head of the River, they have now embarked on a successful pot-hunting tour of the summer Regattas. Their successes are too numerous to relate.

Squash, sinning 27 out of 30 matches, are at their zenith. At Torquay in their West Country Tour they beat a team consisting of an England player, 3 County players, and another.

Cross Country and Athletics have both pulled in their quota of U.L. Cups, they are eclipsed by the Women's Sports Clubs, whose successes have been honoured by the announcement that Miss Janet Findlater has been invited to join British Universities in the International Sports in Germany this summer.

Golf, not mentioned in Mr. Hughes' summary, have been beaten three times in 25 matches.

A good season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw the attention of the members of I.C. Union to the grossly unfair and altogether insulting way in which the election of the I.C. President is being carried out this year.

I should explain that I am the proposer of W.P. (Wally) Gess, for the post mentioned and I shall say at the outset that I have very good reasons for doing so. Wally has been in successive years Secretary and Chairman of the I.C. Athletic Clubs Committee, is this year's Secretary of the Union and is Secretary of U.L. Soccer Club. Also, he was Hon. Secretary I.C.A.F.C. 1950-51, on the Hostel Residents Committee from 1951-52 and 1952-53, and Deputy Chairman U.L.A.C. 1952-53. He has had, therefore, ample experience of Union affairs - why then the unpleasantness of the past few days? I shall enumerate the reasons which I have been given and my answers. (1) Although the majority of his opponents like him personally, they do not think that he would make a good president - this is not a concrete reason, it is only a matter of opinion and mine differs. (2) He spends too much time doing U.L. Soccer Club business - I am a Rugby Club man and am sufficiently broad minded to admit that Soccer is also a good game and worthy of very active support. (3) His eligibility to stand when nominated - Wally was, on the 11th June, a full member of I.C. Union and therefore eligible. There has been a lot of mud-slinging also which, by its very nature, is not worth repeating. It is my opinion, however, that Wally is unpopular in certain circles because he is not the type to say "yes" just because everybody else does.

Having, to my mind, amply justified my proposal, I shall outline the very questionable "goings on" in what, in my opinion can only be described as the "Anybody but Wally for President" campaign. The electoral notice was put up a full sixteen days before the 11th June, and it had typed on it that the nomination list would close at 5 p.m. on that day. However, the Lords of the Union had no "pet" candidate on the crucial day so, although Wally was fully proposed and seconded, they altered the closing date to Tuesday, 16th June, (I put it to you that there can be no other reason for doing this). M.B. The alteration was made just AFTER the Union Annual General Meeting (were the Powers that Be Afraid of awkward questions?) The reason given for this action is that they have interpreted a vague passage in I.C.U. Bye-Laws (Page 44 "not less than 2 days' passage") to mean that they were entitled to do so. I put it to you that it was not a coincidence that the Lords discovered this on the 11th June after all, the notice had been up a full 16 days! A second candidate has been proposed a full day after the advertised closing date and I put on record a strong objection to their interpretation of the passage mentioned.

It is the habit of lawyers in this country to base their arguments on previous rulings in similar cases - I shall do the same. First read C & G. Articles of Constitution, page 6 "at least one week" passage. In effect, both references I have made mean that the nominee shall be proposed and fully seconded at least a certain time before the election. Now let me refresh your minds, or tell you about the Guilds elections of only a year ago. The nomination list was due to

close at 5 p.m. on a Friday for elections a week hence in this case also, the Lords were unable to get a "satisfactory" candidate to stand IN TIME - but the list closed. Being of an inquisitive nature, I asked a Lord what the position was and his answer was quite definite - there was, according to the Constitution, NO CASE AT ALL for putting up a candidate after the closing time on the closing day. An interesting point, here, is that the list was closed when one candidate was not fully seconded - his second seconder arrived a few minutes after 5 p.m. At the Union Meeting at which the elections were held, the proposers of the other two candidates were ASKED if they had any objection to the other "irregular" nomination, and, finally, the Union members were asked to accept the excuse of the second seconder that he arrived late due to transport trouble or something. From the case quoted above I can only conclude that the alteration of the closing time of this year's I.C. election is out of order and that the list did actually close at 5 p.m. on June 11th.

I consider that the whole "date altering" business is a questionable "frame up" which is not legal within our Union Constitution and a thing to be deplored by all the Union members - whether for Wally or not. A point which I feel more strongly about, however, is that the whole sordid business amounts to nothing less than a public insult to Wally for no better reasons than "matters of opinion" - a thing which does not fall within my code of decency.

Two more points which should be recorded, both of which smell of high powered dirty work - whether dirty work was intended or not. The first point is that I, as Wally's proposer, was not asked whether I had any objection on behalf of my candidate, to the "date-altering" - I was left to find out myself. The second point has far more serious implications. I stress here that I only suspect this to be true, although my grounds for suspicion are very strong.

The decision to carry out the "date altering" must have been made before the Annual General Meeting, because the business was mentioned to Wally (very indelicate) as soon as the Meeting was over. The dates were then altered, unknown to me. My sneaking suspicion then is that I have been "silenced". I am not a member of the Union Council, so that I cannot voice my opinions there, except by letter - and where would that get me when the Council, I suspect, is hopelessly biased? The only way then in which I could have voiced my opinion in public before the elections would have been at the A.G.M. - and I was not told of the date altering decision, so that I could not ask questions. However, I do not intend to stand back and witness a gross insult to Wally - hence this letter to Felix. Unfortunately, Felix will not be on sale until after the elections, otherwise I should have had another means of stating my case.

I have heard much discussion from Wally's opponents about the wording on page 44 of the I.C. Union Bye-Laws, but why discuss mere wording when there is an obvious breach of the Constitution staring them in the face? There is written in black and white a passage which means that the President shall be elected before the 12th June each year - these elections will not be held until 13th June. WILL THERE BE AN I.C. PRESIDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT SESSION?

Yours disgustedly,
D.R. WALTERS.

President I.C. Union to Editor, FELIX

June 15th.

Dear Sir,

I am grateful to Mr Walters for giving me the opportunity of seeing his letter and of replying to it immediately.

The joint meeting of Council was delayed to June 18th, six days later than the constitutional date, principally because of the Coronation Celebrations; this is unfortunate, but would not seem to be relevant to the controversy over elections.

The nomination list should have gone up 14 days before the joint Council Meeting and should have come down 2 days before the meeting. The notice was in fact put up for convenience with the other nomination sheets on 27th May.

Nevertheless I decided that nominations should be accepted up to 2 days before the meeting. (Constitution, Paragraph 7).

The proposer of any other nominee would in fact have had the strongest grounds for complaint had the notice been taken down early. This decision involved alteration of the notice, which was done after consultation with the Secretary, and should in courtesy have been communicated to Mr Walters as proposer of a presidential candidate. This was not done, an omission for which I have already apologised in private to Mr Walters and now wish to do in public.

By the time this letter is published a decision on this matter will have been reached by Council and the election carried out, and I trust that any ruling by this elected body will have the full support of the Union.

Yours faithfully,
R.A.B. MACFIE.
President.

D.R. Walters to Editor, FELIX

June 15th.

Dear Sir,

I also am grateful to Mr Macfie for giving me the opportunity of seeing his letter and of replying to it immediately and for agreeing for me to have the "last word". I also take off my hat, in public, to the other presidential proposer for preventing a very embarrassing situation.

Everything mentioned in Ron's letter has its answer in my original epistle but I would like to stress one point. Ron has decided to act strictly according to the wording of one part of the Constitution (his interpretation) so I contend that he should act strictly according to the whole Constitution, i.e. the President shall be elected before 12th June. This leaves a large query in my mind as to the validity of next Thursday's elections. I should also like to repeat my previous statement that it was rather indelicate to mention this "date altering" business to Wally before it was mentioned to me.

Before I close I should like to stress that although no punches have been pulled in this matter the whole business has been conducted in a very friendly manner. There have been long discussions but they have never been heated and there has been no loss of temper.

However, I remain,
Yours as before,
D.R. WALTERS.

Dear Sir,

Having come to the Autumn of my academic career, and being desirous of resting a while ere Duty calls, I find it extremely nerve-racking, when dozing in the lounge, to be woken by noisy children. It is well known that bridge is a rowdy game, and an exciting one, but some of our enthusiasts overstep the mark at times.

Recently another disturbance has been caused by flannelled fools at the radio receiver, anxious to hear the latest from the Test in the loudest possible volume.

May I appeal, Sir, on behalf of the oppressed minority in the lounge, for a little of the quietness which one expects to find there?

Yours etc.,
"Pro Bono Whatsitname."

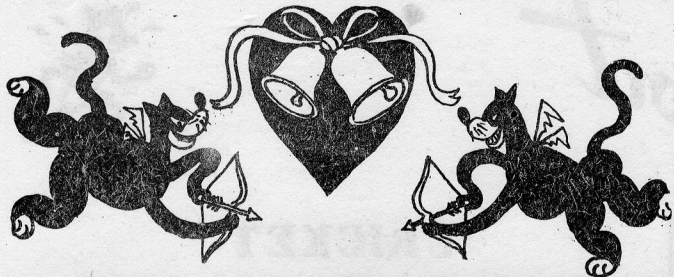


Photo by P.K.N.Ward.

WEDDING

On Saturday, 23rd May, Mr. Neil Blackmore was married to Miss Jacqueline Cohen at the Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road. The reception was held at the Crofton Hotel.

The Groom, aged 24, is a well-known, second year chemist, and, at present, holds the position of president of the Lit. and Deb. Soc. The Bride, aged 22, is an actress for the Croydon Repertory Company. They first met last summer vacation in the bedspread department of Selfridges where they were both working for a living! They will, until the summer, be dwelling in Lancaster Gate, and then go for a honeymoon in Switzerland. After the wedding they only took a weekend in Folkestone due to pressure of exams.

For the benefit of the ladies, the Bride wore (as far as the correspondent can remember) a white wedding dress with a net veil. The two Bridesmaids (aged 21 and 3½) wore varying shades of blue. The principal men were resplendent in morning dress! An excellent reception was given afterwards at which the Best Man was kissed by the elder but not the younger Bridesmaid. The happy pair were sent on their way to the station in a car whose decorations rivalled those for the Coronation. A really enjoyable wedding; all best wishes to Neil and Jacqui!

Hugh C. Grigg.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Dinner Suit with waistcoat would fit person 5' 10" by 11 st. Price £3 10s. Apply S. R. Bateman, through Mines or Union Racks.

HOLIDAY IN HOLLAND: English speaking Dutch student (21) wishes to stay with British family for 3 weeks during summer on exchange basis. Apply G. A. Schoofen, Richard Holstraat 2, Amsterdam.

FOR SALE: Late 1950 L.E. 200 Velocette: Spring frame twin, shaft drive, water cooling, pillion seat, legshields, etc. £115 Apply to: F. Lipsett, 1 Ladbroke Gardens, W.11. Phones: REGent 0669 (days) PARK 6323, 7833 (evenings).

Cheerful Back room to let in Queen's Gate Terrace from 19th July, including bath, electric fire, limited use of kitchen. Phone WES 8414.

WOULD ANYONE WISHING TO HIRE A FOUR-BERTH YACHT ON THE NORFOLK BROADS FROM AUGUST 8th TO 15th THIS SUMMER, PLEASE CONTACT J.B. DAVIES, ROOM 83, NEW HOSTEL.

Original contributions for the next PHOENIX should be sent in by Friday June 26th. Articles should be up to about 1500 words long, not without point, and readable.

PHOENIX

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The latest PHOENIX is the best for some time. Buy it. If you are looking for as much humour or interest as you can get from 1/6d worth of Punch, then you will be disappointed. PHOENIX cannot and does not pretend to literary eminence; it provides a training ground for young scientists who need a medium of self expression. That scientists need to express themselves is incontrovertible, and is lucidly amplified in an article "The Way Ahead", in the PHOENIX under review.

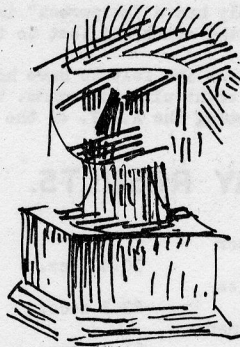
J.A. Lusher and B.R. Edwards, who contribute short stories, display a high order of technical ability, but they should both note that to tell a bad story well is only half the battle. Nevertheless, since neither of them falters until the closing lines, each produces what a more fashionable critic might call "a rewarding experience." Ken Glover, in a very readable fragment, puts in some very effective propaganda for washing machine shops. That he obviously writes from the heart adds poignancy to his observations. For good measure, there is a Stagers Story, but not vintage.

People seldom look for poetry in PHOENIX, but this time they will find it. There are two pages of pseudopoeitic composition, but three lines of it, towards the end of the second page, are worth reading more than once.

The outspoken essay, "The Forbidden Knowledge", which appeared in the Spring Edition, has provoked a reply, complete with a formidable array of references, in which Psychology is torn down from the pedestal on which "Rufus" set it, and Religion substituted instead. Unfortunately, the destruction is done more effectively than the substitution, and we are back where we started. But high power controversies like this make excellent reading, if only you would bother to read them. They are the best of all possible material for PHOENIX.

A comparison between life in America and England makes an interesting article by Pamela Fry.

Louis Cohen, in "Science and the Press" deals with the activities of the Scriblerus Club, who spent a month cutting out science news from the newspapers. The results are surprising and (to use an "O.K." word) "revealing." The popular press is too much concerned with unimportant things to have space for science. The blame lies largely on our side, since we insufficiently experienced in letters to make our work intelligible to the nonscientist. Perhaps PHOENIX serves a useful purpose here.



The HEAD of the DEPARTMENT by Eipstein

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ACROSS

1. A Greek wanders back.
4. The St. may be confused but he isn't as commonplace as all that.
5. A backward region wants damages.

DOWN

1. SS E. obliges at length.
2. Distinguishing feature of Spanish horses?
3. Veiled in my absense, dig it out.

Sport



ROWING

Three eights have represented the College during the past three weekends both on the Tideway at Chiswick and up river at Walton and Reading.

CHISWICK REGATTA This proved to be a disappointing day.

The 1st eight competing in the Thames Cup event failed to settle down after a bad start and lost to University College, the eventual winners, by 3 ft. The Junior Senior eight after a bad start fought hard in rough and trying conditions but lost to Midland Bank beating Northampton Engineering College into third place. Midland Bank were the eventual winners.

Similarly the Junior eight had to row in such conditions and lost to Quinton School.

WALTON REGATTA The day provided a fitting reward for continuous and hard training.

The Walton Challenge Cup for Thames Cup crews was won by the 1st eight after an enjoyable afternoon's rowing.

Both Junior Senior and Junior crews competed, each winning their first heat. Unfortunately the effects of the Coronation Ball made themselves felt and both lost to the finalist in the next heats.

READING REGATTA The first eight racing in the Thames Cup event enjoyed another day of good but hard rowing. From the sixteen crews entered, including two fast college boats from Oxford, the Royal Air Force and I.C. rowed their way to the final. At the start the R.A.F. went slightly ahead and maintained this position throughout the race despite a determined effort by I.C. to row through them. The result being a win for the R.A.F. a remarkably fit crew, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

The Junior crew unfortunately had a "shipwreck" in their race after going off well from the start and lost to the National Provincial Bank.

Preparations for examinations are felt to have had their effects on the crews. The 1st eight with the exams behind them are looking forward to meeting the R.A.F. on the longer Henley course.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS.

100 yd.	1. Davies 2. Palmer 3. Barry	10.4 secs.
220 yd.	1. Palmer 2. Davies 3. Pinsent	23.3 secs.
440 yd.	1. Pinsent 2. Palmer 3. Whittle	51.3 secs.
880 yd.	1. Bailey 2. Kay 3. James	2m. 0.9 secs.
1 mile	1. Bailey 2. Pain 3. Robertson	4m. 26.4 secs.
3 miles	1. Bailey 2. Kay 3. Pain	15 mins. 29 secs.
High Jump	1. Rickard 2. Waldamaryan 3. Maxworthy	5ft. 10ins.
Long Jump	1. Davies 2. Brown 3. Palmer	20ft 2ins.
4 x 110 yds. Relay	1. R.C.S. 2. C. & G. 3. Mines	46.9 secs.
Shot	1. Maxworthy 2. Robinson 3. Bell	33ft. 10ins.
Discus	1. Maxworthy 2. Keeley 3. Carr	104ft. 9ins.
Javelin	1. Massam 2. Maxworthy 3. Robinson	142ft. 10ins.
Hammer	1. Maxworthy 2. Andrews 3. Robinson	37ft.
Pole Vault	1. Davies 2. Carr 3. Brown	9ft.
Tug-of-War	1. Guilds. 2. R.S.M. 3. R.C.S.	
120 yd. Hurdles	1. Ferris 2. Massam 3. Brown	19.7 secs.
Final Placings.		
	Guilds. 125½ pts.	
	R.C.S. 103½ pts.	
	R.S.M. 92 pts.	

Sports Day was poorly attended as usual, but the Hop held the same evening was comfortably crowded. The outstanding event at Harlington was a gliding display in which President Macfie appeared towed by an aeroplane piloted by his brother. After casting off (as in knitting) he gave a thrilling display of manoeuvres to the breathless yokels gapping below.

CRICKET

The 1st XI has shown much improvement and recently scored meritorious victories over two Oxford Colleges. They also had much the better of a drawn game with Ealing Dean. Hitchen, a solid opening batsman, has continued his run of good scores and Oldland has shown a return to form with 77 against Keble College and 55 against Ealing Dean.

I. C. paid their annual pilgrimage to Hook (Hants) on Whit Monday and were favoured with glorious weather. The team fortified themselves in The Dorchester Arms before taking the field and the wisdom of such tactics was amply demonstrated when Hook had scored 6 for 6. The lunchtime score was 18 for 6, but the enormous luncheon was too much for I. C. and Hook amassed 67. Hitchen and Willmer, a perfect combination between the wickets, opened for I. C. but there was a collapse and we were all out for 41. Another immense meal, combined with a short bowling spell by K. Weale, made the game safe for Hook who made about 120 in their second innings to which I. C. replied with 91.

K.R. Miller (Australia) watched the last hour or so of the game and stated that this to him seemed the ideal type of cricket. He and another Australian were defeated in a darts match with K. Weale and R. Reynolds and we took this to be a good omen for Trent Bridge.

TENNIS U.L. CUP FINAL.

I.C. BEAT CUP HOLDERS.

I.C. regained the Tennis Cup which they held in 1951 by defeating U.C. by five matches to three (one unfinished) in the final last Sunday at Motpur Park.

After each pair had played two matches the teams went to tea with the score at three all, Forster and Ward having won two matches, and McDonald and Paige, one. After tea, I.C. quickly gained a winning lead, Forster and Ward, and Foster Burrill, winning in straight sets.

Safety was necessarily the keynote in most of the matches and as U.C. tended to slow the games up as much as possible when losing, the tennis was not of exceptionally high standard but nonetheless very interesting to the small gallery supporting I.C.

Particular mention must be made of I.C.'s pair Forster and Ward, who play regularly for U.L., and who went right through the U.L. Cup Competition without losing a match.

I.C.A.C.

On Saturday 13th June a very depleted team from the Athletic Club travelled to Loughborough to participate in a triangular match. If I.C. had had a fully representative team a much more satisfying result would have been obtained. Nevertheless I.C. managed to win four of the track events, these being:-

100 yds.	J. B. Davies	10.6 secs.
440 yds.	H. E. Pinsent	51.1 secs.
880 yds.	T. Bailey	2 m. 1.2 secs.
1 mile	T. Bailey	4 m. 29.2 secs.

Backing up these fine performances were:-

J. Massam	3rd in the Javelin	141 ft. 8 ins.
J. B. Davies	3rd in 220 yds.	23.3 secs.
M. T. Browne	2nd in the Long Jump	19 ft. 11½ ins.

The final placings in the match were:-

Loughborough	102 pts.
Birmingham	42 pts.
I.C.	41 pts.

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