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FELIX



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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

27th NOVEMBER 1953

NO FLOWERS BY REQUEST



Fears that Morphy Day was going to become little more than the current hooliganism of student rags were dispelled by a touch of originality from Guilds. 'Bo' arrived at Putney carrying unknown objects beneath a blue shroud. On arrival of about 200 loyal Guildsmen the shroud was removed to reveal two coffins, one bearing the inscription R.C.S. and the other R.S.M. These were carried on the shoulders of none-too-soberly dressed Guildsmen who lead the procession to the I.C. boathouse. A debate with the gentlemen in blue as to whether the procession should proceed or not resulted in a decision to go forward - and carried by an overwhelming majority.

Meanwhile, R.C.S. had gathered at the boathouse. Their arrival in twos and threes seemed to indicate that they did not take advantage of the very greatly reduced rates that can be obtained from London Transport for very large party travel. R.C.S. welcomed the Guilds procession with a shower of flour bags and explosives but by sheer weight of numbers, Guilds took 'The Corner'. Here the coffins were placed for safe keeping and remained there despite several attacks by both Mines and R.C.S. The lack of success was due to lack of numbers with the Miners (who, after all, should be congratulated on having some supporters even after mustering two crews) and for want of the presidents lead for the R.C.S.

After some activities of a secondary nature on the river Guilds, with due ceremony and Boomalackas, consigned the coffins to the river - and without being molested. Things livened up as 'Bo' tried to depart. One despicable character violated tradition by attempting to throw something in 'Bo'. He was made to realise his mistake by an involuntary association with the river.

On the departure of 'Bo' some made their way back to I.C. but it was too late in the day for a 'party'. A few Guildsmen did try to demonstrate a method of bringing down the ceiling in R.C.S. but were discouraged by a demonstration of firehoses - with hot and cold running water.

The day was rounded off by a 'free' hop in the Gym, which was well filled, but not overcrowded, probably because it was unpublished. So while the Boat Club were enjoying themselves in style, their supporters were doing so on a slightly lower level; altogether an excellent Morphy Day.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Rain greatly reduced the number of Guildsmen present at this year's Lord Mayor's Show. What the gathering lacked in numbers, it made up for in wit. This was much appreciated by the general public, who gave every indication of thinking that the newspapers' report of students' activities on Guy Fawkes day were grossly exaggerated. Unfortunately some irresponsible individuals chose the passing of the Lord Mayor's coach as the time to let off a catherine wheel--which was too big to let off safely on the 5th. The result was a sharp fall in the public's estimation of Guilds in particular, and students in general. It was gratifying to see from the behaviour of the rest of those present that the majority of students do not approve of such activities.

With the finish of the Lord Mayor's procession, Guilds staged a show of their own--in the opposite direction to that taken by the rival show. But 'Bo' refused to travel at so low a speed as a Guildsman on foot and so at St. Pauls, after a resounding Boomalaka, 'Bo' went back to S. Ken alone.

It is believed that Thomas Cooks felt rather insulted that Guilds rejected the kind offer of a few shields bearing the Guilds crest, which had been put out for collection on the walls of their premises.

REMOVALS

About 4.00 on Thursday afternoon, the yellow three-wheeler standing outside Guilds became the yellow three-wheeler standing inside Guilds - on the landing between the ground and the first floors. Due to lack of co-ordination between the architect responsible for Guilds and the designer of 3 wheel cars, the main entrance into Guilds was insufficient to allow the passage of the driving mirror. A large notice advertised that this marvellous specimen of automobile engineering was for sale - much to the surprise of its owner. It is rumoured that his audible expression of astonishment prompted the prominent member of the Guilds staff accompanying him, to suggest that in future he should park his means of transport elsewhere. This advice was evidently taken to heart and by 5.00 the yellow three-wheeler was again standing outside. Outside the post-office; not Guilds!

ALBERT

Prince Albert of the memorial has come in for a lot of attention this week. We seem to have developed a fixed idea that he is not properly dressed for various occasions.

On Tuesday, the Rag Committee went and ensured that he will feel no ill effects of the smog that was threatening by putting a large-sized smog-mask on him. This promptly disappeared with the fog.

Another group has been measuring him for a space-suit in the past week. It is reported that this is connected with the rocket craze that seems to be sweeping I.C. at present.



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PROFILE

D. HUGHES



This year as secretary of the University Rugby Club and vice president of the R.S.M. Derek Hughes is coming to the end of a most colourful university life.

Derek comes from Lytham near Blackpool and was educated at King Edward VII School where he distinguished himself both in the scrum and in the swimming bath. The Admiralty then entertained him for the next three years where he spent most of his time playing rugby and gramophone records. He came to I.C. in 1949 in the inter year with the idea of taking up physics but at the end of two years he reconsidered his ideas. The R.C.S.'s loss was the R.S.M.'s gain, for he decided that he was more suited to the hurly burly life of a mining engineer than that of a physicist, needless to say a decision about which he has no regrets. His interest in the pure sciences is by no means dead; indeed his enthusiasm for assaying is remarkable. Nowadays a wealth of other activities have forced him to choose the lectures he attends with care, but when he is present he is so engrossed that he is seldom seen to stir for the space of an hour.

His main interest at college is still rugby, in his first year at I.C. he played for the U.L. 1st XV; the following year he was dropped but now he is back playing for his third year in the University side. His popularity is always high on a rigger tour for during his stay at college he has acquired an unlimited repertoire of songs and jokes.

Three years of hostel life left him with a reputation at carnivals of always being able to produce a really stimulating cocktail for his friends, although he prefers a pint of bitter. At I.C. he is a member of Council and has sat on many committees. He has also helped run the sailing, film and jazz clubs.

During the last few years he has turned his hand to a variety of other jobs. As a painter, bath attendant, cellarman and of course miner he has shown versatility. He has travelled over much of France, Holland and Sweden and incidents during his visit to Norway made headlines in the Daily Telegraph. His recent visit to Canada and the States this summer caused a number of Canadians to review their ideas of the British. He has decided views on religion and is not at all hesitant in airing them in any company. His taste in music is rather wider than most: he collects records of serious music and also enjoys jazz. When asked for any further tastes, he declined, finding himself rather embarrassed by the whole affair.

Among his present ambitions are to sail round the world, play golf and breed dogs. We shall watch his future with interest.

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Sunday Times, Nov: 22

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2ND DEC, '53

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ART

This review was written for the last Felix, but was not printed because of space shortage. As it was composed in the Exhibition, under the influence and impact of the paintings, it has been decided not to alter it by removing passages now out of date.

I imagine that the first reaction of most people, seeing the appeals for paintings by members of the college for an exhibition, was to suppose that the whole thing would be a complete flop. That was how I felt, but I am happy to be able to write that a preview of the exhibition has converted me to such an extent that I shall rush to the shop tomorrow and buy a palette.

One hears a lot about the recreational properties of painting, and how Churchill and many other celebrities turn to it. The same effect is found in Imperial College, for this exhibition includes work by the Rector, by Mr. McDowall (General Studies Organiser), Mr. Tombs (who works very hard to make the Musical Society a success), and several professors.

The pictures are in the I.C.W.A. lounge and Committee Room B, and one feels that a little more space would do them no harm. Most of the works shown could have been executed before 1900, but a few, notably by Rex Dadd, are much more daring. Dr. H. Wilman of Chem. Tech. has produced some fine studies of flowers and C.C. Mills shows a good etching of Bruges, but if I was to award prizes I should give them to exhibits 18, 39 and 41.

The standard of the works is variable, and one feels that composition does not receive the consideration it deserves. The artist, unlike the camera, can be selective in his choice of subject and can form his work into a united whole, replacing inharmonious details by others. This is missing by many of the works in the exhibition.

In conclusion, this exhibition which closes today, should not be missed by anyone in I.C. It is a brilliant vindication of those who claim that we belong to something more than a technical college. Congratulations to the organisers! - A.R.B.



"B.Sc. Failed (Chem. Eng.)," a sculpture in the exhibition.

FIRST WOMEN ON THE MOON

by

The Man who Pressed the Button

Since the failure of the rocket launched by the R.C.S. Interplanetary Society on November 5th, they have successfully launched another and have reached the moon. Your readers will no doubt remember reading in their newspapers of a strange object travelling at enormous speeds over S.W. England recently. This was of course our rocket.

We are in radio communication with the party and at the moment they are exploiting large deposits of a soft green mineral with an odour reminiscent of argonzola. At present the moon is full but as the new moon approaches our brave explorers will have to be rescued or they will no doubt slide off the crescent and be left suspended in space. It may be of interest to some readers to learn that a few members of the party took their girl-friends noising to take advantage of the fact that on the moon the nights are twenty-eight days long.



Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Editor: D.C. Kale.

Circulation: 1200.

The Morphy Day rag this year proved to be a disappointment. Large crowds in high spirits used to be the rule, and an atmosphere of lighthearted rivalry prevailed on those occasions. What happened last Wednesday was a complete flop in the way of rags. The Guilds turned up with Bo, the Spanner, and a bright idea in the way of coffins. The Mines, reduced these days in total number, were playing a rigger game and a hockey game (so were the Guilds, but two teams out of 150 and two teams out of 800 ought not to be considered on the same basis.)

The R.C.S., we feel, are principally to blame for this failure. Two years ago they decided to boycott Morphy Day rags. Last year they marched across Putney Bridge and to the Boat-house in traditional manner. This year they numbered roughly two thirds of the Guilds crowd, were in a group, and could have had a lot of fun had they any spirit. But lack of initiative and, even more, of leadership, prevented anything better than a half-hearted barrage of tomatoes coming out.

The R.C.S. should make up its mind. Either they should entirely refrain from taking part in the proceedings, allowing their members to do nothing beyond cheering and chairing their crews. Or they may fully back the rag-spirited members. Half-hearted activity is worse than no activity in these matters.

While we are about it, it might be as well to remind Miners how important it is that they back their college on every possible occasion. Their small number makes it imperative that they do.

HOPALONG FELIX IS FOUR

It is a hard thing to have a reputation to maintain. The FELIX Birthday Dance over the last two years has built up one of such a high order that, when faced with organizing it again this year, we felt quite nervous. Another trouble with memorable occasions is the fact that nobody remembers what went on last year. After considerable strain on brains and memories the FELIX Board has at last got something which we think will be quite as amusing and interesting an affair as last year's. (We can't count on the fog coming down again, of course, but we're hoping.) Note the date - December 5th, and keep your eyes open for the sale of tickets, as they are liable to disappear before you can say 'Felix Dance' backwards. One indiscreet hint: if the crack poets of I.C. call for tickets, they will hear something TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Readers are invited to submit a menu for the most perfect dinner they think anyone can have. Wines to accompany each course may or may not be included. Results to be announced in our Christmas number coming out on Dec. 11th so entries should be handed in this week. No prizes, as usual, except honour.

REGIONAL LAPSE

It has been pointed out that Malaya and Siam were omitted from our list of countries represented at I.C., published last week.

SECOND-HAND BOOK WEEK

Have you any textbooks which you wish to sell?

If so, send your name and department, the name of the textbook and the price you are asking in to 'FELIX' by next Friday. A classified list of second-hand books will appear in the Christmas issue of Felix. The price of each insert will be 1d. which should accompany your letter.

Contribution time for all prospective writers: by which I mean prose, poetry, cartoons, quips, and what have you.

The combined Christmas-Birthday issue of FELIX comes out on Dec. 11, and lighthearted contributions are invited. If we get enough material, we propose to publish an 8-page FELIX at the same price.

PHOENIX, spring term, needs contributions too. These should be handed in by Dec. 4th at the latest.

ULU PUBLICATIONS

"THE SENNET"

You have to look pretty closely before you realise that there's a pun in that word. Perhaps I should explain that it's going to be the name of the new University newspaper. Can you see it now? Well, never mind.

At long last the U.L.U. has regained enough courage to launch yet another weekly newspaper. Two dismal failures take a long time before they are forgotten. The point is, this time it is all DIFFERENT. It is a more ambitious undertaking than the last two were, and like a large tackle in Rugby, hopes to achieve success by bulldozing. Well begun is half won, and they are going to go all out right from the beginning. Very well, you say, what about it? There, as Hamlet said, is the rub.

It requires considerable organisation. It needs people in all Colleges and people from all Colleges. I.C. being one of the Big Four is expected to come forward with help in all fields. If you like to help from here, help to sell it, or write about I.C. activities in it, or send sports results on to them. Or if you want to help 'over there' (U.L.U., that is), they need sub-editors, artists, photographers, and just helping hands. It shouldn't take much of your time if you are good at parceling it and even if you are not, you can leave when you want to.

"The Sennet" will start publishing next term - January. Enquiries or offers of help should be sent in as soon as possible either to the Editor, FELIX, or to the Hon. Sec. I.C. Union.

"THAMES"

An Anthology of poetry taken from college magazines and newspapers of London University will be published in January under the title of 'Thames'. Only a limited number of copies are available, and can be obtained through "PHOENIX". 'Thames' is essentially a new venture, and if the first issue receives encouraging support the magazine will appear at regular intervals. The price of the magazine will be one shilling. If you are interested will you please send your name and department to "PHOENIX", and a copy will be reserved in your name.

TWO NEW SOCIAL CLUBS

Good news for those that like more social activities. There is a new Social Club that has come into being last fortnight and another one will probably be formed in the next few days. The Social Clubs require a minimum of 20 members for each new club and both have fulfilled this condition.

The Billiards Club was in embryonic form at the end of last session and has now been fully organised. It has an annual subscription of 5/-, and will operate throughout the year in the Staff Common Room, Beit Building. Ladders for billiards and snooker will be hung up there, to be operated in the normal fashion.

Club Officers:

Captain: Dr. R. T. Severn
Hon. Sec: V. Barnes (Room 97, I.C. Hostel)
Committee Members: Dr. L. T. Owen
M. Abbott
B. P. Hitchen

UNESCO sponsor a chain of Clubs called International Relations Clubs, are for the very general purpose of developing and increasing mutual understanding amongst different peoples; in most cases, they also help prospective travellers by way of first-hand information on various countries. This aspect should especially appeal to members of I.C. who go all over the world in pursuit of pleasure and profession. The list on the general Internal notice-board already exceeds 20, but many more, especially from this country, would want to join the Club and make it a success. This Club would probably be started from Dec. 2, when the Social Clubs Committee meets.

I.C. MISSION

Imperial College Christian Union, in co-operation with the University Christian Union, ran a Mission in I.C. during the week 15th-22nd Nov. The great thing about this activity seemed to me to be the extremely practical way in which things were organised. To take just one instance, publicity. It is hard in I.C. to get the student body as a whole interested in anything but the most frivolous of plans. But ICCU's neat, tasteful and quiet placards, displayed at strategic points throughout the College did this with the minimum of fuss.

Lectures were arranged with an eye to the students' time restrictions, and more important, they stuck to those schedules. Sandwiches on sale during the lunchtime lectures was also well received.

What the Mission achieved during its course is hard to say, and indeed the effects will not be seen immediately. It is a fact, however, that the Resident Missioner, Mr. Metcalfe Collier, made a deep impression on all that he met during the week. Was it my impression, or was it just another case of student reticence, that there were very few questions asked of the speakers? Where there are no questions after a meeting, it is hard to estimate the extent to which the lecture has 'sunk in'. The only way to find out now will be to watch the student body for some time, and I hope the ICCU will not be disappointed with the results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I feel I cannot let Samuel Peep's "Viewpoint" in your issue of November 13th pass without comment.

Samuel Peep's complains that I.C. was once again split into two groups on the subject of November 5th. Mr. Peeps even goes as far as to try and find someone to blame for this state of affairs.

I feel that it is high time that Mr. Peeps and also certain members of the Rag Committee realised that I.C. is a large college and that not everyone in it has the same views, ideas or tastes; and that it is only natural that some people will want to have a rag and some will want to go to Harlington.

I remember, last year, members of the rag committee getting up at the Union Meeting when the arrangements for November 5th were being discussed and saying that there would be no support for a hop at Harlington.

I was not able to attend the Union Meeting this year but I understand a similar opinion was expressed. I went to the Hop at Harlington last year and again this year and thought it very enjoyable; and judging by the number of people who went, a fairly large proportion of the Union thought so too.

In view of these facts I hope that in future members of the union will be a little more careful before getting up at union meetings or writing to FELIX and claiming to represent the opinion of the College.

Yours faithfully,

D.J. Pain

Dear Sir,

It has become obvious that the I.C.U. Council is now completely out of touch with the feeling among the rank and file of the College.

It has therefore been decided by the Literary and Debating Society to hold a series of lunch-time debates to air matters which are of interest to all members of the Union.

The motion for 10th December is "that this House deplores the attitude of I.C.U. Council towards Rags especially those on November 5th." The President of the Union has been invited to Oppose this motion.

We sincerely hope that a large and representative body of students will attend to let Council know their views on this subject.

Yours truly,

E.J. Just (President)
S. Ruhemann (Vice President)
N.F.E. Blackmore (Hon. Jun. Tres.)
D.A. Langley (Hon. Sec.)
B.H. Wyatt

Dear Sir,

So brief was the mention of the Commemoration ball in your previous issue that I am urged to enter your correspondence. This, the major social event of the Imperial College year is, I think, an occasion when we should become eminent members of society able to demand, and get, the best. For most of us, with a students traditional financial resources such occasions come seldom enough.

I would like to put the question therefore, was the uninformed phalanx that seemed to look upon any deviation from the immediate vicinity of the dance-floor as a threat to the safety of the building, quite in keeping with the dignity of the occasion? And was it necessary for the staff to push crates of empty bottles between the tables an hour before the ball ended, in an apparent attempt to clean up around us before we left?

That these incidents, which I feel shouldn't have happened, were relatively insignificant was I think due to the spirit of all those present and to Geraldo who entered into that spirit as well.

I'm sure that everyone who went will look back on this year's Commemoration ball as a great social success, and as an event to which they must go again next year. Personally I would like to see the ball return to Grosvenor House. Alternatively perhaps Council can inform the management of the Royal Festival Hall of what it should already know: that I.C. men, practiced in the art of Nov. 5th rags are not long to be deterred by barriers on the stairs or locked doors leading to the riverside gardens.

Yours faithfully,

D. V. Finch, 2 Ae.

Dear Sir,

It is deplorable that, in a college renowned for its "Science and Technology", there should exist such an inefficient piece of apparatus as the radio set in the Old Lounge.

People who have ever tried to use it will appreciate immediately what is implied in the word "inefficient" and I am sure that students who have borne its terrible reception as background noise to their newspaper reading will also welcome improvement in this direction.

Here, surely, is a practical challenge to the radio enthusiasts in the college to show the rest of us that they are not only concerned with sets which have no cabinets. Would knobs for the controls be too much to suggest? We do not all carry pairs of pliers in our pockets.

Yours faithfully,

K.J. Davis,
3rd year Aeronautical Eng.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully suggest that the issue of the proposed changes in the Union bye-laws was decided upon rather hastily at the recent Union General Meeting. Somewhat scanty evidence was offered in favour of the proposed change and I submit that some red herrings successfully created suspicion and swayed the Union against such a change.

The proposed change was to permit members of the I.C. Union Executive Committee, who are still at College in the year following that in which they held office, to be full members of Council if they have not been elected already. For the benefit of those who seem to be unaware of the composition of the Executive Committee, it comprises the President and Secretary of I.C.U., and the Presidents of the three College Unions, five in all. During their year of office they amass a wealth of information and, often, influence, and have always sincerely devoted their knowledge, and power such as it is, towards the welfare of the student body. The proposed change means that these five may continue to serve the Union, if they wish, after they have relinquished office.

Opposition to this change was in my opinion offered on fallacious grounds, as I shall seek to show. It was suggested that any of these five persons who are not elected to Council by the existing machinery are rejected by their electorate as unsuitable. This I believe to be nonsense; elections for most offices in the Union are contested ones, and merely because the electorate chooses instead of torate chooses B instead of A they do not question A's integrity or suitability, they express a preference. Further, Presidents and Secretaries of Unions are not usually prepared to stand for a second term of office, it being a case of once bitten twice shy, not that their electorate rejects them. Finally, to clinch this matter, regard the facts. Of the fifteen executives of the last three years, only two have not been nominated for succeeding Councils, and then for good reasons - but they have not all been elected, and this change is designed to obviate this.

A second charge which was made against the change was that persons who were not elected to Council could not be representing their electorate. Again nonsense, for many decisions have to be made without Council members having the chance to consult the body which they represent, many which are far too complex to offer for the consideration of their electorate-- a Government does not consult the electorate before it reduces the butter ration! Hence I see no reason to argue that these special members of Council would be superfluous or undesirable. At the most the additions would be five in number, more than three would be rare, but at worst Council can outvote them by 23 to 5 -- I presume this would be when all the honourable members were representing their electorate, and the five rebels were up to some trickery of their own! In return for this Council would have the benefit of at least one years guaranteed experience of Union affairs, a sum total of which could not be passed on to any representative however photographic his memory.

Finally, Sir, may I add that I did not present these views at the Union meeting, because I was not prepared for the Union to reject a recommendation of its Joint Council. I consider the question of such import that I preferred to write this considered opinion rather than hurriedly gather a few thoughts in the seconds available for debate. I propose to ask the President if he will submit the same motion at the next UGM when I hope that in the light of facts the Union will reverse its last nasty decision.

Yours sincerely,

W.P. Goss, P.G.E.E.

Vampire House,
Werewolf Road,
Tombstone.

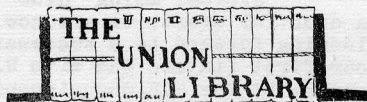
Dear Sir,

In reply to your advertisement in the last issue of Felix may I offer my services as official blood collector to Imperial College? I have had a wide and varied experience of collecting blood, and I can honestly say that I have never had any complaints from my clients; the only complaints have come from their next-of-kin.

If you are interested, would you please visit me at any time between mid-night and dawn. No stakes allowed. Cigarettes by Abdullah.

Yours sanguinarily,
Count Dracula

The organisation has already been entrusted to a responsible, full-blooded person.



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Up the Straight	N. Brockbank
I Said to my Wife	J. Duché
Christmas at Candles Live	M. Innes
Performing Flea	P. G. Wodehouse
Publish and be Damned	H. Cudlipp
The Silent World	J. Cousteau
Casino Royale	I. Fleming
Caves of Adventure	J. Stonier
Thoughts on Beethoven's Choral Symphony	R. Vaughan Williams
The Kinsey Report, Volume II	
Seven Years in Tibet	H. Harren

Readers are reminded that their wishes are always carefully considered. (i.e. via the suggestions book) in the ordering of new books

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY NOV: 27th I.C. Catholic Society Study Group in Committee Room A at 5.15 p.m. **SUNDAY NOV: 29th** 2.30 p.m. U.L. Catholic Soc. "Day of Recollection". At 13 Devonshire Place, W.1. 7.30 p.m. in New Lounge. I.C. Film Soc. presents Marie Seton's version of Eisenstein's "Time in the Sun". **MONDAY NOV: 30th** 5.30 p.m. S.C.M. "The Sacraments", talk by Fr. Allen in Committee Room A 7.30 p.m. London Judo Soc. Judo contests and demonstrations in Chelsea Town Hall. See Notice Board for details. **THURSDAY DEC: 3rd** 1.15 p.m. in C. and G. Council Room, I.C. Mus. Soc. Piano recital by Julius Katchen. 5.30 p.m. in Botany Lecture Theatre. R.C.S. Natural History Soc. D.J. Watson M.A., Ph.D. on "Photosynthesis in Field Conditions". Jewish Soc.; lecture by the Rector Papwa. Subject to be announced.

TUESDAY DEC: 8th I.C. Choir Concert Works by Britten and Fauré. Tickets 2/6 and 3/6. **WEDNESDAY DEC: 9th** Catholic Soc. 1st Friday Mass, 6 p.m., St. Etheldreda's, Ely Place, E.C.1. **DEC: 9th - 12th** 7.30 p.m. I.C. Drama Soc. presents "The Hollow" by Agatha Christie. **THURSDAY DEC: 10th** 5.50pm. Eng. Soc. meeting "The Production of an Aeroplane" by L. Dowdall. 5.30 p.m. R.C.S. Natural History Soc. "African Journey" by J. Levy, B.Sc., A.R.C.S. in Botany Lecture Theatre 1.15 p.m. I.C. Mus. Soc. Madrigals and Christmas Music arranged by Dr. E.H. Brown; in C. and G. Council Room. 1.30 p.m. in C. and G. Room 15, S.C.M. "The Relevance of Christianity" by Prof. E.O. Jones (King's College). **FRIDAY DEC: 11th** 5.15 p.m. I.C. Catholic Soc. Committee Room A; talk by Mgr. Wheeler **DEC: 11-13th** Union of Catholic Students: "Catholic Action in the University". Enquiries to Miss Agnes Bray, 11 Cavendish Square, W.1. **THURSDAY DEC: 17th** 1.15 p.m. in C. and G. Council Room. I.C. Mus. Soc.; Cantata 82 - "It is enough" - by Bach. D.B. Fry (baritone) and John Barnett (oboe). Also Oboe quartet by Mozart.

I.C. Mountaineering Club Christmas Vac. Meet will be held in Ogwen Valley, N. Wales. See notice-board.

YOUR HOP DAIRY!

Christmas time is hopping time for I.C. For the benefit of our readers, we have set out this Hop Diary separate from the rest of the coming events.

AT I.C.

FRIDAY NOV: 27th "Engineer's Ball" 8-2 a.m. Double tickets 8/6. **SATURDAY NOV: 28th** I.C. Informal Dance 8-11 p.m. tickets 1/-. **WEDNESDAY DEC: 2nd** "Mines Ball" 8-1 a.m. Double tickets 10/6. **SATURDAY DEC: 5th** "Felix Birthday Dance". 8-11.30 p.m. Tickets 2/-.

EXTERNAL

FRIDAY NOV: 27th U.L. Sailing Club "Annual Dance" 7.30-11.30 p.m. at Herringham Hall, Bedford College. Tickets 12/6 double or 6/6 single. Inter-Varsity Club "Informal Dance" in Kensington Town Hall. Members 3/- non-members 5/-. National Training College of Domestic Subjects "Informal Dance" 7.30-11 p.m. Tickets 2/- **SATURDAY DEC: 28th** Reid Hall's "Christmas Dance" in Herringham Hall, Bedford College. 7.30-11.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6. **FRIDAY DEC: 4th** Inter-Varsity Club "Informal Dance" in Chelsea Town Hall. Members 3/- non-members 5/-. Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine "Terminal Dance", 8 Hunter St. W.C.1. 7.30-11.30 p.m. tickets 2/-. **SATURDAY DEC: 5th** Rachel McMillan Training College "End of Term Dance". 7.30-11.30 p.m. tickets 2/-. St. Gabriel's College "Christmas Dance" 7.30-11 p.m. tickets 2/6 **WEDNESDAY DEC: 9th** Oldrey-Fleming School of Speech Therapy "Annual Dance" 8-12 p.m. tickets 6/- single.



THE KING AND I - Drury Lane
(Gallery 4/- - stool system).

This follows a distinguished line of musicals from the Rodgers-Hammerstein team. It is rather less noisy and blatant than its predecessor 'South Pacific' - there is nothing equivalent to the gasps of interest at the antics of Bloody Mary. But it is, unfortunately, somewhat less virile.

Set in the palace of the King of Siam, the story, which is based on the life of Anna Leonowens, demonstrates the effect of introducing an English schoolmistress into the Court. Anna is effectively played (and, surprisingly enough, sung) by Valerie Hobson, who moves charmingly throughout. Roy Grant, as her son, has a voice not full enough for the part, especially when contrasted with the bold singing of Timothy Brooking playing the Heir Apparent. Herbert Lom plays the King, to whom everything Western is scientific, and who wants to be, but not be known as, a barbarian. His efforts at Western formalities are amusing (or pitiful, depending on your outlook): and his chant "A Puzzlement" a pleasant speculation on the mysteries of ethics, power, "et cetera, et cetera". Muriel Smith, as his chief wife, is as fine as ever, and her song "Something Wonderful" produced a great deal of applause.

The ballet within the play was an American conception of the manner in which the Orient interprets Western tradition. Delightfully called "The Small House of Uncle Thomas" and based, one must believe, on "Uncle Tom's Cabin", the ballet was danced in a style we seldom see, with a great deal of subsidiary stagecraft - tinsel streamers for snow; stage hands setting waves running along a white cloth strip to represent a river, and so on.

Of the many songs, "I Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Hello, Young Lovers" should penetrate the next few years with ease. And one expects the show, in company with its forerunners, to become very popular and enjoy a long run.

K. Bonnett

L.U.D.S. Festival of One Act Plays:

"The Man Who Wouldn't Go To Heaven" by Sladen Smith

This was an ambitious effort on the part of the I.C. Dramatic Society, and Beryl Walker is to be congratulated on a stimulating production of a difficult play. Perhaps a play with a smaller cast would have been more suitable. On the other hand, the aspiration of this piece is an excellent sign.

From amongst the players G. Duff deserves special mention. He had the title role, which required a sincere portrayal, and this he managed well. After a rather shabby start he was in full voice and vigour, and his long speech was passionately delivered while he made good use of the stage to give it stress and added meaning. R. Mellor looked every inch an angel, but though his manner was convincing his voice was not always so. Sheila Taylor, though embarrassed occasionally by her hands a fairly general fault - acted beautifully, and indeed was congratulated by the adjudicator on the evening's best performance. A fine, if somewhat formal, portrait of a gentleman of too many leisures was given by Neil Blackmore, while Ruth Barratt made a beautifully effective nun. There appeared to be one poorly cast part - that of the lunatic. This was pure character play and could have been delightful to watch, but R. Eycott, though dressed admirably, was evidently not adapted to this particular role, and could not develop its potentialities.

The dress was imaginative and resourceful; and the lighting, a feat of manipulation it seemed, well done. In all, a very worthwhile performance - but why don't more come along and see for themselves?

IMPERIAL COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

"THE HOLLOW"

BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

DECEMBER 9th-12th 7.30 P.M.

SPORT

MORPHY-DAY

Morphy Day, under pleasant conditions of a slight following wind, and calm water, saw Guilds retain the Morphy Cup and the R.C.S. gain their first success in the Lowry Cup since 1948. The racing was good and keen and the standard of oarsmanship augers well for some really good I.C. rowing in the coming year.

The marshalling and start of the Morphy Cup was an object lesson in the starter's art and all three crews got away well, C. & G. in centre station striking 34 in the first minute to the R.C.S. on Middx. 35 with R.S.M. on Surrey a point or two lower. C. & G. took a slight lead at once with R.S.M. taking advantage of their position in the faster water to lead R.C.S. At Harrods, C. & G. (striking 30) were $\frac{1}{2}$ length ahead of R.S.M. (striking 28) with R.C.S. (at 31) $\frac{1}{2}$ length behind. At this point R.C.S. began to pull up, and at the Crabtree C. & G. led by $\frac{1}{2}$ length from R.C.S. with R.S.M. a $\frac{1}{2}$ length behind. C. & G. as befitted their experience well coupled up throughout the stroke, but looking somewhat ponderous about their blade entry were in distinct contrast to R.C.S. whose "life" on the beginning enabled them to maintain a higher rate of striking and race hard and this covered up deficiencies in time and timing. R.S.M. with two novice oarsmen in the boat very wisely allowed themselves to row at their optimum rating and so get the best out of each man. By the mile C. & G. were clear of the other two crews. but along the wall R.C.S. began to go up and were overlapping the leaders by the Boathouses. From here to the finish C. & G. replied to the challenge and won a very good race by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths from R.C.S., with R.S.M. a further $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths away, in the good time of 7 mins. 44 secs.

The Lowry Cup proved to be a win for a hard working R.C.S. crew who had plenty of life on the beginning and kept their blades well covered throughout the stroke. Striking 9, 17, 25 and 33 in the first quarter, half, three-quarter and full minute they were clear of the other two crews at the end of the first minute and went on to win by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths from C. & G. with R.S.M. a further 4 lengths away in 4 mins. 22 secs. A very good time under the conditions.

Malcolm Campbell the R.C.S. non-rowing Captain is to be congratulated on producing and coaching two good boats, and the two newcomers to the river in the R.S.M. boat deserve high praise for racing so well six weeks after the start of their rowing careers.

The starter was C.A. Bristow and the Umpire R.C. Morris.

MORPHY CREWS

R.C.S. (Middx)	GUILDS	MINES (Surrey)
Bow M.B. Clark	D. Kelly	F.R.C. O'Connor
N. Sarma	P.H. Swift	R.H. Kingdon
B. Wetherill	I.M. Titchener	G.P. Jones
E. George	R.G. Seaman (Capt)	D.M. Cooper
C.J. Lock	R. Pain	H.F. Ramstad
E.J. Guthrie	S.K. Ash	M. Woakes
C.J. Dean	K.W.H. Johnson	R. Appleby (Cap)
Stroke M.H. Hoare	J. Platt	R.H. Janes
Cox D.A. Marshall	L.P. Harding	C.H. James

LOWRY CREWS

MINES (Middx)	R.C.S.	GUILDS (Surrey)
Bow R. Dickinson	D.R. Plummer	M.D.G. Garner
I.C. Knight	J.C. Hendy	C.H. Blundell
D.A. Hudson	E.G. Hall	J.E. Taylor
R. Egerton	P.D. Wilcock	N.G. Trotman
R. Forscher	P. Jones	J. McCallum
B. Hopwood	A.S. Raistrick	N. Turner
W. Williams	M. Whiting	D. Evans
Str S.R. Bateman	K. Ridley	C. Bentley
Cox J. Sharpley	C.J. Farrow	A.K. Gill

Fencing

Those of I.C. who peer into the gym on Monday or Thursday evenings are usually either shocked or enthralled by the display of energy and skill which is sometimes being demonstrated. The complexity of fencing is bewildering to the novice, and even more so to the President who interprets "beat cut" for "parry-riposte".

Despite these difficulties, I.C. has fenced reasonably successfully this term. Our first match against Salle Paul, with two-thirds an Olympic team, was lost 15-5. The next two matches, versus King's and Poly were also lost, both by 16-11; mainly due to the poor standard of the epee fencing. In the latest match, against U.C., we lost the foil and epee both 4-5, but by dint of some hard sabre play won that weapon 7-2, and so won the match 15-12.

Swimming

I.C. Swimming Club

After a doubtful start, we are now settling down and looking forward to a successful season. As usual our first fixture was with U.C., the present holders of the U.L. Championship, who beat us quite soundly in the swimming and by a closer margin at water polo. Shortly after this however, we defeated N.E.C. at swimming and polo on two separate occasions without much difficulty, and at an enjoyable match last Thursday we also defeated Q.M.C. We have welcomed several freshers this year, who have strengthened our ranks considerably, three of them now swimming for the first team. Last week we had an extremely pleasant surprise when we met a gentleman looking at our notice board. He turned out to be last year's U.L. Swimming Club President, a swimmer of great repute, and the like of whom I.C.S.C. has not seen for many years. His presence in the Club is going to make no little difference, and we are very glad to have him with us.

Results:

	Vs.	Swimming	
19th Oct.	U.C.	-	Lost 3-5
29th Oct.	U.C.	Lost 24-11	Lost 3-4
12th Nov.	N.E.C.	Won 28-11	Won 9-1
17th Nov.	N.E.C.	Won 24-11	Won 4-1
19th Nov.	Q.M.C.	Won 26-11	Won 6-1

Soccer

On Friday Nov. 13th I.C.A.F.C. played against Aachen University at Motspur Park. The weather was typical of a foreigner's conception of the English climate, cold and damp, with the now inevitable traces of smog. However, these phenomena in no way affected the German play and they won by four goals to one.

Play began at an extremely fast pace and but for some atrocious marksmanship the I.C. team would have had a comfortable lead after the first fifteen minutes. After this period Aachen settled down and began to play soccer peculiar to the Continent, keeping the ball on the ground and moving it quickly from man to man without attempting to dribble. On occasions these tactics split the I.C. defence wide open and Aachen built up a two goal lead by half-time. The first half had produced some first-class football with the German team gradually gaining the ascendancy.

In the second half the I.C. team attacked vigorously but could make no impression on a defence which cleared its lines in the most acrobatic fashions. It appeared that the German centre half had modelled his style of play on that of Parola, the Italian player famous for his overhead kicks. I.C. did manage to get a consolation goal but if there had been a forward capable of scoring goals it might have been a different story.

A Dinner was given in the Union after the match, where it was learned that Aachen were the present European Universities Champions and that most of their players were semiprofessionals with German clubs. On their tour they had beaten Birmingham University 2-1 and drawn with Loughborough 2-2.

The Germans presented the I.C. club with a pennant, which now adorns one of the trophy cases, as a remembrance of their visit and as a token of their appreciation for the enjoyable time they had at I.C.

Hockey

On the 11th of November I.C. were beaten in the 1st. Round by Battersea. Although unexpected, Battersea must be given due praise for their win. They played good fast Hockey and fully deserved to win. The I.C. team, strengthened by four U.L. players, took some time to settle down, particularly the defence, who were completely at a loss when Battersea swept through them to score twice in the first three minutes. After this initial shock, I.C. gradually settled down, and changed over only one goal down. By now the play was fairly even with I.C. perhaps doing a little more of the attacking. The forwards, however, tended to be a little slow against a hard-tackling defence. Battersea scored again, but I.C. quickly got two more and in the last few minutes almost scored again. The final whistle went with the score three all. Extra time was played and Battersea scored twice more to win 5-3.

In other fixtures the 1st. Team has had a very successful season so far. The 2nd. seem to be hitting winning form also. The 3rd. had their first win last Saturday, when all three teams won.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	goals:
						D.
1st.	9	6	1	2	22	11
2nd.	6	2	0	4	15	20
3rd.	5	1	0	4	8	23