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THE STATE OF THE UNION.

Lacking a front page headline and story, for it seems that absolutely nothing has happened during the Vac., and the term is too young for major occurrences. We thought it was time that somebody enquired into the progress made in the building operations on the Union Building.

We found that, in the official wording, "due to a lack of dressed stone" there has not been as much progress as was hoped. This has necessitated abandoning the programme originally scheduled for Easter. The intention now is to fit a temporary roof at the first floor level over the space that was the Old Lounge, so that this can be used as a refectory. The original hope was that this side of the building would be complete up to the top of the first floor level by Easter.

When the temporary catering arrangements are complete, demolition work will start on the other half of the building, and the Union will lose the use of the Upper and Lower Dining Halls. Naturally, this will involve considerable shortage of dining facilities, and the Planning Dept. is at the present time concentrating on the new catering arrangements. With better organisation and distribution of food, Ayrton Hall can cope with many more people at lunch-times, and most probably this will become the central eating-place.

Loss of eating-space is not the only additional discomfort to be faced after Easter. There will be two fewer rooms available for social functions and club activities. It is intended to use the Ayrton Hall more extensively this term. Three or four Saturday night "hops" are planned there before Easter. The general shortage of rooms should be eased about this time as rooms in the Beit Building, at present occupied by Registry staff, become available for Union use.



MINES NIGHT.

Before describing the events of the night of December 10th, 1954, we give a word of praise to the Mines' Entertainments Committee and all those energetic people who made the Carnival possible.

The recent disruptions in the Union itself have made the organisation of all dances a difficult task, but not insuperable by keen endeavour and hard work. The decorations for the Carnival were, of necessity, prefabricated in the R.S.M. and transported to the Union on Thursday— a day before the event— and there erected.

All the Dramatic Society stage flats had been mislaid, and the Miners had to find a substitute for these in a very short time. They used paper, which in the normal course of events, would have served the purpose admirably. In a matter of hours the Snack Bar and the Upper Dining Hall had been transformed into a fairy land Bear Garden, and needed only "Mein Herr und Fraulein" to complete the illusion.

Came the magic hour of nine. Let the revelry commence!!!

The carnival followed the course of previous carnivals, with the rapid interchange of partners as one after another of the men fell out through exhaustion or inebriation.

Our beloved friend mit moustaches found the world too hard, so he lapsed into the realms of unconsciousness.

The clock struck one, and the Cabaret commenced. Herr von Kingdon should have known better than to pull the leg of Guilds. The building shook as "Boomalakas" roared across the room, and the songsters found it impossible to continue for five minutes.

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We've never seen anything quite like Mein Herr Buster tripping the light fantastic, and tripping is the right word; not since Kitch pirouetted on the end of a rope in the good old days.



Dancing continued well into the morning, and the jazz men in the Upper Dining Hall sank deeper into a Rhythmic trance and played till past 7.00.

Yes, all in all, the Carnival was a success, marred only by those moronic gentlemen who considered it great fun to mutilate the decorations.

If only they had put them up, how loath they would be to tear them down.

PROFILE



PEGGY TAYLOR

Producing a profile of Miss Peggy Taylor, this year's President of I.C.W.A., libellous enough for Felix, has proved difficult. No amount of excavation could uncover a sordid past, no undeclared husbands, no well-drained bottles - in fact, no Private Life.

Born young in Hammersmith, she looked round, took fright and fled to school in Bedford. An early interest in the structure of things took her into a chemical laboratory; and, although she has worked in several of these, at Seale Hayne Agricultural College, and also for the Ministry of Agriculture at Starcross in Devon, she has never managed to escape entirely, and is now half-way through her third year in the Chemistry Department.

A believer in variety being the spice of holidays, she has canned fruit for fourteen hours a day in Sweden, lived under canvas in the middle of Paris, and nursed a sick fellow-traveller in a truck on its dusty way through Yugoslavia.

As regards her nursing activities, when two or three of I.C.W.A. decided to retire from the strain of lectures for a few days under the code-word "flu", they were bullied and coaxed back into perfect health by Peggy, in no time at all.

The dramatic society find her an efficient Roman hairdresser and she capably supervises the dressing of their plays. When not under the stress of imminent examinations she supports "hops", and Arosa meetings. A well-trained Icwarian she plays table-tennis and squash. Tennis she plays for pleasure.

Whenever I.C.W.A. is involved in College activities, Peggy is there, quietly enthusiastic and playing an unobtrusive part. When asked, she is always ready to give help and advice, and (an infuriating characteristic this) she is always right. You may think from all this that she is a paragon, but she is inclined to lose umbrellas.

She is interested in Gilbert and Sullivan, collecting old silver, and buying new umbrellas. The only thing we know which rouses her to anger is an ill-mannered man.

FILM REVIEW

Following the excellent Television adaption of his book 1984, the name of George Orwell has become one familiar to many, and booksellers have reported large sales of his two best known works "1984" and "Animal Farm".

The latter has now been made into a film and is currently showing in the West End.

Briefly the story is of a badly managed farm which is taken over by the animals on it, who lay down rules for its regulation. The animals are led at first by a kindly leader Snowball who is however soon removed as a "traitor" by "Pig Brother" Napoleon. The film deals with Napoleon's tyrannous rule and disregard of the laws of the farm, including his famous amendment "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others!"

The producer has tried a daring experiment by making a novel with a political basis into what may be termed a "cartoon".

The artists have done a very fine job and have put over Napoleon's tyranny extremely well; he has been endowed with a personality of his own.

The actual colouring of the scenes, the drawing and the sound track are all skillfully combined together to express the story and are seldom wrongly used. A scene with great effect is the animals' revolt against Napoleon when one feels their insurgent anger. This is a bold experiment well worth seeing.

"THE WHITE SHEEP OF THE FAMILY"

AT Q.E.C



In choosing a fairly recently expired West End success, I.C. Dramatic Society no doubt hoped that its reputation would ensure a good reception. However, judging by the rather sparse attendance it appears that the grapevine must have been blurring that this was not another Pheonix Too Frequent or more likely, staging the play at one of I.C. happy hunting grounds kept away those who did not wish to mix business with pleasure.

If the criterion of this production were to be based on the response of the audience to the humour it contained, it would have been adjudged flawless, but the excellence of the humour was offset by some of the straight dialogue being a trifle lifeless. Ian Duff, as James Winter, by day a respected citizen, by night a reputed safe cracker, gave an uninspired performance for the first act, but improved considerably afterwards and acted well in the last act. Sheila Taylor was never very convincing as Winter's motherly, shoplifting wife. In all fairness it should be emphasized that it is very difficult for undergraduates to impress in semi Darby and Joan portrayals (especially when the make-up department does not appear to be on their side.)

Nevertheless, the first act was a little static until the vicar blustered on to the stage - Leslie Allen's hilarious characterisation of a venerable absent minded vicar enlivened proceedings from thence onwards. He conveyed the impression of age excellently with his doddering movement and speech, and his inclined posture - although it was felt that he straightened up a trifle more than his lumbago would normally allow. Derek Hill's version of Sam Jackson, a spiv type who was Mr. Winter's "fence", was also well done.

The rest of the cast, with the exception of the producer, Martin Jacob, who twice flitted on to the stage as Asst. Comm. Preston, were not encumbered by their youth. Peter Winter - the white sheep - (or the shepherd who tried to lose his crook) was adequately acted by Dan Boyle. As his sister Pat, a female Artful Dodger, Judith Kornbluth was very impressive. Janet, the aptly named pickpocket-cum-housemaid, and Angela Preston (who fortunately was no angel) were commendably performed by Barbara Russell and Rosemary Melvill.

B.B.

"Herbert", the Imperial College phoenix, is back in the Union office after his health trip to Northampton. The carrots which for some reason seem to be so dear to the Northampton heart are back where they belong.

Taking an objective look at "Herbert" one could see that his colour scheme was more vivid than formerly. Without partisan bias it is fair to say that we painted the carrot in a more artistic fashion.

THE RECTOR

Imperial College Union welcomes Professor R.P. Linstead F.R.S. who officially became Rector of Imperial College on January 1st, this year. Previous to this appointment Professor Linstead held the Chair of Organic Chemistry in the R.C.S. It is expected that he will retain an interest in the progress of research in that department.

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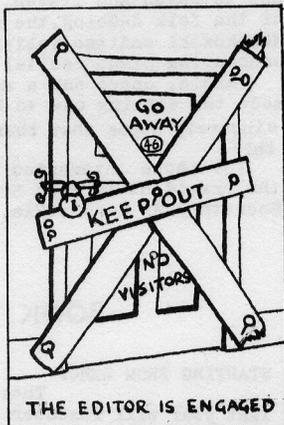
THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

EDITOR: JOHN SEELEY.

Circulation : 1200

The Editor, John Seeley, has become engaged to Miss Valerie Larkham.

The FELIX staff offer their hearty congratulations.



Felix congratulates the following on their engagements:-

John Harding to Barbara Harris.
Mark Abbott to Beryl Walker.

Alan Carne (C & G) to Marion Thomson.

On Boxing Day, the wedding took place at Christ Church, Bridlington, of Michael Baty to Miss Sylvia Coupland. Mike, a third year Civil, is President of the I.C. Dancing Club and his bride, whose parents live in Bridlington, is a graduate of Westfield. The best man was Trevor Bailey, 2 C.E., and greetings telegrams were received from the third year Civils. The couple spent their honeymoon in Paris.

The thing we have all been dreading has at last happened. There is a Television set in the Old Hostel. Is TV a home-breaker or maker, does it destroy the ability to entertain one's friends? We will be able to study the effects on Mr. Levine, who says it was a Christmas present. Anyway, it gives him a reason to turn his lights low.

The College are holding an Easter Ball this year at Claridge's Hotel on the last day of term 25th March.

Further information will be available later but dancing will be from 8.30 until 5 and tickets £2.10. (double) inclusive of buffet.

The Editor has received, by post, a free sample of Felix - the real CATFOOD. We never knew that FELIX:-

(1) Can be served dry straight from the packet;
(2) Needs no scraps adding;

(3) When served stimulates the digestion, helps in building strong teeth, and ensures perfect condition with a smooth, silky coat.

Miners and others worried by impending clashes with examiners:

Are you nervous, restless and jumpy? Do you find yourself talking to yourself(?) in your sleep? If so spend a ---n- and free yourself at tonight's Guilds Carnival. Clubs are obtainable at the usual offices i.e. I.C. Bar etc.

XMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert of the I.C. Musical Society was held on Dec 8th. in Q.A.H.

The Jaques String Orchestra, conductor Dr. Eric Brown, opened the programme with 'Alcina', by Handel, a quiet, lyrical piece, putting everyone in a Christmassy mood. I felt that both this and the 'Hymn to St. Cecilia' which followed, however, were strange choices for a Christmas concert. Britten's 'Hymn to St. Cecilia' is a very difficult work to sing as it is unaccompanied. It would perhaps have been fairer to the choir if they had had something easier and more melodic to loosen up their voices. As it was, the soprano tone was harsh especially on the forte notes, and we could not hear the words. The soloists were Georgina Carroll, soprano; Helen McKinnon, contralto; Patrick Halstead, tenor; and Bryan Johnson, bass; all of whom sang well, although once again we lost many of Miss Carroll's words.

The five carols, which followed, were quite a relief. The first, "Masters in this Hall" is a delightful carol, and both choir and audience enjoyed it, but the choir were hampered by the acoustics of the hall which makes loud notes deafening. We then joined in singing 'Good King Wenceslas', and the choir sang two unaccompanied carols, 'The Truth sent from Above', and a really delightful arrangement of the Czech carol, 'Rocking' which was beautifully sung. We again joined in with 'O Come, all ye Faithful', in which I missed the descant.

The second half began with Elgar's 'Serenade', which was a truly lovely melody and was very well played. I can only say of the last item, Mozart's 'Mass in C', that it was excellent, choir and soloists sang well and we were all sorry when it finished.

In spite of any faults, I think that the Musical Society should be congratulated on giving us a most enjoyable evening.

S.R.G.

TOUCHSTONE

After a coach ride to Silwood Park, and a light tea, the 30 or 40 students who found the spare time for a cheap and invigorating weekend were addressed by Dr. Sole, an authority on the subject of extra-sensory perception. He described mainly the work done in America and his own work, using statistical methods to evaluate the results of thought-transference tests, where a subject guessed cards seen only by various agents. The lecturer was very convincing even to such an incredulous audience as a group of scientists.

The lecture was followed by a first class supper, and the meeting then divided into two groups for discussion. Meanwhile a few people acted as subjects for some card guessing tests - only inconclusive results were obtained.

The impression Dr. Sole made on his audience was reflected in the discussion groups, one group deciding unanimously that the results Dr. Sole and others obtained is a discovery about human personality, and not evidence that their statistical methods were incorrect, since control experiments showed only chance results. The discussions went on till about 11.30 p.m. after which most people retired to their rather hard beds in well heated Nissen huts.

Nothing was arranged for Sunday morning, and most people went walking in the pleasant surroundings of Windsor Park. After another excellent meal at lunchtime followed by another free hour, the groups of the previous day met to compare notes, and the conclusions they came to were commented on by Dr. Sole. Then followed a light tea before the journey back to Kensington.

The Entertainment Committee are holding a Charity Dance in Queenie's on Saturday January 29th. All proceeds - and we expect a donation worthy of I.C. - go to the British Student Tuberculosis Foundation.

This student organisation is associated with W.U.S. and like it depends entirely on voluntary support.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NEXT SATURDAY.

Admission will be 1/- + Tax, so come and bring your friends to the Charity 'Bob Hop'.

D.R.H.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chem.Tech.
3rd Jan.1955

The Editor of Felix,

Dear Sir,

Would you please publicise the following facts about John C.M.Taylor in the next issue of Felix:-

He is now in the Western Hospital, Fulham, and would very much appreciate visits from old college friends for, living in an iron lung, there is precious little else he is able to do but talk to people. He is very cheerful and eager for news of old friends and of the college.

His address is:- WARD 23, WESTERN HOSPITAL, SEAGRAVE ROAD, S.W.6. Seagrave Road is almost opposite the Empress Hall - West Brompton Station (Wimbledon Line) or No. 30 'bus from Sth. Ken. Official visiting hours are 6 - 8p.m. but if you will ring FUL 2105, they will generally allow you to visit at other times.

Thank you, Yours sincerely,
Peter Rowe.

Imperial College Union.

The Editor,
Felix.

Dear Sir,

I was shocked, astounded and disgusted by the matter appearing in the Christmas issue of Felix. It is the habit of most cats to keep themselves scrupulously clean, but not so Felix, I fear. This evil-minded feline has forsaken the habits of nature, and has sunk into a life of shame. He has become an abomination unto the most clean-living society in London. I trust you will take steps to remedy this.

Yours faithfully,
Cat lover.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEKEND

1. Marriage is an institution.
Marriage is love.
Love is blind.
Therefore marriage is an institution for the blind.
2. Artists' models make only a bare living.

I. C. BOXING CLUB

DANCE

tomorrow, 22nd Jan, at Q.A.

8 - 11 p.m.

Music by the Brian Spooner Quartet.

SPORTS PAGE CONTINUED:

SWIMMING

The inter-college gala was held at Great Smith Street Baths on the last Thursday of term and resulted in a win for RCS in the swimming and for C. & G. in the Water Polo.

The swimming was made particularly interesting by the 'ding-dong' battle between RCS and the Guilds which was not fully resolved until RCS took the relays. In the individual events the winners were Clark (3 events), Hoy and Spokes for RCS; Hemingway for Guilds and Lampard (2 events) for the Mines. Guilds took five second places. The relays were hotly contested though both were somewhat spoilt by some crossing over into the wrong lane.

The Water Polo was also well fought (the accent being on the fought) with no one team having a very marked superiority over the others. The Guilds beat RCS 4 - 2 and the Mines by 2 - 0; RCS overcame the resistance of the Mines by 2 - 1. It is hoped that a separate trophy for the Water Polo will soon become available.

POLISH CONCERT.

The Polish Society is new to the College, and last term they held their first open night.

An excellent advertising campaign filled the Ayrton Hall and conditions would have been even more crowded had the Resident's Christmas Dinner not been held on the same evening. However in spite of the packed house no one regretted attending.

There was dancing, singing and even an exhibition of folk craft at the rear of the hall. The performance cannot be adequately described; one has to watch and listen to appreciate the beauty of the folk dancing, the magnificent singing of Nowakowski and the Polish Students Choir, and the enchanting piano recital by Miss Malankiewicz.

Carols, opera and a wonderful 'joie de vivre' made the evening one to be remembered. 'FELIX' sincerely hopes that there will be many more like this.

For those interested in I.C. Polish society, the President is Miss Borudzka P.G. R.C.S., and the Secretary Mr Schutz 2Ae. C&G.

P.A.E.S.

BOOK REVIEW

STARTING FROM ZERO.

Those of us who were here last year will remember the L.I.F.C.U. Mission in the Christmas term. Mr. Metcalfe Collier, who was our resident missionary then, has now published the gist of his talks in this one small volume, which will be coming on sale soon.

As the title implies, Metcalfe Collier really does start from zero. These talks were given to you, and this book is written for you, as logically minded scientists or engineers, who will not be taken in by a 'lot of hoosy'. The foreword is written by Dr. Spanner of R.C.S., and the author after a brief introduction to himself, launches straight into a discussion of 'Is there a God', and develops that point through many channels such as - The Claims of the Bible - The Claims of Christ - Did Bible Miracles happen - Is Dogma really necessary? and finally asking you to make a decision as a result of these observations.

This is not just another book about the Christian Faith, but one that has been written by an ordinary man (Metcalfe Collier is an accountant), in order to present to you as future professional men, the claims of Christianity, so as to assist you to draw your own conclusions.

I.C. Christian Union are responsible for sales of this booklet which will cost sixpence, and do recommend it to everyone, as a sound logical argument likely to produce thought-provoking discussion, and to help many folk clear up doubts and errors.

STARTING
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(As reviewed in "Felix")

This Booklet is a "MUST"

for every Scientist

COMING ON GENERAL SALE ON
MON. JAN. 22nd. ~ PRICE 6d

MOUNTAINEERING WEEK.

In a week and a half just after Christmas I.C. Mountaineering Club visited a climbing hut in a remote Lakeland Valley reached most quickly by foot by way of mountain passes. The hut was conveniently situated for rock climbing on Sea Fell, but if Great Gable or Pillar Rock were visited the return lay by way of the Wastwater Hotel: most of the climbing was done on Great Gable, this being the nearer of the two latter peaks.

The weather was extremely cold, but mainly dry, and there was only a slight sprinkling of snow on the peaks. The wind was very strong, sometimes making even walking on the high ridge almost impossible. The Gable cliffs were sufficiently sheltered for quite a large number of climbs to be done there, the highlights being ascents of Kern Knotts Crack, an intimidating crack on a vertical wall, too narrow to get inside until one is about 40 feet up, (it is a great relief to get inside the crack as it is too tight to fall out of), and Lucifer Crack which proved to be rather exposed to wind, and in its 100 feet was never more than a few inches wide. Napes Needle was climbed several times. Photographs of this seem to show people hanging on to an almost bottomless vertical face with hardly any holds. In fact, the usual route is quite a safe crack with plenty of foot and hand holds, leading to a very big ledge (the shoulder) after only about 40 feet of climbing. A delicate move then follows, and an airy face (with plenty of holds) brings you to the top of the climb after another 15 feet. There are harder and longer routes to the top, it being usual for climbers not to be satisfied with the easiest way. Members of the party climbed one of these routes - the Obverse route, and also traversed right round the needle at the level of the shoulder.

A large number of easier and longer climbs were done, and nearly all the surrounding peaks were visited. Most of the climbs around Wasdale are at a high level (about 2500 feet) but on one of the most cold and windy days the party visited a low cliff just above Wastwater, where for once we could climb without numb fingers. Its shelteredness was the more appreciated when after the climbing was done we walked to the top of the hill. Yew barrow, on the flank of which we had been climbing, where pools were covered with ice three inches thick, and a shrivelling blast was blowing. The ridge fortunately led towards the Wastwater Hotel, and the promise of its comfort spurred us on.

On the last day a midnight ascent was made of one of the nearest hills, called The Screes. The moon was nearly full, though its light was rather deceptive - things looked ten times further away than they proved to be. The cold wind made the trip a little less romantic than it sounds.

DID YOU know that almost 250 books have disappeared from the Union Library during the last three years?

MISSION.

AT THE BROMPTON ORATORY S.W.7.

FOR CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS.

for : Imperial College, Queen Elizabeth College Chelsea and Battersea Polytechnics, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Royal College of Music

The mission will be preached by the Catholic Missionary Society.

MISSION SERVICES :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 1.10 pm. & 5.30 pm.
Wednesday, Friday at 1.10 pm. only.

At St. ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place, Holborn.
Wednesday, 2nd Feb. High Mass & Sermon at 8 pm.
Friday, 4th Feb. Dialogue Mass & Sermon 6 pm.
Sunday, 6th Feb. High Mass & Sermon at 9.30 am.

At WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL.
Sunday, 6th Feb. Compline, final Sermon of the Mission and Benediction at 7 pm.

MISSION from 31st January - 6th February 1955

ALSO SEE NOTICE BOARDS.

COMING EVENTS.

FRIDAY JAN. 21st.

I.C.S.C.M. 7.1.10p.m., Botany Lecture Theatre. **PACIFISM.** J. Ferguson Esq., F.O.R., will give a talk on the reasons for Pacifism. Sandwiches on sale. All welcome.
"CAVEMEN'S CAPERS" or "DRUID'S DEBAUCHERY".
I.C. Dramatic Soc. general meeting, 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 'A'.

SATURDAY JAN 22nd.

I.C. Conservative Soc. are hosts to the London University Conservative Association who will hold their annual conference in the Ayrton Hall.

Bering Club Dance. 7.30 Q.A.

Bar, Band & Novelties.

SUNDAY JAN 23rd.

I.C. Film Soc. present a Grand New Year Show at 7.00p.m. in the New Lounge. "The Man in the White Suit", "3-D Metroscopic", "East Anglian Holiday" and "Drawings that Walk and Talk".

MONDAY JAN 24th.

I.C. S.C.M., 5.10p.m. in Botany Lecture Theatre. "Adult Baptism" by Rev. Douglas Stewart followed by an informal discussion. All welcome.

I.C. Riding Club A.G.M., 5.15p.m. in Committee Room 'A'.

I.C. Mountaineering Club Annual Dinner, 7.00p.m. in Westminster Arms, S.W.1. George Band on "The Karakorams." 10/6d. per head. Apply K. Cox.

TUESDAY JAN 25th.

Scriblerus Club public meeting, 5.00p.m., Chem. Tech. Lecture Theatre. James A. Joyce (Barrister at Law), Secretary of the British branch of the World Calendar Association will give a talk on the Association's aims.

U.L. Orchestra inaugural rehearsal under John Hollingsworth, 7.00p.m. at Bedford College.

WEDNESDAY JAN 26th.

I.C. Railway Soc. visit to Lillie Bridge Depot, London Transport. Details on Union Board. List closes 5.00p.m. on Friday 21st.

C. & G. Engineering Soc. visit to B.T.H., Willesden.

India Day, 6.45p.m., Friend's House, Euston Rd., N.W.1. Details from International Relations Club board.

FRIDAY JAN 28th.

I.C. S.C.M., 1.10p.m., Botany Lecture Theatre. **PACIFISM** Leslie Paul, Esq. will give a talk on the reasons against Pacifism. Sandwiches on sale. All welcome.

C. & G. Motor Club Night Navigation Rally, organiser M.T. Deere. Rally based on O.S. 159 (Chilterns), starting and finishing near Slough. Suitable for cars and motor-cycles.

SATURDAY JAN. 29th.

Entertainments Committee Charity Hop - Queenie (see article.)

MONDAY JAN 31st.

Radio Soc. Lecture. Under-water television with film.

I.C. Chemical Soc. Lecture, 5.15p.m. "Chemical Configuration of Flexible Molecules in Relation to Reactions in the Gas Phase." Prof. A.R. Ubbelohde.

TUESDAY FEB 1st.

I.C. Y.H.A. Group lantern lecture - "Archaeology in S.E. England." W.F. Grimes, director of Mithras temple excavations.

C. & G. Motor Club lecture. Graham Walker, consulting editor of Motor-Cycling and B.B.C T.T. commentator, on the T.T. series.

THURSDAY FEB 3rd.

C. & G. Engineering Soc. Dinner. 7.00 for 7.30p.m. in the Upper Dining Hall. Dinner dress. Tickets 10/6d. (from Mr. Seers, C. & G. Hall Porter).

FRIDAY FEB 4th.

I.C. Lit. & Deb. Soc. Debate, 8.00p.m. at Westfield College on the motion that "This House Considers the University to be a Seat of Yearning." Followed by coffee and social activities.

MONDAY FEB 7th.

Radio Soc. lecture. Metropolitan Police System.



I.C.C.C.C.

SHEFFIELD UNIV. STORM TO VICTORY THROUGH THE SNOW

The Arctic conditions which spread havoc amongst the weekend sports programmes, did not prevent the I.C. Cross Country Club from holding their annual cross country match with Sheffield University at Sheffield. The inclusion of teams from Loughborough College and Nottingham University added extra importance and interest to the match.

It had been snowing heavily since eight o'clock on Saturday morning, and this coming on the top of a frozen hard surface promised to make the course very treacherous.

A fine snow was driving into the faces of the competitors as they lined up for the start, and track suits were reluctantly removed. At the word "Go" forty runners surged forward through the fifteen inches of snow, almost trampling the press photographer underfoot as he disappeared in a flurry of snow.

There was some confusion at the start as to which direction the course should go, but T. Bailey (I.C.) and A.J. BROWN (Notts.) soon took the lead and quickly forged ahead. A thin mist creeping in from the moors blotted out all landmarks, causing Bailey and Brown to go off course, so losing the 2nd and 1st places which they would inevitably have gained.

Meanwhile the rest of the field were slipping and sliding over snow covered, frost-bound ploughed fields, through streams and over stiles.

Halles of Sheffield won the race with a time of 29m-3s, leading a strong Sheffield team to a surprising yet well-earned victory. Loughborough were 2nd and I.C. 3rd. Bailey (7th), Meller (11th), Oldfield (14), Dearden (18th), Morris (20th), and Turner (25th) were the scoring members of I.C.'s team.

Had the I.C. team excelled itself with the same distinction it displayed in the Sheffield Union later in the evening, a different result might have arisen.

HOCKEY

Last term provided the most miserable sequence of playing conditions for at least seven years. Only one match was played on anything like a firm surface, all others being played either in pouring rain or on a mud-patch; of the 15 matches scheduled to be played by the first eleven, five had to be cancelled due to unfit pitches.

The results show that the Club has not really held its own as yet against its stronger club opponents and this is most disappointing as the team is potentially the strongest since we last won the U.L. Cup. There is no doubt that the forwards are the major offenders as, with the exception of one match, they have seldom looked like scoring. Anything less like "boyish enthusiasm" in their play is hard to imagine and they must surely appreciate by now that mature consideration has never won any game—let alone scored goals. In desperation and against advice, the Captain has moved himself from left back to centre forward and he thinks that some improvement has resulted. As has always been the case in I.C. Hockey the defence has functioned well and in particular, Peter Mantle at right back has been consistently brilliant showing how hockey should be played in the Classical style.

As usual, the 2nd eleven contend that they are hardly weaker than the 1st eleven but with so strong a forward line their results have been rather disappointing.

Colin Spence has had a varied and varying assortment of players in the 3rd eleven and the extent of the differing strengths from week to week can be judged from the fact that the results include a 9-1 defeat and a 9-3 victory.

One can only hope that more clement weather and results will come our way this term.

SOCCER
I.C. CUP CHANCE

On Dec. 11th the 1st XI reached the semi-final of the U.L. Cup competition by defeating Westminster 1-0 at Harlington. The supporters of both teams witnessed a very closely contested battle with the honours just going to the home team.

For the first fifteen minutes the home team attacked incessantly but somehow the Westminster goal remained intact. By this time the visitors were playing more as a team but their sporadic raids on the I.C. goal never really spelled danger, due to some sound if not spectacular play by the home defence.

It was not until the near the end however that the vital goal came. This was a fine effort scored by Hodge, who having moved in from the wing beat all opposition and placed the ball in the corner of the net, leaving the goalkeeper well beaten. In near darkness the end came with I.C. still attacking hard.

Team:— M. McLeman, J. Anderson, R. Dytham, D. Moore, K. Richards, P. Blackall, P. May, A. Holgate, G. Green (capt), C. Brindley, K. Hodge.

The semi-final of the U.L. Cup will be I.C. v Goldsmiths on Sat. 29th January. (probably at Berrylands, L.S.E.'s ground.) Supporters will be most welcome and a coach will be leaving from the Union.

RUGGER

Last Friday's "Evening Standard" contained the following information:

RUGBY OFF TOMORROW

Wales v. England.

Staines v. Imperial College (all matches)

This is the second time that we have been mentioned in the press this season, as our defeat in the University Cup was considered, quite rightly, to be sensational enough for inclusion in the results listed in THE TIMES.

The first XV has been hit hard by injuries, and with several men playing for University teams, has been slightly below the customary very high standard. Nevertheless they have fully justified their strong fixture-list, and the worst defeat, 12 - 3 by London Welsh 'A', was certainly no disgrace for a college team. As usual, we have shown a general superiority over other colleges, but our only defeat by one, came, unfortunately, in the Cup Match. This was played in appalling conditions, and also we were forced to play four reserves. University College, knowing they were up against the Cup-holders of three successive years, had everything to gain and nothing to lose. They fought like tigers and thoroughly deserved their 5 - 3 win. This result should certainly add spice to next year's competition! It is worth noting that I.C.'s heaviest defeat in a Cup Match over a period of six years is 3 - 0 by Vets in 1950. During this time we have scored 140 points to our opponents' 47 in the competition.

This term there are many tough matches including a tour of Cornwall. Incidentally there is also a "friendly!" with U.C., which should be a good blood bath.

The 2nd XV, more than a match for most college 1st teams, has inevitably been weakened by the injuries in the 1st team. Nevertheless it has given a good account of itself and has won six of its nine games.

The spirit and performance of the three lower teams are well in accordance with tradition. Dan Fowler (Ex A) must surely be the only Rugby captain who has been known to respond to his fly half's shouts for the ball by standing bolt upright in the middle of a loose scrum and shouting "If you want the thing, come and get it yourself!" The spirit of his team was consolidated by a fine win during an all-day (and nearly all night) visit to Crawley, Sussex. No doubt the climax of its achievements will come after the Rugger Club Dinner, so look out Frank.

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