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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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I.C. REPRESENTATIVE IN GERMANY

MINES ELECTIONS

Hugh Huckin and Robin Appleby were returned unopposed to the posts of President and Secretary respectively of the Mines Union. Hugh Huckin is well known for his rugby playing and boxing prowess. Robin Appleby is another sportsman who has rowed for I.C., and is the Chaps Club Sec.

PREMATURE UNION DEMOLITIONS

The Annual dinner of the Imperial College Mountaineering Club was held in the Staff Common Room last Friday.

The guests and members attended a talk by Dr. R. Scott Russell preceding the dinner.

Dr. Scott Russell, the son-in-law of Professor Finch, guide philosopher, and instructor of the club in past years, gave a brief account of his climbing experiences in the New Zealand Alps, and then passed on to his favourite "well-known" climb in the Zmutt Ridge of the Matterhorn.

Dr. Scott Russell then went on to describe the Imperial College expedition to Jan Meyan, telling of the scientific as well as the climbing achievements of the party. Scott Russell who studied Botany at I.C. was the second in command of the expedition.

The toast to the guests was given by M.R. Piggott and was replied to by Wing Commander Beaumont of the Alpine Club who suggested that a possible source of the Yehti or Abominable Snowman was guests who having had too much to drink at club dinners went out into the dark night never to be seen again.

Dr. Scott Russell had hoped to convey a message from Professor Finch who is now in India, but the message had not yet arrived. He was sure however that the message would congratulate the club on attaining its 25th Anniversary.

Dr. G. Wilson, who was the first president, proposed that Club and said he hoped that he would be present for the Golden Jubilee.

J. Alexander gave his Presidential address after delaying it as long as the members (now slightly affected by certain alcoholic liquids) would allow. After saying he did not know any clean jokes he proceeded to tell one which nearly broke the duration record for this type of story. He followed this by a more serious discourse on the clubs forthcoming trip to the Alps.

Finally the evening finished in the bar with the traditional traverse of the Union Entrance Hall made more difficult by the loss of two doors and the first contender pulling down all the holds.

THE QUEEN MOTHER, NEW U. L. CHANCELLOR.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, attended a special meeting of the Convocation at Senate House on Thursday, 3rd March, where Her Majesty was elected as Chancellor by the enthusiastic acclamation of all present.

After accepting the Declaration of Election, Her Majesty replied to the Chairman of Convocation. In the reply, the new Chancellor said:

"It is my hope that I may be able to forge a personal link between myself and this great University (of London) with its busy life, and its ever growing service to scholarship and to Citizenship.

"You may rest assured that I shall do all that lies in my power to promote the successful development and future prosperity of our University".

The installation ceremonies of the new Chancellor will take place in November of this year.

PETER LEMIN VISITS BERLIN WITH STUDENTS FROM THIRTEEN NATIONS AS GUEST OF CHARLOTTENBURG UNIVERSITY

THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTENBURG IS THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF BERLIN, WHERE FOUR THOUSAND STUDENTS STUDY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS, WHICH WERE OF THE KAISER WILHELM PERIOD, WERE BURNED OUT DURING THE WAR, BUT NEW LABORATORIES AND LECTURE ROOMS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE CHARRED SHELL.

As Berlin is an island in the Russian zone, contact between its students and those from abroad is very limited. During this visit, it was hoped to show the guests the life of Berlin in both West and East Sectors. Peter Lemin was chosen by the I.C. Executive to represent our college among the group of foreign students invited by the Students' Union. He recorded these impressions of the eight days he spent in the German capital.

"Since the blockade of 1948, life in West Berlin has shown a steady improvement for its citizens. Although many gaps are still to be seen in the streets, new blocks of flats, offices, and roads have been built and the scars of war are disappearing steadily. The shops are well filled and people apparently have the money to buy.

The German students took us to the Berlin Kindl Brewery and to the Ernst Reuter power station which was partly re-equipped during the blockade. They did not neglect the social side, however, and took us to the Opera, the Theatre and introduced us to some of the Night-Clubs. These night clubs are very cheap by London standards and the price of a beer enables one to see the floor show and dance with the young girls provided.

"On pre-war weekends the Berliner would visit the many lakes and woods surrounding the city for his pleasures. Now he cannot travel more than seven miles from the centre of the West Sector and so he makes his amusements in his own neighbourhood. The West Sector fortunately includes one large lake and a forest, and in Summer these are very popular.

"We visited the Russian Sector and here one sees a very different picture. In the centre, at least, rebuilding is virtually confined to a new Russian Embassy and a long street called the Stalin Allee, which is filled with large white buildings in the Moscow style. There is very little traffic and advertisements are confined to Political exhortations. As the tube train passes into the East Sector, Western newspapers disappear—possession of one may bring a term of imprisonment. On leaving the last East Sector tube station, an announcer says, "You are now leaving the democratic sector." Just to prove this, papers from the undemocratic West reappear.

"Despite many difficulties, the West Berlin students have a full college life, and they proved to be charming and generous hosts."

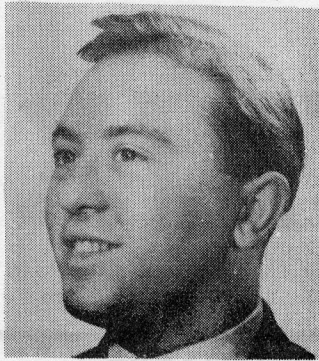
REFECTORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Refectory Sub Committee meeting on Monday, the main item under discussion was the provision of new accommodation for the lunch hour. Mr Mooney will be taking over from Miss Bowling (Queenie to you), so that the whole of the catering for the College will come under his jurisdiction. During the Easter Vacation, the Snack Bar will be used for the serving of breakfasts, but on the 28th. March, and from then on, both luncheons and suppers will be served in the Ayrton Hall. The times are as at present, though it may be found practicable to shorten them if the demand is small during the evening meal.

It is hoped that the Union will reopen on the 25th. April, from which date dinners and suppers will be served here also. All other functions, including Society Dinners, will take place under the direction of Mr Mooney in the Ayrton Hall. Felix wishes him the best of luck on his new, and difficult venture.

PROFILE

J.S. SEELEY.



John is the rather rotund figure who has been the unobtrusive but guiding hand on Felix this year. All of you will remember the "Freshers' Felix", which was sold on the first day of last term, and on the three preceding days. Few of you will realize the tremendous amount of work which John did to make it such a success. The record sale speaks for his organising ability, and energy.

He refused to say where he was born, but he was brought up in Minehead, Zummerzet, where he broke his nose. In John's own words, "It happened when I fell out of my pram after being bitten by a dog!" In Minehead he went to a co-ed school, but didn't like it, and left at the early age of sixteen to become a M.O.S. apprentice at Malvern.

After working on radar equipment for a couple of years, he came to Guilds in 1951 as a first year electrical engineer. For the next two years, John said he was a brown-bagger - singing as a tenor in the Imperial College Choir, and working as a conscientious helper on Felix. He played rugby, but a slipped disc in his spine brought a premature cessation to his athletic pursuits. Still an active chorister, John is a pillar of the tenors. At all Felix meetings, his advice is valued. He is a member of the sedate body known as the Residents' Committee, through which he now owns the largest bed in the Old Hostel.

His likes? Well, these are many and varied, but amongst the more predominant are music, both classical and contemporary, Valerie, and the quietness of the fifth floor of the Old Hostel.

He says that he dislikes work, but the intricate structure with which he labours as a post-graduate has received regular attention at his hands. Confidentially, John HATED writing Editorials. He invariably left these till the last minute, in the hope that news could go in the column instead!

SWEET THAMES RUN SOFTLY.

Shivering on the hard at Chiswick under the unfriendly eyes of U.C.L.S.E. and the rest, stand five frail Iowarians. These are the dauntless few who chose to row and braved the storm of disapproval from Putney. And how, you may ask, is the I.C.W.B.C. coxed four faring? The answer is quite simple - we're doing all right. We haven't put on pounds of muscle, our hands are only very slightly blistered and we haven't fallen in (yet!).

The initial difficulties have now been surmounted and we were very glad to receive some good coaching during this period. Now, after tanking and tubbing, we have ventured out in a clinker. None of us care to remember the first time - we must have resembled an agitated water beetle, but we kept afloat. The second time out there was an immense improvement and all is now set fair. Except - doesn't anyone want to coach us?

I. C. W. A.
FORMAL DANCE
IN AYRTON HALL
ON

FRI. APRIL 29TH 9.30 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Tickets: 7/6 double

BUFFET.

BAR.

BAND.

HOUSE PARTIES

Sleeping in the bedrooms, sleeping in the barn, and in the games room - and even in the local Youth Hostel - Two hot water bottles, and ten blankets - Everybody welcome. Come in, if you can get in! Such was the spirit of the two winter house parties run by the I.C. Christian Union.

In the days when many societies have good cause to complain of student apathy and disinterest, it is a pleasant change to find a committee running round in circles to accommodate a demand far exceeding anything in previous years. About fifty people took part on each occasion, and a very helpful and enjoyable time was had by all. Washing up, and pleasant company were by kind co-operation of a small party from Q.E.C. Christian Union.

Our host at the second party was Mr. Metcalfe Collier, by now a well known figure at I.C. Many of us had cause to be grateful for the help and advice of a man with 33 years of vital Christian living behind him. He spoke to us on "The Second Coming of Christ." The fact that this event is coming as surely as the June examinations was clearly set forth, and with it the age-old call of the Gospel. To those apart from God, the call to reconciliation, - to the Christian, the call to a holy and consecrated life.

The value of these houseparties can only be measured in terms of our answer to this call.

I.C.W.A. EXPECTS

Opinions recorded at a hostel coffee party:

Clothing:

It is funny the things men wear.

Clothes look better on men than on women.

You want to be like the Germans; they don't wear pyjamas.

I prefer the French system.

This IS immoral.

Let's talk about something else.

Men:

Men are always irresponsible when they are together.

So few of them can hold any drink at all.

I don't know anything about men.

Mines is like I.C.W.A.

I am nervous with anyone.

Felix:

The next Felix will be ten pages; the one after will be suppressed.

YMWELIAD I GYMRY

On Wednesday, 2nd March sixty Guildsmen spent an exotic day as guests of a group of electrical companies in South Wales.

The party went to Newport by train and on to the works of South Wales Switchgear Ltd. at Blackwood by coach. Directors of the firm and a representative of the Welsh press accompanied us to lunch after which the Managing Director, Mr. A.J. Nicholas, described the basic principles of Switchgear. The works went to considerable trouble to make the visit interesting and numerous exhibits and demonstrations had been arranged in the factory.

Saying good-bye to the guides we entered the coachés again and crossed sunny valleys on the way to a Cable works in Aberdare. Here we were conducted round the factory and given an excellent tea. We thanked our hosts and returned to Newport in time for the 7.20 train to London. After fifteen minutes wait everybody was becoming a little restive and it was a relief for the station master when the train arrived, greeted by the roar of a Boomalaka. In spite of arriving nearly an hour late at Paddington, credit is due to British Railways for the first class dinner that was served. Sherry and beer were also provided - in fact instead of taking part in the usual pub crawl it appeared that we were in a crawling pub! Our benefactors certainly know the best way to a Guildsman's heart. One theory explaining the slow progress of the train, was that the insulation paper, streaming from the windows, had wound round the axles of the coaches. The party rolled out of the coachés at 10.45 p.m. and finished the day with another Boomalaka.

It is with pleasure that we will remember what must have been the most lavish visit ever offered to the Engineering Society.

D.R.F.

Felix



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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On Thursday last, City and Guilds College adopted a proposal which may have far-reaching effects on future Guildsmen - the idea of a Fresher's Dinner with undergraduate hosts. The idea is not a new one, for many years ago Guilds held such a dinner, and Mines still do. However new or not the proposal shows great foresight.

We all know that the three colleges of I.C. are due to expand in numbers in the next few years, but not many of us have interested ourselves in what will happen to the future Corporate life of our respective Unions. We pride ourselves in our social life; but there is grave danger looming ahead which forebodes evil on this life-threatening to turn I.C. into yet another polytechnic institute.

Unless we, the present students, make the effort to interest the Freshman in this society or that club, and to meet his fellows out of worktime, this danger cannot be averted. The Fresher's Dinner is the answer that Mines have found successful, and that Guilds have adopted. Let us hope the scientists follow suit because unless something is done, there are going to be more Brown Baggers in I.C. than exist in the whole of U.L.



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The Dramatic Society's offerings this term were Chekhov's comedy, "The Proposal", and Jean Anouilh's Modern version of "Antigone".

"The Proposal", although hardly typical Chekhov, served as a light hors d'oeuvre to the more serious fare. Due to some very good acting, none of the humour was lost - indeed, it was added to by Martin Jacobs' gymnastics. It was felt, however, that he and Rosemary Melville would still be at loggerheads had not Dick Saunders managed to get the proposal carried without a division.

Ian Duff's production (in three weeks!) of "Antigone" was far above the general run of College dramatics, and he is to be congratulated on this polished performance. He also had no mean role as chorus, and came through with flying colours.

Les Allen excelled in a long and difficult portrayal of Creon - a very different part from others he has previously taken. The play was really made by magnificent cut and thrust dialogue between him and Judith Kornbluth, whose Antigone was superb, to say the least.

Of the supporting characters, Rosemary Melville was very good as Antigone's nurse, and although Haemon (Michael Spence) seemed a trifle uncertain when facing the girl-friend, he was very impressive when wrangling with his father, Creon.

Light relief was afforded by Derek Hill's cockney "First Guard". The other two Guards had smaller parts - John Hendy's northern brogue was quite pleasing, but Dan Boyle's accent seemed rather out of place.

Kathy Dent as Eurymache had very little to do except knit, and it was quite a relief when Tony Eycott eventually opened his mouth.

The set and backcloth were very effective, and the lighting was excellent. It is a pity that the audience was no reflection on the merits of the play, which deserved better.

B.B.

NELSON'S COLUMN



We hear that the denizens of the Senior Common Room are investing in a painting. Finding that they had some £75 to spend, their committee selected a work, on show in a gallery in town, and staff members have been going along to examine it. Such an investment is a good one, and perhaps the example might be followed by our Union. Apparently one provincial university some years ago began investing in one good painting a year and now have a valuable collection. Its worth is increasing as the years.

We are sorry to hear that "Charlie" Chester, the man we profiled in our last issue, is once again in bed, after breaking his ankle in the Mines v. R.C.S. Cup game. Last time you will remember it was 'flu.

Mr. Newby, well known for his work as Vacation Work Officer, has moved to 178, Queens Gate. Most of the I.C. Administration staff are now at 178 or 179 in Queens Gate, in accordance with the expansion scheme.

Two King's College students had the nerve to come up to I.C. last week, in reply to the reply to an advertisement in the U.L. Rag. They thought that they would meet two Iowarians. As they described themselves as misogynists, the men of I.C. decided that they should leave as such, so they were driven away to South Ken. tube station in a builders handcart, dressed in slippers instead of trousers.

Insertion: Stop Press News: - Does anybody want a Chess report? The FELIX Sports Editor is at the moment complaining bitterly that he's not having it on his page - says "That's not a sport!" - Nelson is not having it either.

HELP FELIX!
If you are a writer, artist, critic, typist, photographer, interested in chess, or just willing to do what you can to help, drop a note to the Editor in the Union letter rack. The hours do not exceed a morning or an afternoon every other Sunday. The time is well spent, in good company, (including the FELIX athlete in his usual brilliant waistcoat). Just drop a note in the rack, that's all.

Martin Jacob and a sub-committee of four are at present working on the Guilds' contribution to the Lord Mayor's Show. They have to work out a suitable theme and the cost of the contribution.

On Tuesday the 8th, a packed House defeated a motion that everybody had thought would carry: "That in the Opinion of this House, University Education should be to provide a Technique of Living, not a Technique of Earning." Two guest speakers from Bedford supported the debate, which produced several good speeches from the floor. The motion was lost 72 - 39, with 25 abstentions. So now we know why I.C. life is so dull.

The last week of term will also be the last week of the present Bar. Your last orders gentlemen please!

Advertisers' Announcement:

'Coming to Claridge's John? It seems the perfect way to end the term.'

'Yes, as a matter of fact I had thought about it, let's make up a party. I'll go along to the Union Office right away and get a ticket, I hope they've still some left.'

PERSONAL ADVERTISE.

*** Teas may be obtained from third year Aero. table nearest door at Queensies. 4d per cup. No queuing.

FOOD SURVEY (PART 2)

This week we conclude the Food Survey, with what is perhaps the most important part; the criticism and suggested improvement of the existing catering arrangements in both the Union and the Ayrton Hall. It may seem at first sight that as the Union is due to be demolished to all intents and purposes for at least eighteen months there is little point, if any, in criticising the facilities which will be taken away all too soon.

This is simply not true. For the first time in the colleges' history, the average student has been able to speak his mind en masse on the subject of HIS dinner, - and on dinners in general. The resulting flood of curses and compliments was something of a revelation.

We will present them to you in three sections: general grumbles, particular grumbles, and suggestions. Incidentally, there is a suggestions book kept in the Union, which receives regular attention at the hands of the Refectory Sub-Committee, for the use of the student and the staff. There were no more than half a dozen people who praised the existing arrangements.

Section 1) General Grumbles.

As one gentleman put it on his questionnaire, there are too many QQQQQQ. A natural result of this, is that an average student has to wait quarter of an hour till he can eat. When he arrives at the head of the queue, he finds that there are too few popular dishes, the food supply is irregular, and there is not enough of it. What is more, the presentation seems to upset his aesthetic nature, and the food is lukewarm or cold on receipt. One person suggests that the cost should be compared to that at other colleges, such as Northampton Polytechnic. Many believe the conditions of serving can be cleaner, especially in the Snack Bar.

(Editor's Note: Even though most of these complaints are valid to some degree or other, most people fail to realize the tremendous difficulties that the Refectory staffs have to face.)

Section 2) Particular Grumbles

L.D.H. U.D.H. and Snack Bar.

No coffee after lunch; Soggy chips; Dirty tables (the remedy for this lies with the student), inadequate seating; staff smoking; etc. etc.

Ayrton Hall

No soup; Small portions; No variety; Burnt sausages; Stacks of dirty dishes; Stale rolls; etc. etc.

Section 3) Suggestions.

After reading through the previous section it is a welcome relief to read the more serious suggestions. Some are practicable; some are not. We hope the Refectory Committee will consider them with not too incensed feelings.

Many people suggest that the methods adopted by J. Lyons and Co. could be studied with advantage. The use of two cash desks is considered to be a good idea during the rush hour, together with a "Lay-by" for those people who would prefer to wait until their choice has been presented. The old idea of staggering the Lunch Hour appeared in various guises.

Another much voiced opinion was the voluntary choice of extras, such as potatoes, for which a small additional charge could be made. But, above all was the cry, "Cut down the Queues!"

To conclude our little survey, a few of the more amusing replies are printed below.

Anon.

- The Cashier is very nice; pity the other dishes are not like her.

(Please note this dish is now off the menu; the lady in question has now left! Ed.)

Chem. P.C.

I cannot afford to buy a lunch with beer the price it is!

One other interesting point came to light during the survey. It seems that many post-grads, especially in R.C.S., as one put it, consider themselves above the "common proles". These gentlemen also appear to have lost the ability to spell correctly any word with more than four syllables.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
Felix.

R.C.S.
21-2-55.

Dear Sir,

I think the Tinker, who last week suggested that Cassandra is suffering from a metallurgical misfit, was entirely misguided.

In fact, R.C.S. likes to help any of its ladies who are so obviously afflicted. I therefore enclose a platform (which I hope you will be able to forward to her) on which she can further purify her soul to the amusement of the Tinsmiths.

Yours sincerely,
G.A.S.

(Ed.: enclosed with the letter was a tiny wooden soap box, inside which a block of 'Puritan' soap rested. Cassandra thanks G.A.S.)

The Editor,
Felix.

Dear Sir,

According to the last issue of Felix, hope of further hostel accommodation for I.C. is now gone, as the U.G.C. does not see its way to providing the necessary £1,000 per person for a new hostel.

Surely this is a very defeatist attitude. Provision for living-in is ritual for any university worthy of the name and it is obvious on the most superficial examination that I.C. suffers from the relative lack of it. This situation we all know will be made worse in the near future if something is not done now.

A new hostel would be rather beyond us, but surely two thousand students can raise enough money to purchase on lease one or two of the otherwise unused houses of the type in Exhibition Rd. for use as further hostel accommodation.

I do not suggest that direct contributions will be sufficient, but a little ingenuity and hard work will often make a lot of money.

Let us do something now before it is too late.

R. L.

Imperial College Hostel,
S.W.7.

Dear Sir,

I hope this week you will find further opportunities to fill more spaces with his usual brilliant name.

Yours etc.,

F.ilm.r. Fan

Old Hostel,

The Editor of Felix.

13,3,55

Dear Sir,

Spurred on by the remarks in Nelson's Column I should like to comment on your sports editions of the penultimate issue.

"Let us examine a few details of our inglorious record" - call a spade a spade if you like but to describe our record as inglorious is utter rubbish. One might think from the editorial that the main purpose of fielding team was to amass cups. If your Sport's Editor really thinks this, then he is wrong. It is well known that knock out cup competitions although exciting and nice to win are not a really fair criterion on which to judge a team.

Of the nineteen clubs on A.C.C. brief excerpts from the records of six were reviewed and the prospects of two surmised and so the achievements and potentialities of more than half the clubs were not even considered. Practically all of the athletic clubs have had very good seasons, several have been outstandingly successful and no doubt the 'summer clubs' will acquit themselves well. A number of clubs can field the strongest team in the University and at least two are stronger than U.L.

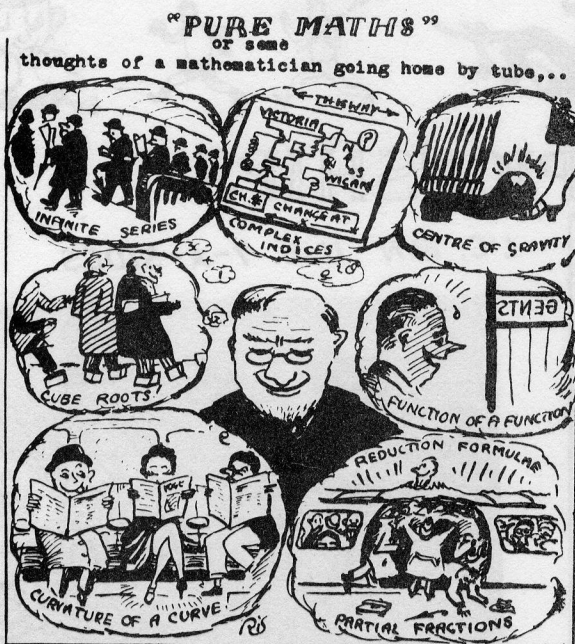
When the accounts are audited at the end of the year, 1954-55 will hardly appear as one of the leaner sporting years.

Alastair Fairbairn.

Another letter on the same subject has been received from W.J.L.

this end up

JUDO CLUB HOP IN QUEENIES ON SATURDAY AT 8.0 - 11.30.
TICKETS AT TWO SHILLINGS SINGLE AND THREE AND SIX DOUBLE
BAR. BRYAN SPOONER'S BAND,



GUILDS VOTE "DE-BAG"

Guildsmen packed into Room 17 last Thursday to attend what has been one of the most lively Union meetings in recent years. It started when the minutes were questioned — an unheard of event in the lives of many present. Andy Levine, Guilds president, opened business with the reading of a letter from the president of Reading University, who wanted some coloured bulbs returned. Unfortunately, the bulbs, having attended the last two Carnivals, were in no condition to be returned and because of the financial instability of the Reading Union a cash repayment, together with twenty-one coloured candles, for good measure, were to be presented to our poorer neighbours.

The second item on the agenda was one of considerable importance as Keith Miller emphasise when he said that the measure he advocated would act to form the Guildsman of the future into a fully mature engineer in spite of the proposed increase in numbers which might otherwise have prevented him taking part in Union activities. A very large majority, the house passed the motion in favour of a Fresher's Dinner, in which each "Freshman" would have his own host for the evening. This host would pay all, or part of, the cost of the dinner.

A plea for less course work and a proposed criticism form on lecturers was loudly applauded. Then followed a stormy and widely differing discussion on college hours, the original proposal being to lengthen the lunch-hour on every day of the week. Mr. Mackenzie expressed most people's feelings on saying "Let us not tamper with the college hours against the wishes of the majority." The basic idea behind the proposal was to enable the smallest clubs to attract more members, but it was felt that these clubs were in a definite minority.

Keith Miller was on his feet again, this time in indignation at the queue-jumping at tea-time in Queenies, and wishing to limit each person to one cup of tea. "I was twenty-fourth in the queue one day," he said "and I had the forty-eighth cup of tea!" The house was amused, and before most people realised it, the motion that "Any person who is obviously queue jumping in the tea queue should have his trousers removed and suspended from the flag-pole outside Guilds" was proposed, seconded and carried in a storm of cheers. Ivan Abbott leaped up and cried to the president "We have passed a dangerous motion." A sotto voice suggested he should see a doctor.

Finally, an hour after the meeting began, Mr. Graham proposed that Mr. Kenneth Horne should be elected an honorary member of the Union to give Guilds the "right sort of publicity".

As soon as the president brought the meeting to a close however, a crowd of jostling, laughing Guildsmen hurried to Queenies to debag the first queue-jumper. We wonder what the form is in the case of a her, not a him!

COMING EVENTS.

FRIDAY MARCH 18th.

1.10p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre, I.C.S.C.M., "The Christian Message-III"- "The Christian Ethic Today"-talk by Rev. M.S.Gunn. All welcome.

1.20p.m. in Committee Room 'A'. Cross-Country Club A.G.M.

5.15p.m. in Zoo. Lecture Theatre. I.C. Photo. Soc. Kodak Ltd. Manuscript Lecture, "Training Troubles." Mr. G.C.Mercer, "Dry Mounting with a Domestic Iron."

7.30p.m. in the New Lounge (Snack bar). I.C. International Relations Club present a Student Evening. I.C. students will talk about their own countries or travels and lead an informal discussion. Admission free. All are invited.

SATURDAY MARCH 19th.

8 p.m. Judo Club Hop. Bar. Band. Tickets 2/-.

SUNDAY MARCH 20th.

8.40a.m. at victoria for I.C. Mountaineering Club at Harrison's Rocks.

7.00p.m. in the New Lounge. I.C. Film Soc. present "The Fall of Berlin," how a Russian Errol Flynn won the war, and "Unemployment and Money," preceded by the A.G.M. Tickets 1/9d., on sale from 6.30p.m.

Guilds' Motor Club Spring Rally.

(For details see articles below)

MONDAY MARCH 21st.

5.10p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre. I.C.S.C.M. talk and discussion on "The Atonement" led by Fr. Briscoe. All very welcome.

TUESDAY MARCH 22nd.

5.45p.m. in the Botany Lecture Theatre. I.C. Mountaineering Club. J. Stephenson, B.Sc., "Climbing in Eastern Australia," talk with slides.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23rd.

I.C. Railway Soc. visit to Gloucester Road Signal Box, S.R. Details on notice-board.

FRIDAY MARCH 25th.

Imperial College Easter Ball at Claridges Hotel. Tickets obtainable from Union Office and Bookstall.

THURSDAY APRIL 25th.

I.C. Railway Soc. two day visit to Bristol, Taunton, Bath and Bournemouth (Somerset & Dorset Railway). Details on notice-board or from Hon. Sec. via I.C. rack before March 26th.

GUILDS SPRING RALLY.

The last rally of the year is being held this Sunday March 20th starting from the Union at 12 noon. You are advised to arrive early as there is a large entry. The rally takes the form of four road sections, various special tests and a timed sprint on Silwood Drive. For further details please consult the Motor Club notice board in Guilds' entrance hall.

Mr. Dan Fowler, of Dan's team, offers the following books for public sale.

Various organic chemistry books, including Sherwood Taylor, and Whitmore.

Well known books on Geometry, Trigonometry, Applied Mathematics and Calculus, including Ramsey, Humphrey, Loney and Brown.

German for Science students, Fiedler and Sandbach 5/-

One Sunbeam S.8. (500 c.c.) Mo'oyo. '52. Steel panniers dual seat, leg shields, crash bars, stop lamps. 65 m.p.g., 85 m.p.h. 30,000 miles. - £157: 10: 0

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U.L. CHAMPIONSHIPS

HEAD OF THE RIVER—PREVIEW.

When instituting the Head of the River Race from Mortlake to Putney (the reverse Boat Race course) in 1926, Steve Fairbairn wrote that this race would "do more for rowing than anything has done yet." By 1930, eighty crews were racing and the number has steadily increased until today there are 230 crews entered in both "best" and clinker built boats.

The winners of the first race in 1926 were London R.C. and apart from sharing the Head with Thames R.C. the following year, they remained champions until 1935. Imperial College Boat Club had the honour of being the first college crew to "go Head" in 1946, beating Jesus College, (Cambridge) who reversed the position in 1947 and won again in 1951 and 1952. This year the race will be rowed tomorrow Saturday, 19th March and the I.C.B.C. has entered its first nine crews to row the 4 1/2 miles. Last year's finishing positions were 8th, 28th, 79th, 119th, 158th, 195th, 212th, 221st, the ninth crew being one of the new entries which start in alphabetical order at the back.

The competition for the Headship this year is keen. The R.A.F. crew (the present holders) are very fit and will be making every effort to stay "out in front." The Thames and London crews are fast, the Thames crew being credited with some very fast times in bad conditions. The other college - Jesus, have gone Head in the Lent Bumps on the Cam and will be stiff opposition.

The I.C. first VIII, with plenty of power and ability at its disposal, although slightly lacking in "togetherness", have great spirit and determination in spite of (or because of) the many setbacks this term. Having some 450 miles of hard work to their credit and the shock of seeing the films of the Staines trip still fresh in their memory, their faults are rapidly disappearing and with their present rate of improvement they look like justifying the pains of the coach.

Any success of the first VIII will be shared by that plucky team of lightweight, the second VIII who have not spared themselves in their efforts to be the fastest I.C. crew and who have given the big chaps some uneasy times earlier this year. A very neat crew with all the guts in the world, they will be expected in the first division. The third VIII, who have already showed their ability against their opposite number at Reading University, will go up. Likewise the fourth VIII and the fresher crews who are promising material display that elusive quantity - club spirit. In general, the lower boats have their own private battles fighting to go from Nth to (N - 10th) or better and as the tendency is to follow the upper boats - 'nuff said.

We wish all the coxes good luck; theirs is the headache but they can do so much to bring the boys home those few seconds earlier by their spirit, keenness and ability, to say nothing of the course they steer.

To Kim Ash, (the Captain) and to the Club let us say "Have a good row, with all of your share of good luck".

CRICKET.

I.C. Cricket Club will be holding practice matches nets and trials at Harlington at 2.30 pm on:-
Saturday, 23rd April.
Monday, 25th April.
Wednesday, 27th April.

On the club notice-board in the Union there are notices which should be signed by freshers and 'old' members who wish to play this season.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The club's first matches are on April 30th against formidable opponents in Heading University.

It is hoped that people who played in last year's first team will be available for practice during the mornings of April 23rd and 25th.

JUDO

I.C. 9pts. Hatfield T.C. 5pts.

On paper the Hatfield team was much stronger than I.C.'s but on the mats I.C. proved to be the more skillful and experienced team. Burford gave a good example of this by using a KAESHIMAZA to a KUZURE-KAMISHIHOGATAME that he learnt when the team visited the Metropolitan Police. This surprised both his opponent and the referee, J.G. Barnes, Chairman of the British Judo Association.

The other three members of the team all fought well, Williams surprising all by convincingly beating his higher graded opponent.

I.C. WIN U.L. 7-A-SIDES.



BELL GETS THE BALL BACK TO LE MARQUAND IN THE QUARTER FINAL.

On Saturday last I.C. I romped home victors of the University Seven-a-Sides tournament at Motpur Park. After the early dismissal of I.C. II at the hands of Q.M.C. I the first seven, ably led by Pontin were able to show their true worth and reached the final by defeating Vets 16 - 0, Goldsmiths 9 - 0 and Westminster by a goal to a penalty goal. In the Final which was played before the crowded Motpur Park grandstand I.C. met Kings. After taking a couple of minutes to settle down I.C. attacked time and again until Pontin went over for an unconverted try. After the interval Hearn broke through for the second try but a defensive lapse allowed King's to score under the posts thus gaining their only 3 pts. I.C. now attacked relentlessly and further tries from Pontin and Corbett, the former being converted by Hearn gave I.C. the decisive victory of 14 pts. to 3 pts. This fine performance was essentially a combined effort but mention must be made of the fine breaks of Le Marquand at scrum-half and of the strong running of Palmer when given the ball.

At the Rugby Dance in the evening the cup was presented to Pontin after which harassed barman lost count of the number of times it was drained of its contents by a team which had now made drastic changes in its training diet programme.

SAILING CLUB SUCCESS

For the fifth year in succession the Sailing Club has won the University Championship. This year, however, it obtained second place as well. The Championship was decided upon the best five of seven races held during the winter term.

The new boat Famulus arrived after the first race had been held and so could only afford one mistake. After a second in the next race it was forced to retire in the third. Prospects did not look too good, and the other three I.C. boats had fared no better. However, J. Conway-Jones, crewed in the main by H. Jackson, found his old form at last and won the last four races. Second position was still very open with several of the 20 boats placed favorably. T. Rodgers, crewed by C. Gent, brought the I.C. boat home.

FENCING

The Fencing Club are in the process of recording their best season for a long period. They have so far won 5 out of 7 matches fought, and also won the team prize in the U.L. Individual Championships by a comfortable margin.

The most encouraging features of this season's results are the great improvement of the épée fencing, and the solidarity of the sabre team, which is as yet unbeaten.

In the U.L. Tournament, I.C. was the only team to be represented in all three finals. Reddy won the sabre title with an unbeaten record, and Knill, the captain, was second, having lost only to Reddy.

RUGGER—SPARKES CUP

R.C.S. 6 Mines 5

R.C.S., superior in the backs, scored a surprise win over the Mines. Mines, playing with the wind, led 5 - 0 at half-time, but tries by Barnes and Shepherd, one of which was converted by Coates, won the day for R.C.S.

The game was marred by a number of injuries, the worst being a broken ankle for J. Chester. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Next Wednesday R.C.S. meet Guilds - supporters would be welcome.