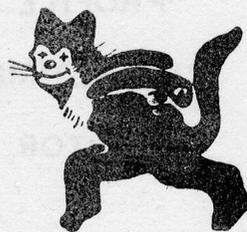


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## FELIX

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## FIELD CUP

## WASHOUT

Although the weather, Scotland Yard, and even the Home Secretary did their level best to prevent this annual battle, Guilds were not suppressed completely, and the event, though lacking in the hilarity of previous years, upheld the traditions of the Field Cup Race.

The original plan was an ambitious one involving the construction of 'Kon-Tiki' rafts from planks and oil drums and their propulsion across the hazardous reaches of Exhibition Road and on to the Serpentine. However, the Police and the Dean decided that with November 5th and the Spanner episodes I.C. has had its ration of destructive and obstructive rags for this year. Tony Gill was warned that all the Regulations concerning behaviour in Hyde Park would be rigidly enforced on Friday afternoon. The mood of the Union General Meeting was to dispense with the advice of the Authorities, and dark questions were asked:-

"What is the centre of buoyancy of a Policeman?"

However, discretion triumphed, and the second half of the Annual General Meeting was held peaceably under the Chestnut trees in Hyde Park.

'Bo' was the focal point of the meeting, being present in the capacity of "a platform on wheels" (no cars allowed on the grass, PLEASE). Doubts had been expressed about the general public voting in the Guilds elections, but the few enquirers showed no further interest when they were told it was not a strike.

A solitary mounted policeman showed some interest in the meeting, but his horse indicated disapproval by presenting his back continually.

The Race itself took its original form of boat race for coxed pairs up the Serpentine to the Bridge, between the various departments of Guilds.

A rule of the Race was that none of the Crews should be members of the Boat Club, but unfortunately one of the Departments neglected this (they shall be nameless), but at least they didn't win.

The electricals went into the lead from the start but due to the enthusiasm of 2 non-competitors, were rained. From this point, the aeros. were in front until they were intercepted by several swimmers from the lido side of the Serpentine. The civils then forged ahead and were the first to reach the Bridge. By this time the rain was lashing across the water and it was rather difficult to see who came second, but it is believed the mechanicals filled this place. The electricals were third.

Another non-competing boat intercepted the chemical and in the ensuing fight, the chemicals went under. The spectators had become soaked by the deluge and some, realising that the Serpentine was not much wetter, dived in to help or hinder the chemical's refloat their boat whilst this was going on, the aeros. crept up into 4th place.

All the boats were returned so that no boats, crews, spectators or deposits were lost. When Tony Gill had presented the cup and some ale to the winners, dampened spirits were revived with a Boomalaka.

Those participating in the latter part of the proceedings were well drenched by the down-pour and the final race for the dry haven of Guilds was almost as exciting as the Field Cup Race itself. Thence a bedraggled procession of Guildsmen dripped its way to S. Kensington after an afternoon of comparative inactivity for most.



The President of Guilds discussing the situation with the only one of the gentlemen in blue who attended the Guilds Union Meeting.

## NORTHERN RUBBER CO. INTERVIEWS

"Dr. Power, our Medical Consultant will now examine you, and the ultimate decision as to your fitness will rest with him." Such were the instructions given to a highly apprehensive graduate who was being interviewed by two very able representatives of the NORTHERN RUBBER Co. Ltd.

A few members of the Battersea Polytechnic perpetrated a huge hoax on one of their colleagues. The Battersea people asked for the co-operation of a Medical student from the Westminster Hospital and two rather suave personalities from I.C.

"Dr." Power, our own Chairman of A.C.C., and Brian Smith, "the compleat Technical Adviser" along with David P, a medical student were the main actors in this somewhat amusing incident.

A document, purporting to come from the Scientific Technical Register, was received by the interviewee, a graduate from Battersea, inviting him to attend for an interview at Imperial College at 10-30 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd June. The Northern Rubber Co. Ltd., he was given to understand often employed graduates who wanted deferred employment.

The seasoned interviewing board, chaired by David, with Brian, (a Chemical Engineer) as Technical Adviser, asked the graduate some rather personal, if not embarrassing questions. Having reduced the intending employee to the state of a limp rag, he was thrown to the medical consultant.

He was received with astute but professional decorum by "Dr." Power. Having checked the state of his teeth, ears, nose, and his phenological bumps, "Dr." Power set about proving to the, by now harassed graduate, that he was not breathing. His left lung had collapsed, and he, the doctor, wasn't sure whether there was a right lung! It was noted that the stethoscope round the doctor's neck wasn't fitted in his ear, giving rise to the statement that heartbeats cannot be heard unless the stethoscope is plugged in.

PROFILE

THE RETIRING EDITOR



There will be a new Editor in the chair next October, and he will have the task of gathering up the scattered talents of the FELIX Board, and filling in the gaps. At the moment it looks as though he will find things easier than any editor before him; and much of the credit for this must be given to G.H. Starmer.

Geoff Starmer was born in 1929, and went to school in Northampton where he developed a strong aversion towards compulsory sport. This grew into a mania which reached its climax one day at Harlington, when he wielded a starting gun with such effect that seven runners had to retire with shot off toes. (This technique has since been used with great success by E. Waugh). As he lodged far from college Geoff also joined the Cross Country Club, in order to improve the efficiency of his early bus catching.

Geoff first became known to the FELIX public by a number of elaborate drawings in which men and machines were inextricably mixed in indescribably ingenuous attitudes. Extremely proletarian in nature, this unusual art form probably springs from Geoff's four and a half years at Armstrong Whitworth's, when he rose at 5.30 each morning to catch a train to Coventry. His close contact with work and industry has had an effect on his style of writing which is workmanlike and devoid of ornament, on his organisation of FELIX which is workmanlike and to the point, and on his taste in drink which is workmanlike.

His later work in the Efficiency Department of TIMKENS resulted in his giving a paper to the C & G Eng. Soc., on "Motion and Time Study," a subject which he has not applied with conspicuous success to his peregrinations round Hyde Park. (Incidentally, he is 309th best runner in England; or so the 1953 National C.C., Championships would have us believe).

All biographers find skeletons in the cupboard, and our's is too well known to be concealed. Geoff Starmer is an enthusiastic supporter of the I.C., Railway Soc., and is even helping in research for a book on the ironstone railway of the Midlands. Enough of this painful subject. In vindication of his character it should be recorded that he has been active in many other clubs; including Sailing ("too inactive"), Rovers ("too draughty"), and Photography ("of railway engines, of course"). In his first year he had outside interests. (When she left he went carefully for a while, but is now well known for his many outside interests).

As a force on the FELIX Board he has been very successful. Founded on a system of regular and punctual Board meetings; his organisation has become so democratic that even this Profile was approved by a majority vote after the Editor had refused permission for it. His well disciplined meetings with red herrings ruthlessly suppressed, have resulted in record crowds at Sunday make-up meetings.

Geoff has been imaginative and resourceful, as witnessed by the Rag Supplement produced in February at two days notice; a fine comprehensive piece of reporting turned out in the face of many production and editorial difficulties. Above all his other qualities, he has been enthusiastic (even to the extent of indiscreet applause at rather wild student activities); an enthusiastic undergraduate with a zest for social matters; an enthusiastic Editor, ready to grumble or praise with great spirit, never with lack of interest; and his cheerful face, peering behind his enormous spectacles, will be greatly missed when we meet again next term.

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Room for three or four passengers and luggage in a car going to Penzance at the end of term. Contact Sevier, R.S.M. rack.

WANTED A bicycle in October. Preferably non-sports and not too decrepit. Price to include delivery at Union. Contact D. J. Kale, through Union Rack.

For sale; that minx "Jenny": 1933, good engine, noisy gears, broken windows, good tyres, small mileage, absolutely reliable. LG 663 usually outside Mines. £90.

Wanford --- Mines rack.

NELSON'S COLUMN

The administration department is moving to luxurious apartments at 179 Queen's Gate. It is probable that the premises in the Belt building, vacated by this move, will be available for Union use during the reconstruction.

Mr. B. J. Prignore was presented, on behalf of the hostel residents, with a bottle of wine (gums) on the occasion of the announcement of his engagement.

The scaffolding around Albert Memorial is being put for converting it into a space-airp. Albert will then be the first man on the moon.

The Union will at last be rid of the presence of Stephen H. Wearne who is going to Venezuela for ten months on some scheme, believed to be hydro-electric. Mr. D. K. Nicolas will still be knocking around.

I.C. UNION A.G.M.

This Annual General Meeting followed the usual pattern for such events.

The items of most interest for those of us returning next year were, of course, the elections. There was even more of

These were even more of a formality than in previous years, there being no voting necessary for I.C. Council, and only six candidates for the Entertainments Committee of five.

Results for I.C. Council (uncontested):

- R.S.M. : W.S. Robinson, H. Huckin.
- R.C.S. : A.V.S. deReuck, J. Anderson.
- C. & G.: B. Spooner, K.J. Miller.

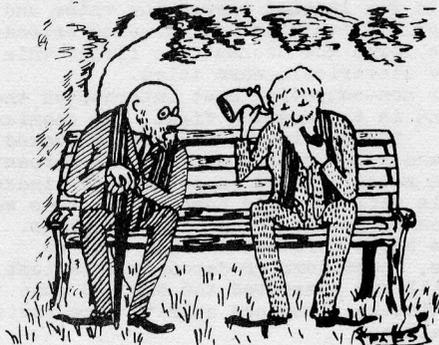
Results for Entertainments Committee:

- Miss Paddy Clarke
- I.M. Abbott
- R. Appleby
- D.R. Hatterley
- D.P. Robinson.

The President dealt concisely with the year's doings and made a very important point in closing his Report; that next year, with reconstruction in progress, would be a very important and critical one, but he felt that the Union was in very good spirit and things would work out smoothly.

The Chairman of the A.C.C., in collaboration with the Chairman of the S.C.C., emphasised his drive for brighter academic dress (expounded by him in last issue of FELIX) by ceremoniously donning a crimson silk dressing-gown; Mark Abbott donned a blue one, not, as he said, as a necessary indication of his and 'dij' Power's political persuasions. Their respective reports were excellent, Dij's being hilarious, Mark's laced with more intellectual witticisms.

An important point made in matters arising from the previous meeting was that Council is making an exhaustive enquiry into voting procedure, and would make recommendations to the Union next Session.



"... I SAID, 'ARE YOU REPEATING AGAIN NEXT YEAR?'"

# Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Editor : G.H. Starnes.

Circulation : 1150

The academic year is fast drawing to a close; exams take first place in our mind and there is little time for other activities. FELIX appreciates this state of affairs and, so that our readers are not detracted from their studies, this will be the last issue of the present session. We wish all of our readers success in their coming encounters with the examiners and hope that they will be here again to support FELIX next year.

FELIX needs your support. It is independent of the Union's finance, being about the only thing in I.C. that is not a drag on the union funds! The fact that it has to pay its way is a spur to the efforts of the board to make it as interesting to its readers as possible - if we don't always succeed it is not for want of the attempt. If there was any thought of a subsidy these efforts would be lessened and that is why FELIX wishes to be independent.

Why all this talk of finance and independence? This term has seen the introduction of SENNET - the university newspaper. Its standard of production is far superior to that of FELIX and since SENNET is also sold for 5d, we agree that it gives you better value for your money. This is partly due to a subsidy, which is necessary if it is to be a good representative of I.U., and also because of a much bigger circulation. But because of this bigger circulation it cannot report activities at I.C. so well as a college newspaper. In its last issue it stated that Mr. D. Kale, its next editor, was at Guilds, but FELIX is able to report, more accurately, that Dinesh is a member of the Royal School of Mines - and proud of it!

Since FELIX is a college paper it should serve I.C. well but, for the same reason, it can never give satisfactory coverage to University news which is the purpose of SENNET. Thus we feel that FELIX and SENNET are complementary, and that there is no need for competition between us. Unlike the newspapers of other London colleges, FELIX made no disguised attacks on the university paper, but even co-operated in using its own sales organisation to sell SENNET. And next term, a member of the FELIX board will be editor of SENNET.

But it is no use FELIX regarding SENNET as complementary, if members of this college buy SENNET in preference to FELIX. We have already said that we consider Sennet as far as the amount of reading in it, is a better threepennyworth. Nevertheless, for members of I.C., news of activities in the college are of more immediate interest and it would be a pity if FELIX had to apply for financial assistance from the Union because of a reduced circulation.

During the time that SENNET has been on sale, the sales of FELIX have been about one hundred above those for the equivalent issues of last year. This may seem to indicate that there is no fear of FELIX's circulation declining but it must be remembered that our readers have the FELIX-buying habit which they have acquired during the two terms previous to the appearance of SENNET. Next year's freshers will not have this habit but will be faced by two publications. We ask our present readers to educate the freshers regarding SENNET as the complement of FELIX so that I.C. will continue to have a lively journal for the dissemination of news of particular interest to itself.

That FELIX is a college newspaper is emphasized by the number of people who help it in some way or other. Our thanks go to the President and Sec. of I.C. Union, who have nearly always been willing to supply us with news and at the same time respect our independence - even if it does mean that the facts are not always represented to their liking! We would also thank those secretaries of clubs and societies who have continuously fed us with news of their activities and especially for the facilities to FELIX reporters given by the Social Clubs Committee, Dramatic Socy., Cross Country Club, Eng. Soc., Radio Soc. and Motor Club. We hope that all of these have been duly rewarded through the reports in FELIX and if some clubs etc. feel that FELIX neglects them, we would like to say that if we are informed of their activities, it is almost certain that one of our staff will be along.

Mention should be made of the debt we owe to the Guilds registry who were a great help in co-operating in the production of the rag supplement in the Spring Term. Also helping in the production of FELIX are the young ladies from the London College of Secretaries who do some of our typing (the part without the mistakes) in each make-up Sunday. Then there are the salesmen without whom the circulation of FELIX would be nowhere. There are too many of them to mention by name but their work is very much appreciated by FELIX - if not by the Guildsmen who can't get by the gang of aggressive vendors mustered by John Hanson, without buying a copy. We are very grateful to John Daviss who has contributed to the production of FELIX by lending us his type-writer each make-up Sunday, sometimes at great inconvenience to himself.

Lastly, as editor, I would like to thank those members of the board who, though getting no benefits such as subsidised travel etc. as with I.C. Clubs etc., give up much of their time to FELIX. They receive little of the limelight and so some space can be devoted to their activities: Elizabeth Hamilton, the secretary, who keeps our records straight and attends to the complimentary copies - 18 are sent out to various London colleges alone; John Pownall, treasurer, who vainly tries to relate the money taken each week with the number of copies printed; A.B. Blake, advertising manager, who acts as an intermediary between our treasurer, after the money and the advertisers who don't want to part with it; Bill Hudson, circulation manager, often to be seen late on Thursday evening trying to keep FELIX, and his beard, out of the wheels of his bicycle; Don Grasham, publicity manager, who is responsible for the wonderful posters seen around the college; John Sealey, the production manager, who has been the stalwart in the negotiations with the printer in trying to improve the appearance of FELIX; Mary McKenzie assistant to the productions manager.

Besides these there is the editorial staff - Mac Fraser, News editor, who seems to think that most of the things happening at I.C. go on in the bar; Buster Deacon, Features editor, who gives a true journalistic flavour to the board by never giving any indication of his comings or goings; Paul Harding, Sports Editor, who is renowned for never having attended a single board meeting but no one can deny the success of the sports page; Geoff Grimshaw, coming events editor, the instigator of the improved layout of the Coming Events column; Roger Sykes, Art Editor, who with Peter Southgate (PARS) produces the amusing drawings which enliven our pages; Julius Kosky, Photographs Editor.

My thanks also go to our contributors - Ray Bonet our critic at Dramsoc productions; Ian Kerr, our critic, but not forecaster, of the Choir concerts; Trevor Nathan who has been of great help in trying to improve the photographs in FELIX, even though the printer has usually managed to foil his attempts; together with Bob Fillmore M.Perris and Paul Young.

Lastly, but by no means least, I am very grateful to Robin Bray, who has prevented me from making too many mistakes, and Dinesh Kale, Editor Emeritus, who has always been willing to do whatever was needed.

## NEWS FROM THE REFECTORY COMMITTEE

### REFECTORY PROGRESSES.

The Refectory is at last showing signs of recovery. Losses in the past two terms have slowly diminished, and there is reason to hope that they will eventually vanish completely. The only meal which consistently runs at a loss is breakfast, and it seems inevitable that it will continue to do so until more custom is found.

The progress is due mainly to the efforts of the new manager Mr Mooney, in close co-operation with the Catering sub-committee. Readers must have noticed that quite apart from food, small things like more lights, more water jugs, racks for trays on the sides of the tables and so on have made the Refectory a far better place than of old. It is to be hoped that the improvement continues.

### Wine - list.

The Wine Committee had been set up by the Refectory Committee to investigate and make recommendations on the wine situation in the college. It has produced a most stimulating report.

It recommends, among other things, that a wine-list be printed and given suitable circulation. It also recommends the purchase of a small ice-making plant or refrigerator, to be selected with a view to its later re-installation in the new bar (which will replace Committee Rooms A & B). The committee are of the opinion that the "cultivation of an educated taste in wines should be encouraged by pricing wine as cheaply as possible." The report also contains recommendations regarding wines and spirits to be laid down for future consumption and concession rates for functions.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In our last issue, we published a letter from Mr. J.M. Hathaway, in which he criticised our report of the visit of six members of I.C. Union to Western Germany. The report was certainly not inaccurate, but we accept that it was biased. Limitations of space in FELIX prevented us from printing the whole of their activities, and it was felt that an account of the more serious aspects of their visit could be given in PHOENIX, and that FELIX should concentrate on the lighter side of the tour. This arrangement is particularly desirable when it is realised that the opinions of conditions and economic recovery in Western Germany are likely to be very controversial and considerable space is necessary to give an understanding of both sides of the question.

The Editor,  
Felix.

Jan Luikenstraat, 10,  
Bindhoven,  
Netherlands.

Dear Sir,

I was in London recently and picked up a copy of FELIX whilst I was in the Union. I regret to say that I was disappointed with it. Below an indistinguishable headline I counted a number of spelling mistakes, many more typing errors and numerous splodges and marks that really shouldn't be there at all. My impression was that the standard of production has declined appreciably from the standards set some years ago. I know only too well the difficulties of producing Felix at all every fortnight but I do think you must insist on a slightly better standard from your assistants. As to the content of the issue (I bought it on the 14th of May - I'm not sure of the date of issue) I will say nothing except to ask if you really think it contained the most important and representative news of the College? Please do not let FELIX become too flippant. Remember its prime function is a newspaper.

Yours sincerely,

Cliff. Hargreaves

Dear Sir,

Have you any hope of a beer, a girl, and night out? Do you hope to pass all your exams., get a good job, high pay, house, family, and car? Have you any hope for the things you really want?

But are these the things we really want? Do we not seek happiness and a worthwhile life; the others are secondary. What then does make such a life? Not money nor pleasures. Psychology has no simple answer and nor has Christianity but it can and does often make great changes in peoples lives and hopes.

In America this summer many Christians will be discussing "The hope of the world" at the great World Council of Churches' Assembly. Early next term many of these men and women will be in England speaking to students up and down the country. KYAW THAN (cho tarn) who will speak at this College on Oct. 12 and 15 worked at Rangoon University and is much concerned with racial and international problems. Max Warren, a lively reasonable man, will also be here and will speak on Oct. 14. These speakers are important men and should be interesting.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Palmer.

President, Student Christian Movement.

## GUILDS UNION MEETING

As usual, Guild's A.G.M. saw room 17 and its approaches well filled with loyal Guildsmen nearly all of whom were only partly dressed (in anticipation of lively activities afterwards)

The President told the meeting of the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Police to Field Cup Race. The following motion was then put :- "That the A.G.M. of Guilds be held in Hyde Park". The more serious element of those present at the meeting foresaw the possibility of the general public voting in the elections and the motion was amended :- "Except for the elections, the A.G.M. of Guilds be held in Hyde Park". The motion was carried. 'Andy' Levine was elected President for next session.

Following the usual speeches (frequently interrupted by remarks - some witty, some just crude) the following were elected :-

Vice-President	'Kim' Ash
Hon. Sec.	Tony Grantham
I.C.Rep.	Ron George

As the speeches progressed the only lady Guildsman became 'lady', then 'Miss Dent' and finally 'Katherine' - what familiarity!

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in Hyde Park with a much depleted gathering. The minutes were read and approved after which Mr. 'Day' proposed that the 'minutes' be afterwards called 'seconds' - He was not 'seconded'.

A new item of revalia for the office of Vice-President was approved - a 'said' brush!

The President is to be congratulated on a fine account of the years happenings.

Dear Sir,

In your last issue you published a letter advocating that academic gowns should be worn at I.C. One of the reasons advanced in favour of this suggestion was that gowns are "the centuries-old trade-mark of scholars and students". Surely this is the very reason why gowns should NOT be worn. What is the use of introducing a false impression of scholarliness amongst those attending a technological cramming shop?

It is widely believed by students that large sums of money are to be spent, and are being spent already, on enlarging the facilities for training so-called "technologists" (witness the activity on the roofs of the R.S.M. and Guilds; and around Chem. Tech; and the new Admin. building in Queens Gate) but how much is to be spent in rectifying the deplorable lack of residential accommodation for students?

We are told that two or three years spent at college gives one a broader view of life. A broader view of lab. reports, and test tubes, and suburban trains perhaps, but there should be more to life than this. It seems to me that the present policy of I.C. is to train suitable youth technically while ignoring the fundamental needs, for mere existence, of a place to eat and sleep; let alone the requirements, for life, of opportunities to exchange views with others.

I believe that there is more to life than squinting down some super-microscope or sitting at the control panel of a high-speed turbine. Moreover, I believe that a lot can be learnt about life by discussion with others. Men who will be of most use to the community tomorrow are those who know how to live, not those who know only how to twiddle the control knob of some machine. It is said of men who go to the University that "it doesn't matter what you read at college, so long as you go to college". What a pity that cannot be said of I.C. Expansion is certainly going ahead on the technical side of the college, but no progress appears to be made towards making I.C. residential.

I am forced to the conclusion that the aim is to turn out automatons for the industrial machine, to produce slaves who will operate the factories and the mines of this country without ever being troublesome about the reason why.

In the circumstances, sir, I submit that gowns would be a mockery here.

Yours sincerely,

J.K. Almond.

## R.C.S. UNION MEETING

At the A.G.M. of the R.C.S. Union held on Friday, May 21st a vote of thanks was passed to the Ministry of Works for the work they had put in hand for the convenience of the students and also for at last piping in a supply of drinking water - at present confined to the Physics dept. A much more serious matter concerning the Ministry of Works was their bill for £61 for repairs after the fracas that occurred on Feb. 16. The R.C.S. Union was due to pay half, but did not intend doing so until an itemised account was presented, which was still awaited nearly a month after requesting it. The meeting signified its approval, but were rather blank on methods of raising the money (other than a series of Dances already planned) but were emphatic that another collection was not the way.

Various reports were then presented. The Hon. Sen. Treasurer was unfortunately not present but a disbelieving audience were assured that the state of the Union's finances was satisfactory; the President's report spoke of a most successful year during which not only had the Rag or the century taken place but the R.C.S. had won the Lowry Cup and also the College Sports and Tug-of-War for the first time for 20 years.

During these reports each member drank the health of the college in beer from the cups that had been won, standing erect to do so.

The results of the Elections were then announced, the successful candidates being:-

President P.A. Lemin Chem. P.4.

Vice-President M. Gadsden Phys.3.

The various year representatives were then named,

there being the usual lack of anyone from the Geology dept., and by "voting for the one we don't want" six members of the Entertainments Committee were elected out of the seven proposed. J. Sherwood was elected the R.C.S. representative to the I.C.U. Council.

The new President then took over his duties, i.e. that of dealing with A.O.B. and after a piece of quick-thinking on the part of the Secretary in replying to a question concerning the percentage of votes cast in the ballot, the President was congratulated on being the first legitimate one the Union had had. (the constitution

demands a thirty-three and a third ballot for a valid election). His reply that "it is a wise man who knows his own father" is worth quoting.

The meeting closed with a serious omission - there was no performance of the College war cry.

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT

The I.C. Choir wound up an excellent year of music-making by presenting a lunch-time Concert in the Gym on Thursday May 27th.

The numbers of both audience, and performers, were increased over previous summers; and if this concert was any indication the state of the Choir is certainly very healthy. This is due in no small measure to the efforts of the Conductor, Dr. E.H. Brown, who, having to follow Dr. Jacques, has not let the standard slip in any way, and has certainly made the Choir a very happy group.

The programme consisted entirely of English music and opened with "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day" by Purcell. This is a well-known work, and a fine curtain-raiser. Dr. Brown's control was firm throughout and the Choir responded well in the brisker passages. The various sections of the Choir were not so happy in their quieter solo passages, and a few fluffed leads were noticeable.

The second item was "This is the Record of John", verses from the first chapter of St. John's Gospel set to music by Orlando Gibbons. The setting is for tenor solo and chorus, and is completely delightful. Both soloist and choir obviously enjoyed themselves to the full, and since the complexities of the work are not great, this performance was the best item on the programme.

The final item was "Serenade to Music" by Vaughan Williams, composed for the Jubilee of Sir Henry Wood. In its original form the work was performed by sixteen of the country's best soloists. On this occasion four soloists and the choir were sufficient. The music is typical Vaughan Williams, peaceful and lyrical, with tender flowing melodies and interlinking harmonies. The Choir did very well in this quieter work, and the soloists, although a trifle unsteady at times, were responsible for the overall effect by their sensitive singing. As is usual with these concerts the soloists were young musicians, aided this time by one home-grown I.C. product, and the freshness of their singing was a real delight.

Finally a tribute must be paid to Christopher Shaw and Elizabeth Parker playing the two pianos. For the music performed, they were the ideal accompaniment, and to them, together with Dr. Brown, must be accorded the thanks of the Choir and the audience.

J.S.S.

## ART EXHIBITION IN 'QUEENIES'

Thirty water-colours by Sir Alfred were exhibited last week in Ayrton Hall. Painted during his world-wide travels, they consisted mainly of panoramic landscapes, and the trees were particularly well-drawn. A Still Life also caught the eye.

## BLUE STOCKINGS

The ragging, riotous, not so timorous student  
Is so busy downing the prudent  
Brown Bagger - ten till five, work no pleasure,  
Browning Bagger -

He's no time  
For a pantomime  
In graphs.  
Just stands gurgling and laughs  
As the poor Brown Bagger  
- Must be in by Tuesday. (What's that? Booze Day?) -  
Has the sweat and grind  
Or does he find  
Those cavorts with retorts the tingling  
Elixir of his morbid living?  
The shambling, rambling, - sometimes gambling -  
Professor of ultra-super-hypothetics  
Loves this fawning, yawning, midnight oiler  
With his chic brown bag of horrid tricks.  
The other Gargantuanly gay  
Trips merrily through the day  
Upon coffee, biscuits, later tea,  
To find himself all at sea  
Course work - horse work  
Let's be in the cart.  
Dear Brown Bagger, the donkey,  
With a many degreed, almost circular  
Carrot as the goad  
Carries his load  
Of pestilential parasites.

G.P.W.

## SOME REFLECTIONS ON AN I.C. HOP

To the casual observer, the average I.C. hop bears a marked resemblance to market day in Bangkok, just after the slave trader has pulled in. A typical evening falls into two phases - the selection of a suitable young lady from the available resources sitting around the gym, and later, the carrying off of one's prize to the dark room.

Should we wish to have a preview of the joys in store, before committing ourselves to the extent of 1/-, this may be had by sitting in the lounge for the first half-hour of the dance. Those experienced gamblers amongst us, who are wise enough to hide behind a hedge on Newmarket Heath soon after dawn for several mornings, before making any rash racing decisions, will realise that this is time well spent. Having transferred ourselves to the gym we are at once confronted by a solid phalanx of gentlemen, at this point in the evening some ten days around the door. A little resolute effort will, however, bring us to the comparative void beyond, where a few couples may be dancing, while the rest of the ladies will be sitting around the walls. These latter do not, as a rule, seem over-impressed with the joy's of life, particularly those connected with I.C. hops, and are possibly reflecting that they were stark raving mad to come in the first place. This may be because nobody has asked them to dance, or the one particular gentleman with whom they wished to dance is otherwise engaged; or perhaps there is not one single gentleman round the door with whom they would have the slightest inclination to dance even if given the chance. (The author realises the unlikelihood of this possibility but mentions it for the sake of completeness.)

An interval comes about 9.30 and it is as well to make this the dead-line for obtaining a partner. We must remember that it is so easy to relinquish one passable young lady, in the hope that something better will turn up. It doesn't - and by the time we have come to this regrettable conclusion, the above young lady is sitting in the corner with somebody we had previously thought our friend, looking as if she had known him a lifetime. Comes the interval and it is generally considered well worth the outlay of six pennyworth of orange juice at this stage, to have someone upon whom to lavish wit and sparkling conversation. Soon, if unattached we will have to choose between a continuation of the hunt amongst those ladies who had to buy their own orange juice, and the bar where we may moralise with others in a similar position, on the barbarity of it all, and our unwillingness to be a party to such things.

Assuming we have been fortunate, however, the next stage is the transfer to the dark room. Having observed to one's partner (this approach is more suited to a newcomer to I.C.), that the gym is far too crowded to dance in properly, or that it is hot, one might suggest nonchalantly that there is plenty of room in the Upper Dining Hall, where the sweet scented air brings a new breath of life to anyone (a ruffled young lady, who may have been unfortunate enough to speak with a French accent, scampering from the above room at this point, can wreck a whole evening's work - adieu paniers, vendanges sont faites!). Now, first impressions of the dark room are against it. Eyes unaccustomed to the dark do not appreciate at once that there is plenty of light coming through the windows from the lamp post outside. Add to this the seeming reluctance of many people to take advantage of the vast tract of dancing space, and there may be some initial doubt in a lady's mind that the dark room is quite nice. Fortunately, it is a simple matter to explain that the dark room is quite respectable, really, which assurance should satisfy any other ideas she might possibly entertain.

## COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, June 12th.

Last Hop of term; novelties in aid of World University Service for Student Relief; tickets as for Entertainment Committee Hops.

SATURDAY June 19th - SUNDAY June 20th.

I.C. Y.H.A Group; Annual Boat Trip on the Thames between Reading and Stratley; meet Caversham Bridge (Reading) at 11.00 a.m. on the Saturday.



# I.C. WINS U.L. ROWING CUP

## ALLOM CUP REGATTA.

As stated in the Sennett, I.C. 1st VIII won the University of London Rowing Championships at Chiswick on Saturday 22nd of May, thus bearing out the results of the Head of the River, and avenging their "Chiswick Defeat" by Univ. Coll. and Hosp. B.C.

In the Clinker Division, the I.C. "flying fifth" VIII, consisting entirely of novice oarsmen won their first heat against Chelsea Poly., and Northampton Engineering College by being the crew to catch the least "crabs" and "winning" each clash that occurred. However in the Final they met the U.C.&H. 2nd VIII, who beat them off the start, and although the I.C. crew hung on they could make no impression, in spite of being cleverly steered round the last bend.

However, the mere fact that they were only 2 lengths behind U.C.&H. 2nd VIII gives an indication of the corresponding standard of I.C. compared with the other London Colleges.

Meanwhile the I.C. 2nd VIII were rowing in the Thames Ditton Regatta. After rowing extremely well in their first two heats to beat Chiswick G.S. and Berway, they were very unlucky in the Final to lose a dead-heat by 2 feet against the home crew.

A Maiden four rowing at Thames Ditton met an R.A.F. crew in their first heat and gave them the fastest race of the day.

The following Saturday, the first IV (coxswainless) went for the Wyfold Cup at Richmond Regatta, but unfortunately they were intercepted by an island, and lost much valuable time in freeing themselves from birds' nests and other scenery.

## WALTON REGATTA.

On Saturday, 5th June, I.C. were represented in the Walton Regatta by the first VII in the Thames Cup, and the first IV in the Walton (Wyfold) fours. In their heat on the previous Friday evening the four beat Twickenham R.C. easily.

Racing Reading University in the first heat, the VII had rather a hurried start and halfway were only about  $\frac{1}{2}$  length up. However, quickly settling down at Tumbling Bay they drew ahead and won in comfortable style by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length. In the second heat they met Molesey Boat Club, and having learned the lesson of the previous race went ahead from this start and in a very exciting finish the I.C. crew, striking 40 won by a canvas. The final was expected to be an interesting race, as the times in the Thames Cup were all identical. However it was a very tired crew that met Lensbury in the final, due to the first IV having had two extra races that day. After a very good row they lost to Lensbury by 2 lengths in the fastest time of the day, the I.C. crew's time being the second fastest.

In the Walton fours, I.C. beat Kingston and Midland Bank comfortably in the first two heats but again in the Final the previous five races (with the VIII) made their mark, and the victory went to Thames Rowing Club.

The day's racing on the whole was very encouraging, much useful experience being gained. A word of praise must go to the IV, who had raced a total of six miles and had rowed no less than fifteen miles with the paddling up to the start.

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## CRICKET

Since our last report, the 1st XI has produced the expected improvement, and recently scored a resounding victory over L.S.E.

Hitchen and Oldland have proved to be an excellent opening pair, and put on 108 against Q.M.C, I.C. declaring at 171 for 5 (Hitchen 92, Oldland 46) Time ran out with Q.M.C. at 100 for 7.

There was a desparately exciting finish against U.C., the match ending in a tie. I.C. batted first and made 146 (Oldland 30) and U.C. passed 100 with only 2 wickets down. However, they collapsed and after their seventh wicket had fallen at 145, the next three all fell at 146 (Ault 5 for 46)

I.C. were well on the way to an easy victory against Wadham College, Oxford, whom they dismissed for 89 by steady bowling and good fielding. Rain stopped play when I.C. were 43 for 0.

A brilliant partnership between Oldland (98) and Hammerton (95) was chiefly responsible for I.C.'s total of 244-4 dec. against L.S.E. Both batsmen were unfortunately run out! L.S.E. went boldly for the runs but were all out for 129, Hammerton rounding off one of his best matches with 6 for 11!

The match with Keble College began in brilliant sunshine on a hard wicket. A thunder storm at lunchtime, when I.C. had scored 85-3 prevented more play until 4-45 and I.C. declared at 117-4 (Kitchener 30n.f.) Keble were never able to score quickly enough to win against the I.C. attack, but the match petered out to a draw, Keble scoring 78-3.

## ATHLETICS

Due to members of the Club being in the U.L. team, I.C. has not been at full strength in any of the fixtures except the U.L. Championships (in which we were 3rd) and so the score to date of beating 3 clubs and losing to 7 does not sound impressive. Nevertheless, there have been many good performances.

Trevor Bailey, the most outstanding middle-distance runner I.C. has ever had, has set up new College records for all distances between  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and 3 miles:  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in 1 min. 57.0 secs. 1 mile in 4 mins. 20.1 secs., 3 miles in 14 mins. 22.6 secs!

M. Rickard high jumps around 6 ft. for U.L.

G. Stewart, the I.C. Swimming Club Captain, caused a sensation by winning the 440 on Sports Day in the fast time of 50.7 secs. and if he now decides to concentrate on athletics his prospects of becoming a really first-class quarter-miler are bright. H. Pinsent is only 1/10 sec. slower in 50.8 and comes into his own in the 440 hurdles with a best time this season of 57.5 secs.

J. B. Davies equalled his own I.C. record of 10 ft. 6 ins. in the pole vault and G. C. Kay, the Captain, recorded a personal best of 1 min. 59.8 secs. in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and 4 mins. 22.4 secs. in the 1 mile.

Lastly, mention must be made of A. Hartley, who though unable to take part in active sport himself, has worked tirelessly to support the Club in his position of Hon. Secretary.

## BOOKS FOR W.U.S.

I.C. World University Service Committee is collecting scientific and technical textbooks to send to re-equip libraries in Greek and Korean Universities. Some Greek Universities were very badly damaged in recent, and earlier earthquakes, while the damage caused to Korean Universities will be obvious to all. If you have any textbooks (or recent (post 1/48) copies of scientific and technical publications, such as J.I.E.E., Engineering, etc.), which you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please hand them in at the Union office.