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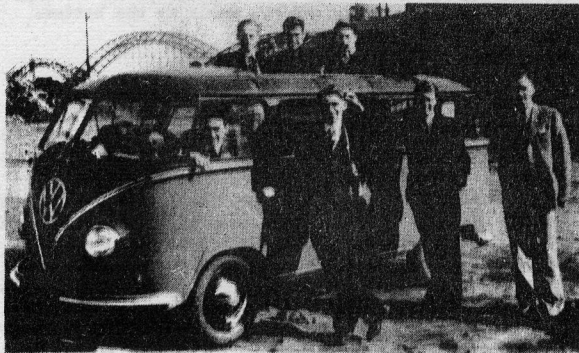
WINE, FRAUCHE, und LIEDER.

wine women and song

The S.V.I or Technological Students Federation of N. Germany invited 6 members of I.C. Union to see the way of life in Western Germany. They made the visit during the Easter vacation. Visits were made to the department of Home and Foreign affairs where personal assistants to the ministers were available to answer questions in their respective fields. On one occasion, Paul Cross (Chairman of the Guilds Engineering Society) referred, in a slightly depreciating tone, to the provincial universities only to be met with "Steady on old chap. I'm a Merton man myself!" It was discovered that a number of the officials, here, were ex-students of Oxford, U.C.L. & K.G.L.

The survey of factories usually commenced with a director giving a brief outline of the factory products, war damage and trade possibilities. This would be followed by a tour of the works, an excellent lunch, with wines to delight the most critical palate, and a general get together which involved more drinking and usually ended in both visitors & hosts singing in lilting, if somewhat raucous, voices.

Willie Wallsott, works director at the Schliess Aktiengesellschaft, Dusseldorf, shows a true appreciation for the palate of an Englishman - 6 glasses of brandy & 4 bottles of beer as chasers within the hour. Tony Gill, C & G President, and he are friends for life; one wonders who was emulating whom in the speed with which they dispensed the brandy. A visit to the Dusseldorf Opera House, to see 'Cosi Fan Tutte' was understandably hazy after this episode. Noticeable amongst the audience were four recumbent figures with open mouths and ghastly coloured tongues.



The I.C. party and the Volkswagen.

Journeying through Germany, 2000 odd miles were covered in a Volkswagen Metro bus. Wine cellars and pubs came in for their share of attention from those inveterate thirsters after local information. Champagne cellars produced wide eyed amazement and a longing to die peacefully in the arms of Bacchus. The Germans have a fellow feeling for him when they sing

Haute blau
Urt morgan blau.

One of the English visitors conducted himself superbly in an episode in the Hamburg night club "The Tabu". Alternating his dancing and wine, he disillusioned one fair Hamburg maid as to the truth that all Englishmen are wolves!

John Harding conducted himself in all sobriety, always foreseeing the possibility of having to bring forth an oration. He nearly fell by the wayside on an occasion in Bonn but Tony Gill and Paul Cross, being the gentlemen (!) they are, relieved him of any responsibility.

Bill Robinson, looking huge and magnanimous, gently persuaded one fair gretchen that having drained their cellars, he could trip the light fantastic (?) with the best of them. As for Jim Anderson, his capacity to imbibe wine, sing in a raucous voice and chaperone the ladies is quite incredible. Many was the occasion that five harassed Englishmen and two Germans searched for this elusive character.

The other member of the party was Geoff Gillet who, being as old as the hills, looked on with ageless wonder at these goings on. He is remembered mainly for having immortalised photographs taken of himself in an upright position.

Many mementoes were brought back by the visitors, possibly the most interesting being two miniature 'cameras' by Bill Robinson and Geoff Gillet. To view the landscape through these works of art, please apply to the above and take your place in the queue which is now expected to be half way down Exhibition Road.

R.C.S. SMOKING CONCERT.

Imperial College has its "Hops", all three constituent colleges have their Carnivals and the various societies provide dances for the work-weary student, but only the Royal College of Science has a Smoking Concert for the delight of its members, who however in the main do not seem to appreciate the fact.

The third annual concert was held on Monday March 15th and was on the whole the best yet. Whether due to bad advertising or to a general apathy on the part of the student body, the attendance was far less than might have been, but as this resulted in more free beer (and cider) for those who did come, no complaints on this account were voiced although the organisers may have been a little disappointed.

The proceedings started with a surprising lack of spirit shown by R.C.S. when called upon to eject C. and G. gate-crashers but this was probably due to their customary restraint backed by the knowledge that having triumphed in the matter of the Spanner, they could afford to be lenient. After this we were treated to a series of songs and sketches, most of the usual student standard and with usual student leaning towards the bawdy expressed in various ways. Particular attention may be drawn to the duet by "Jim and Robin" which was quite the finest and most polished item in the programme, the excellent dialogue by the P.C. chemists and also their skit on the Board of Studies enlivened by artistic photographs, and the very good impromptu performances by the Presidents of the Mines and the C. and G.

The organisers showed initiative in ordering the various items, so that as the party became more noisy, their attention was still held to the stage. The chief complaint was on this matter of noise; one was forced either to sit near the front away from the beer and hear all that was going on, or to stay at the back and drink so much that one no longer cared.

In spite of the larger supply of beer than usual, it unfortunately ran out just past the interval, but this was to be expected. On this matter, did the performers really require several barrels to themselves?

Several members of I.C.W.A. were present at the start, but all had left by half-time, presumably in disgust, but one cannot say. The concert finished at 10-30p.m. most of the audience retiring to the Bar, leaving behind a smotherous fog to clear the havoc in the Gym.

MINES' ELECTIONS.

The Mines elections are always held in the Spring Term, as most of the third-year people are away in the last one. The elections held this year passed off systematically and smoothly in the Union meeting in late March. The following are the results.

President: Bob Kingdon
Secretary: Herman Ramstad
Vice-President: Hugh Huckin

The post of Hon. Pornographer was finally filled, after many proposals and withdrawals, by R. Stephens. The only lady Miner, Ruth Billington, was also given a post - Mines representative on the Bookstall Committee.

As a result of too many last-minute proposals, an amendment to the Constitution was proposed and its first reading passed. Where there are a sufficient number of nominations, no new nominations may be received during elections. This clause does not apply to candidates who have previously lost in the voting for some other posts.

ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

PHOENIX

'THROUGH DARKEST AFRICA'
'EXPANSION of the UNION' 1/6

ON SALE NEXT WEEK

NELSON'S COLUMN

All users of the Guilds and Union Libraries will be sorry to hear that Miss Prat, the Assistant to Mr. James, is leaving. Miss Prat graduated at Q.M.S. in 1948 with a First in Mathematics, and has spent three years in the Guilds Library, where her efficiency, helpfulness and charm have contributed in no small way to the reputation which the Library enjoys. Her new appointment is as Documentalist at the French Air Ministry in Paris.

A summary of council proceedings will now be put up on the council notice board (in the old lounge) soon after council meetings.

We would like to point out that the scaffolding around the Albert Memorial has not been erected by members of I.C.

Last Friday evening, the Mountaineering Club held its Annual Dinner in the Upper Dining Hall. Thirty members, including 5 ex-presidents and numerous beards, attended.

The main proceeding, however, took place in the Union Entrance Hall where members of the Club carried on the tradition of traversing the aforementioned Hall. Several attempts were made and most of the "climbers" succeeded - at the expense of a couple of notice boards, an electric light and some beer glasses.

MOTOR CLUB RALLY

A driver, at the finish of the Guilds Motor Clubs' Spring Rally, was heard to remark, "Lucky the club made us sign an indemnity at the start!" This gives some indication of the adventures that befell those taking part in this event on the last Sunday of the Spring Term.

The start was at I.C. Union and the first competitor was away at 2.00 p.m. An average speed of 27 m.p.h. was stipulated for most of the entries and this was checked at various points on the route. One of these check points was after a ford near Burnt Mill. It was not absolutely necessary to go through the ford but of the 54 competitors only 12 elected to avoid it.

John Wheatcroft (Guilds) was one of the first to reach the ford and the entry of his Austin sixteen into the water was as befitted a car driven by the vice commodore of I.C. sailing club. One witness said that the bow wave passed over the roof of his car! On arrival at the other side the engine ceased and frantic drying of various engine components was necessary before continuing.

Another competitor - John Bidgood - had trouble of another sort at this checkpoint. After having his instruction sheet signed by the course steward, it was carried away by a glamorous young lady to the wrong car and never seen again.

The final check point was Matching Green, but before starting on the return journey, competitors had to follow a route card in reverse involving the detection of several places of liquid refreshment.

The return to London involved visiting various map references and collecting "treasure". One item of "treasure" was a slit inner tube. About a dozen competitors were apprehended "borrowing" old tractor tyres from a Massey Harris depot.



YEZZIR! OI'AVE ZEEN A CHAP IN A FORD!

The winner of the rally was Dr. A.E. Hunt, of London Hospital, (Ford Ten) who suffered a puncture but managed to change the wheel in 3 minutes dead. After some recalculations Dave Penny (Guilds) was declared 2nd. London Hospital took 3rd and 4th places thus assuring them of the first team place. A Guilds team was second and third came a J.M.C. team.

PROFILE



D.J. POWER

If you are a regular hop-goer, you will have noticed a band of select persons always sitting on the edge of the stage. Periodically, one of them gets up, collects all their pots - all of them have pots, incidentally - goes downstairs and comes back with more refreshment. More often than not, this refreshment-begetter is Derek Power, a handsome bloke with deceptively innocent blue-green eyes and a soothing, mellow voice. Derek, or Dij as he is commonly called, is also this year's Chairman of the Athletic Clubs Committee.

On coming to I.C. in 1950 he showed great skill in hockey and squash. A couple of years ago he was the mainstay of our hockey team together with Brian Purslow. A FELIX report in early '52 says "...dour midfield play with Power and Purslow thrustful in attack, and Purslow and Power dogged in defence(J.G. Smith) well supplied the ammunition for the Purslow-Power spearhead." The report is signed "D.J.P; B.W.P." He has recently been seen in a half-purple tie, presumably acquired on the U.L. hockey team's right wing this season. In squash Derek's name can be seen resting comfortably at the top of the ladder throughout the season.

After a successful season as Hockey Captain, it was not surprising to see him as the Chairman of the A.C.C. His outstanding achievement in that post must surely be the new scheme for teas at Harlington. For all the criticism it has aroused, the tremendous organisation that went into the scheme has definitely paid off in greater numbers using the coaches and staying on for teas at Harlington.

Derek's other activities are too numerous to detail. He was Guilds vice-President last year, can be seen at Carnivals in a Spanish hat, was instrumental in getting Beaver from L.S.E. this year, and dived (voluntarily) in the Serpentine in the February rag.

It is surprising how his third-floor colleagues in the Old Hostel refuse, with one voice, to profile him or to divulge any damaging information. Derek's own idea of his Profile was a heading and a photograph at the top, half a column of empty space and two words at the bottom: "Interests: women."

RUSSIAN SALAD

"Russian Salad, or Hammer Your Sickle" was, to say the least of it, a novel theme for a carnival. For all its long-windedness, it told people precious little about what to wear. As it turned out, most of the male joy-hunters turned out in some form of fur caps, beards, or the old faithfuls, Mines rugger shirts (as witness the photographs now on exhibition in the entrance hall).

The female hunters - I mean joy-hunters - turned up as carrots, peas or other form of agricultural growths.

Frantic preparations went on till late that evening, and the Carnival probably holds the record for getting off to a late start. There were three - repeat, three - couples around at about 10, while by about 11 all hell was let loose, glasses and bottles were in active circulation and the Gym and Upper Dining Hall was a seething mass of humanity.

Out of the hazy recollections of your correspondent one memory shines through. This was the jazz band that came on as guest artists for the Cabaret and later on played in the lower entrance hall. The latter was transformed into a really wonderful place, the only light filtering in through the windows, smoke rising from all over the place, this little band playing really divine music and a knot of appreciative people listening in fascination, as in a trance. Time passed, and eventually left only the debris as a reminder of Russian Salad, the best Carnival this correspondent can recall.

Billy Graham

A few seats available for the final meeting of the campaign on May 22nd at 3 p.m. at White City Stadium. Do not miss this final opportunity of hearing Dr. Graham. Tickets (Free) can be obtained from John Bromley, ChemTech or any member of ICCU.

Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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It has often been said that I.C. is too far from the centre of London to be as well known as it might. We, being members of I.C., tend to overlook the fact that others have never even heard of it. London is too large for anyone to know every part but one would have thought that London Transport should know us well enough to know that we exist in South Kensington.

Yet what do we find on the street maps adorning the walls of the Underground? Guilds and Mines are marked as the Imperial Institute, R.C.S is indicated as part of the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Science Museum. Lesser places in The Strand and Gower Street are indicated. Why not I.C.?

There is one obvious remedy - provide each member of the union with a large red pencil but there must be a way to rectify this omission which would be more satisfactory to all concerned.

Another case for action of some sort or another is in the matter of preserving ourselves in our journeys up and down Exhibition Road. Comparatively few of us can live in the hostel and many have to risk crossing Cromwell Road and Thurloe Place. Of late, the tendency of traffic to swing into these roads, from Exhibition Road, without giving signals of any kind, has increased.

There is the alternative of using the subway but no one should be forced to burrow beneath the ground instead of enjoying the fresh (comparatively) air above. The roads around I.C. are wide enough for the traffic to travel reasonably quickly and still give us a chance to cross the roads in safety. Hence it appears that the so solution lies in educating the motorists. There's scope for someone here!

"PERSONAL" ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Retina, f 3.5. 35mm. C.R. Shutter, 1/500.
E.R. Case, 2 filters, lens hood. Excellent condition.
£25. J.M. Hathaway. Room 49 I.C. Hostel or via Union Rack.

UNION RECONSTRUCTION

It is now possible to give brief details of the proposed reconstruction of the Union buildings.

The ground floor will remain substantially the same, but extra cloakroom space will be made available by removing the bar to a position now occupied by the committee rooms and I.C.W.A.

A new building will be erected between the present union and the botany building. A large committee room will occupy the ground floor of this building.

The upper dining hall will remain unaltered, but there will be two rooms instead of the present gym. One will be known as a staff common room, but will be available for receptions, etc.. The present staff common room will be used as an extension to the kitchen premises.

Two new floors will be added. The concert hall will be on the East side of the 2nd floor, with raised stage, dressing rooms and storage space. The new gym will be on the West side with changing rooms for men and women at the extreme end. These will be accommodated one above the other. Stairways will be provided at both ends of the Union in addition to the existing central staircase. This latter will reach the 2nd floor on the South side, and the dividing wall will be such as to allow the gym and concert hall to be made into one large room.

Another refectory will occupy the 3rd floor above the new gym, and it is expected that this will offer cafeteria service. On the East side there will be a games room and writing room.

No definite date has been announced for commencing work, but it is expected to start before the end of the term. The duration of work is not known, but it is probable that it will be about 3 years, since work is to be arranged to allow continual student use of part of the Union. Queenies may be used for hops but this will be subject to various conditions.

GRANTS

The working committee of the London area grants survey (on which Dick James, the Mines president, was representing I.C., in the University Colleges section) decided to apply for a hearing with L.C.C. and suggested a date early in May. Among the problems for discussion, those peculiar to University Colleges were vacation courses and the expenses incurred therein.

This move was the result of the questionnaires sent round several colleges. At I.C. only 571 out of about 1600 students completed questionnaires. This made it impossible to break the information down into courses, years, parents' income etc. The following table shows the distribution of those co-operating.

Year	City and Guilds College	R.S.M.	R.C.S.	Total
1st	129	23	103	255
2nd	73	11	68	152
3rd	57	9	66	132
P.G.	1	0	31	32
	<u>260</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>571</u>

The grants were awarded by 85 different bodies, only 6 of these supplied more than 2% each, of the total number of grants awarded. Of these, the Ministry of Education awarded 35%, Middlesex Education committee 8.7%, Surrey 8.0% and L.C.C. 4.6% of the total awarded.

The amounts awarded varied as shown below:

Grant (pounds)	Number of students receiving this amount	Students receiving this amount expressed as % of no. of grants awarded
0-50	55	11.5
50-100	55	11.5
100-150	81	16.9
150-200	102	21.3
200-250	147	30.8
250-300	17	3.5
300-350	15	3.2
350-400	3	0.6
400-450	2	0.4
To be awarded	1	0.2
Don't know	1	
Overseas students	17	
No grant	75	
	<u>571</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Also recently published was the return to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the University Grants Committee. This recorded that financial help of some kind or other was given to 70.4 of the whole-time students in Gt. Britain 1952-3. The highest percentage of those receiving assistance was in Wales (81.1%) and lowest in Scotland (55.7%). At Cambridge, 65.3% of the students received aid, 66.7% at London and 71.5% at Oxford. For the remainder of the English Universities, 78.3% of the students were given grants.

HIDDEN TREASURE

It's funny how things find their way to the oddest of places. In the old lab, the other day, I came across an old wooden case, its top locked with a huge wooden padlock but the hinges gone, so that it opened from the other side instead. Inside was a mass of old papers, some pinned together, others just floating about. They turned out to be the Union Treasurer's records for about 1928-35. Too eager to feel guilty, I began to browse.

"Dear Sir" a letter ran, "We herewith return your cheque for £8, as the account has already been settled by XXX. We hope you find everything to be in order." A very optimistic hope, it turned out.

The very next letter was from the Amateur Fencing Assn., mildly but firmly reproving in tone. The season was well advanced it said, but the I.C. Fencing Club had not yet paid its affiliation fees. Would the Hon. Sec. in question take the necessary steps. I can just see the Hon. Treas. reminding the Hon. Sec., who would then approach the Hon. Treas. officially and request him, as the person in charge of the cash, to forward the necessary fees on his (the Hon. Sec.'s) behalf, necessary adjustments to the Club's account with the Union to be made in due course. This is known as working through the proper channels.

The Morphy Dinner in '29 was held on the 13th March. Its bill came to :- 87 guests 4/- head, £17.8.0; wines and cigars for guests £2.1.1; breakages £1.8.5. Things were cheap in those days. 11 cars were "completely reathered" for only £1.2.0. But then there was a bill from an Eton inn, charging the boat club 14/- a head for bed and breakfast. This was in '29. Must have been a terrific place.

The letter that really appealed to me, though, was an humble request addressed to the Hon. Treas. Could she, the ICWA Treasurer timidly asked, "please have the money allotted by the Union to ICWA for Session 1928-29, the amount being £5?" I hope she got it.

Magnus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the inclusion in your last issue of a report on the Choir Concert. Since Felix was, in fact, printed before the Concert took place, it is difficult to see how the review could have been an honest account of the proceedings, unless Felix has invested in a crystal ball in order to make such forecasts.

I feel that this type of anticipation is nauseating in the extreme, and I am sorry that Felix should have descended to such a practice. Please restrict the use of the past tense to events which have, in fact, occurred.

Yours sincerely,
E. J. Guthrie.

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of FELIX appeared a report of the choir concert. This surprised me since I saw FELIX being brought into Guilds before the choir concert began. I was even more amazed to see that the FELIX account was so true a report of the proceedings. It was the first time that I have read a review of a choir concert with any interest and further examples of this progressive journalism would be appreciated, especially if dealing with horse racing, the stock exchange etc.

A. K. WOOLLASTON - GUILDS.

Dear Sir,

In the last edition of Felix we were surprised to read that "The Art Club hopes to have some excursions into three dimensions, though lack of talent in scripture is at the moment a serious stumbling block."

As Secretary of the I.C.C.U I am very pleased to be able to offer the services of many of our members who would be willing to coach members of the Art Club in scripture, free of charge. Should any artist desire to hear lectures on scripture he is cordially invited to attend our Bible Studies held in Room 101 Chem. Tech. on Thursdays during the lunch hour.

No doubt members of the Christian Union previously unaware of the great value of scripture in 3 dimensional art will have been busy at this latter occupation during the vacation.

Yours sincerely,
John Bromley.
(Sec. ICCU)

Dear Sir,

I would like to ask when an official announcement is to be made about the forthcoming alterations to the Union premises. These building activities will probably affect more under-graduates than the larger scale alterations to be made to the College blocks.

Surely a corner of the pall of secrecy can be lifted to throw some light on this matter by a few words from the powers that be.

Already too much important news finds its way around the College by rumour; so that if we are going to lose the roof of the Gym this term, let us at least know when.

Yours faithfully,
J.S. Sealey.

EDITOR'S NOTE: FELIX has been endeavouring to publish news about the reconstruction for a very long time. As far back as February we announced that "A description of the new buildings will appear in FELIX in the very near future" but publication was delayed because the licence for the work had not then been granted.

At present tenders are being invited for the work but the architects plans, in the possession of the administration department, are thought to be too misleading for FELIX to use. The Clerk to the Governors is now trying to arrange for a diagram of the layout of the new building for inclusion in the next FELIX. Meanwhile, a summary of the news now circulating around the union, is given elsewhere in this issue.

Dear Sir,

I was interested to notice in the top right-hand corner of the Sports Page of the last issue of "Felix" a representation of that worthy feline imbibing from a pot and carrying a placard reading "Bar Race". I, and, I am sure, many others, would be interested to know what, exactly, this event is.

Yours sincerely,
Ad Inebriato.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Bar Race is the last event in the I.C. Cross-Country season. It commences at the radiator by the Club notice-board, and runs across the Entrance-Hall and into the Bar. A pint of bitter, already set up, is then consumed at optimum rate, and the journey back to the bar is repeated.

Billy Graham

"I have never seen so many students so quiet" commented a member of I.C. teaching staff, after the Billy Graham Albert Hall meeting on March 20th. It was the first time in the history of the Hall that it had been hired by Imperial College societies (I.C.C.U. and I.C.S.C.M.), and the 2500 students who attended were a reassuring spectacle to those who organized the meeting.

After a few wisecracks, Billy began with a survey of the spiritual history of America - its godly beginning, gradual apostasy, and subsequent moral decline. He then described the recent return to religion on the part of both intellectuals and common people, and stated that it was beginning to influence profoundly every area of national life.

The trouble with the world, said Billy was that it was full of human beings. He believed that the only power which could remake human nature was the redeeming power of Christ. This he illustrated from his own experience, mentioning in particular the problem of race relations. In closing he outlined the steps by which this redemptive change came about - first, the admission of failure and sinfulness, and second, an active faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord.

General reaction to the meeting has been very favourable. It cleared away considerable prejudice against Graham, and excited much discussion of his message. As one student commented - "The whole College is talking religion!"

After Dr. Graham's address Felix interviewed a selection of I.C. students who were at the Albert Hall. Their opinions are included below.

One student said this:-

I fully agreed with Billy Graham. There will always be trouble and misery in the world until man realizes it is not economic or political change which is the solution but a change from within, and that can only be brought about by Jesus Christ.

Another student expressed his disappointment as follows:-

In spite of his excellent presentation, Billy Graham's address in the Albert Hall was extremely disappointing.

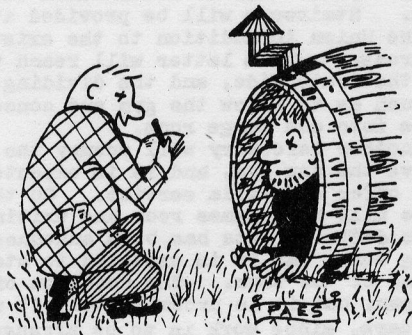
It was not at all inspiring, the speaker at the Mission last year being far more convincing, and he seemed to be preaching Morality, far more than live Christianity, making no direct appeal to his audience other than thoughtful consideration of his remarks. Those of us who have been already stirred to consider Christianity by the work of I.C.C.U. came away with a sense of disappointment.

The above statement is in marked contrast to the following impression:-

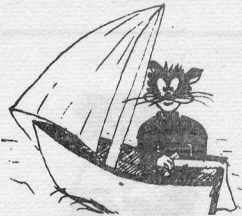
Dr. Graham placed his emphasis on personal spiritual communion with Christ rather than on the moral virtues of Christianity. While the purifying value, individually, of such spiritual experience, or its power, collectively, cannot be denied, its relation to a real Deity, as conceived of by Christians, is open to some question in view of the fact that similar experience is claimed by devotees of other religions.

A more materialistic view was expressed as follows:-

All those present at the Albert Hall, regardless of their religious beliefs, admit that Dr. Billy Graham is an impressive and almost overwhelming speaker. Although he may not have converted everybody there to practising Christianity, he achieved great success in that he caused the students to think seriously and maturely about the present state of world affairs, and the possible cures. And by doing this, I think he helped the cause of Peace.



"AND DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GRANT TO BE ENOUGH FOR A FAIR STANDARD OF LIVING?"



MORE
SPORT



LAWN TENNIS

The constituent colleges have had a highly successful winter season. Guilds are the favourites for the Brown Cup and should win it for the fifth year in succession.

T.C. trials have been completed and results so far are very promising, particularly the 2-0 victory in the first round of the U.L. Cup.

Summer Term Match Results

I.C. 1st. VI v Royal Dental & Charing X Hospital Won 9-0
I.C. 2nd. VI v Reading Won 5-4
I.C. 2nd. VI v Q.M.C. 1st. Lost 9-0
I.C. 3rd. VI v L.S.E. 2nd. Won 8-1

SAILING

Following up their success last term of winning the University of London Championship for the fourth year in succession (as obliquely reported in the last issue of Felix) the sailing club went to Eire for their Easter Tour.

The transporting of the boats was a major problem which was only solved at the last minute when three club members bought a lorry between them. After conversion this performed remarkably and arrived in Liverpool in fine style.

The boat crossing was not as rough as had been feared, but there was a shortage of berths, and only half a night's sleep was obtained. Luckily there was no racing on the first day, so the boats were quietly rigged in Dun Laoghaire Harbour for the Easter weekend racing.

Altogether ten races were sailed, the first four being for the An Tostal Shield which was awarded to the boat scoring the most points. The opposition was pretty stiff, including the Irish Olympic helmsman at Helsinki, and the wind was light and variable on both days. This made conditions rather difficult for the I.C. boats and they did well to place 4th, 5th, and 7th in a fleet of nearly twenty.

The remainder of the races were matches against Trinity College, Dublin, the National University of Ireland and the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. The wind had increased in strength, making local knowledge less important and each match was won convincingly. On the strength of this, the team was presented with a half-pint pot each and proceeded to christen same at a party given by the Trinity boys in whose rooms the team were staying. With Guinness at 1/6d a pint a good time was had by all, and the party only came to an end when the Commodore was tugged down in a sail in the later hours of the morning.

ATHLETICS

In a match at Harlington on Saturday, May the first, Birmingham University beat Imperial College by 84½ points to 54½. A fairly strong wind helped the hurdles and 100 yards, but impeded the other races. The I.C. team was, unfortunately, depleted, as a result of the London University v. Paris University, in which most of our best men took part.

GOLFING NEWS

The Spring Meeting of the Golfing Association was held at Ashridge Golf Club on Monday April 26th when 12 members competed for the numerous prizes. Although nearly 6500 yards long the Course was playing short and the greens were very firm and fast, which made putting somewhat difficult.

The President's Prize for the best gross score was won by K. W. Glover with an 85, D. J. Waddington being runner-up with 91. A new trophy presented by K. W. Glover was won by D. F. Butters. This was awarded to the player returning the best net score and was won with 95 - 18 = 77.

After lunch the "Tigers" and "Rabbits" were paired off for a Foursomes Stableford Competition, the winners being H.N.A. Ashforth and N. Trotman, who obtained 30 points. The runners-up were T. Walton and R.A. Nottle with 26 points.

The Captain and Vice-Captain then picked sides and each man was armed with one club. Five holes were played, each club being used in rotation irrespective of the lie of the ball. The result was a tie, each side taking 36 strokes.

The Summer Meeting is to be held at Worplesdon on Friday 25th June, and any member of I.C. who plays golf, i.e. is capable of getting round a golf course, is invited to play.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 7th.

I.C. Catholic Society First Friday Mass, 6 p.m. at St. Etheldreda's, Fly Place, E. C. 1.

SATURDAY MAY 8th.

U.L. Athletic Finals at Mootspur Park. Start 2.45 p.m. District Line to Wimbledon, Southern Region to Mootspur Park.

U.L. Catholic Society High Mass 11-30a.m. at St. Etheldreda's.

Q.M.C. Motor Club Rally. Map: O.S. sheet 171, London S.E. Start at Q.M.C., Mile End Rd., 3.00 p.m. Details on Guilds M.C. board. Guilds and I.C. entries limited to 20.

MONDAY MAY 10th.

I.C.C.U. open meeting, Botany Lecture Theatre, 1.15 p.m. Dr. Paul Rees, member of the Billy Graham Greater London Crusade team, on "Christianity - Real? Relevant?" Sandwiches on sale. All are very welcome at these open meetings.

I.C. Rugby Club A.G.M., 1.15 p.m. in Committee Room 'B'.

I.C. Photo. Soc. May 10-14th, Exhibition of Prints and Slides in the Gym.

I.C.S.C.M. open meeting in Committee Room 'A' at 5.15 p.m. The Rev. Wilfred Salmon (Whitfield's Memorial Church), will speak on "Free Church Tradition in England".

TUESDAY MAY 11th.

I.C. Hockey Club, A.G.M. 1 p.m. in Committee Room 'A'.

THURSDAY MAY 13th.

I.C.C.U. Bible Study. 1.10 p.m. in Chem. Tech., Room 107. First of a series of studies on I. John.

I.C. Musical Society Flute and piano recital, 1.15 p.m. in C. and G. Council Room. Gareth Morris and accompanist.

FRIDAY MAY 14th.

U.L. Swimming and Diving Championships, Marshall Street Baths, W.1. Swimming heats; diving finals. 7.30 p.m.

U.L. Catholic Society. Dance at 'The Hrt'. Tickets 3/- each. Start at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 15th.

U.L. Swimming Championships. Swimming finals. 7.0 p.m. Tickets 1/6 for each evening.

SUNDAY MAY 16th.

U.L. Catholic Society High Mass, 11.30 a.m. at St. Etheldreda's.

MONDAY MAY 17th.

I.C.C.U. Open meeting, 1.10 p.m. Four members of the Staff will answer students' questions on the Christian Faith. Chairman Dr. D. Spanner.

I.C. Catholic Society Rosary, 1.40 p.m. in Committee Room 'B'.

WEDNESDAY MAY 19th.

Sports Day at Mootspur Park. First event starts at 2.30 p.m. Followed by a Sports Day Hop starting at 8.00 p.m., price 1/-. In the Gym. Five buses will leave the Union from 1.30 p.m. onwards.

THURSDAY MAY 20th.

I.C. Musical Society. Piano recital by John Hunt. 1.15 p.m. in C. and G. Council Room.

I.C. Railway Society A.G.M. 1.15 p.m. in Committee Room 'A'.

SATURDAY MAY 22nd.

3 p.m. White City Stadium. Final meeting of the Billy Graham campaign. See advert. elsewhere in this issue.

PRELIMINARY NOTICES:

SUNDAY JULY 25th.

U.H. & U.L. Motor Clubs Driving Tests.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th.

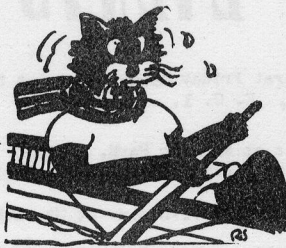
U.H. & U.L. Motor Clubs Speed Trials.

OBITUARY

Angus Neil MacKenzie, died 3rd April, 1954 in a motor cycle collision whilst returning from a field excursion.

All in the College who knew Angus Neil MacKenzie - and there are many - will remember him as a happy, optimistic companion, possessing an adventurous spirit. To him were endowed those qualities most necessary in a mining engineer. Given a gift for sharing his happy disposition with all he met, he was always the life and soul of any party he joined. He played rugby for I.C. and the R.S.M., and partook in many activities of lighter vein.

Most generous in every way and a very loyal friend, he will be greatly missed by the rest of his year in the Royal School of Mines.



Sport



ROWING

The Tideway Head-of-the-River Race, which was rowed on the last Saturday of term in smooth conditions with a light following wind, was won by an R.A.F. crew. The first eight did not have a satisfactorily good row mainly due to the bad starting procedure on the part of the officials of the Race. However, they still came eighth, beating for the second year running the University of London crew - no mean feat this!

The second eight with a very creditable row, were ably steered to maintain their position at the top of the second division. Mention must be made here of the I.C. fifth eight, consisting entirely of novices who went up fourteen places to finish 119th. Most of the crew are staying together, and will represent the college during the summer regattas.

Head results

I.C.I - 8, I.C.II - 28, I.C.III - 79, I.C.IV - 158
I.C.V - 119, I.C.VI - 195, I.C.VII - 212, I.C.VIII - 221

The second eight have since competed in the Junior event of Putney regatta, and were beaten in the first heat by a very good Lensbury crew who went on to win the final. The crew rowed very well although they were a little bothered by some rough water after the first minute. The club was also represented in the Junior Sculls event.

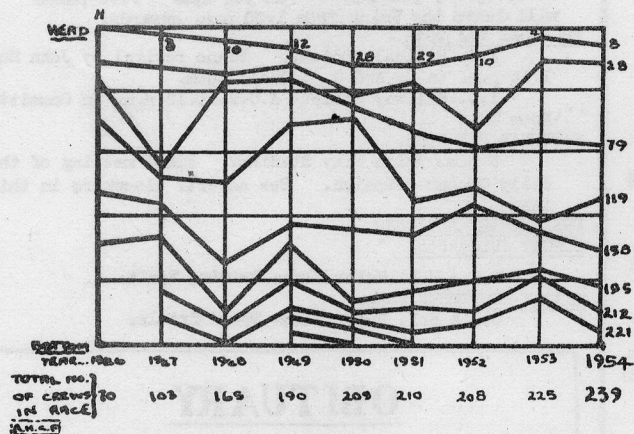
Junior Eight:

M.B. Clark (bow); R.H. Kingdon, A.S. Macfarlane, R. Turner, K.W.H. Johnson, P.D. Wilcock, J. Martin C. Bentley (stroke); M. Ward (cox).

Junior Sculls D.P. Kelly

PUTNEY "Head-of-the-River"

IC positions relative to number of finishing eights.



HOCKEY

The hockey season ended on a note of success when the festival XI playing at Teddington over Easter won all its matches

Results

Easter Friday v Bank of England Won 3-2
" Saturday v Kingston G.S Won 1-0
" Monday v West Essex Won 4-1

The highlight of the weekend was the discovery of a new centre-forward who scored six out of the eight goals, the other two being claimed by the captain.

The only regrets are those of the captain who rashly promised to buy a round of beer if the side won all its games, and despite his efforts this was achieved.



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INTERNATIONAL RUGGER

RUGGER CLUB VISIT TO PARIS

As a fitting conclusion to one of their best-ever seasons, the Rugger Club were honoured by an invitation from the Union Sportive de Villejuif, near Paris, to take part in their annual Easter sporting festival. The outward journey was made in high spirits and the crossing favoured by a calm sea and bright sunshine.

Two matches were played against Villejuif, and both were won, 19-6 and 18-3. The first match was played before a crowd of about three thousand on the principal afternoon of the festival. The ground was bone hard, and with a light ball the game was fast and open. I.C. produced their very best form and opened up a series of brilliant passing movements in which both backs and forwards combined with equal skill and zest. Particularly thrustful were Lewis, Hykin, and guest player Stan Coppelman, a sterling servant of the Club in previous years, who inspired delighted shouts of "Le petit!" from the crowd. Armstrong, Corbett and Hywell Jones were always up with the play and were all rewarded by fine tries. The French team were good individually but lacked effective combination. However, they played the game in an excellent spirit.

In the second game, I.C. again played very well after the early shock of being three points down. Before the match, the captain, D. Hykin, was presented with a large bouquet by the local Mayoress, and rose nobly to the occasion with the traditional continental embrace. All the I.C. party played in one game and ten of them played in both.

Attempts to hold conversations in French varied astonishingly with different members of the party. Dan Fowler indulged in some splendid French, tinged unashamedly with his inimitable accent. Coppelman expected Frenchmen to understand English, provided he put emphasis on different syllables and was righteously indignant when they did not. Elliott was just hopeless, and never got what he wanted.

This looked like being an absurdly sober tour, apart from a short contest between McCann and Armstrong on the one hand, and 'Vin blanc' on the other. The latter won by administering a knock-out to both challengers. However, the lost time was made good by some members of the party by the simple expedient of not going to bed at all on the last night, spending it instead in the company of one 'Charlie' in his Bar in Montparnasse, and in the night-club next door. We escaped from this without loss of life and were able to countenance the invigorating return crossing confident that we could relapse into unconsciousness at a moment's notice.

I.C.W.S.C.

With their usual good nature, a number of our members have allowed themselves to be 'persuaded' into doing Athletics this week. We are defending our two cups against unknown opposition but we are hoping for the best. Supporters for Saturday, May 8th, 2.30 p.m. at Motspur Park, would be very welcome.

Saturday, May 1st, was a great day for another section, the much discussed Rowing Club. On that day, the girls had their first practice at the U.L. Boathouse. Their coach for the moment is Miss E. Blydenstein, who has had much experience at Amsterdam University.

Two members, one in cricket and one in tennis, are attending U.L. trials. The tennis VI are strong this year, and have more than the usual number of players from which to select.

Weather permitting, we look forward to a very successful and varied Summer term.