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IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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"THIS BUILDING IS CONDEMNED"

HONOURS LIST

MORE NEXT YEAR?

FELIX regrets the limited scope of the Queens Birthday Honours List and would like to make the following awards to show appreciation of services rendered to various organisations by the persons cited.

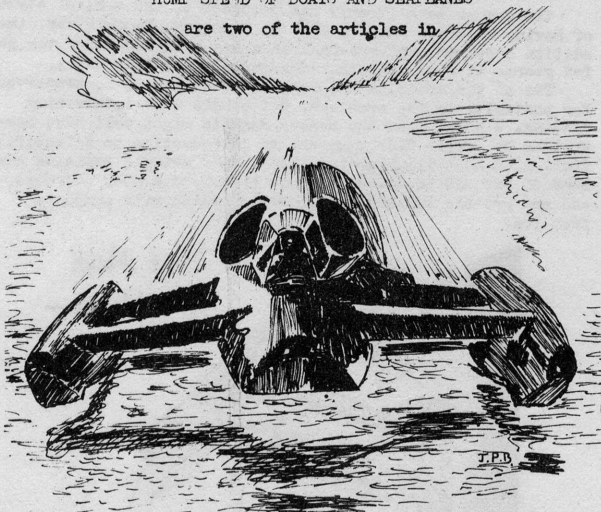
Mr Sparkes, of the planning department -
First Baron of the Island Mite.
Dr Varley, for services to humanity -
Knight Commander of the Veterinary Order
Ted Smith, tavern keeper - D.S.O. and Bar.
Brian Oggil, newspaper baiter - Freedom of Idleburg.
Mr McDowall, Cultural Attache to Imperial College -
A Noble Prize
J.A. Kitchener, commercial traveller -
Ambassador Extraordinary
C.M. Chesney, Director of the Rock Island Line -
Order of the Bath.
J. Betjeman, journalist - Diploma of Imperial Institute
Mr Mooney, dietician, Scholarship to the National College
of Domestic Studies.
Tony de Reuck, six years on Council - Old Age Pension
John Cox, Russian Ambassador - Order of Stalin.
Mr Stan Thompson, Warder of Selkirk Hall - The Brick.
Prof. Blackett, Chairman of the Student-Staff Committee -
Chairman of the Staff Committee.
Mr Henry, security services - The N.K.V.D.
G.C. Lowry, clerk, Member of the Bookmakers Association.
Len Palmer, fleaweight boxer - Order of the Spanner.
Tony Hopkins, regular attendee at General Studies -
Musician Laureate.
Mr Prigmore, train spotter - Season Ticket to Swindon.
Mr Newby, Minister of Labour - Unemployment Benefit.

To all those that have been mentioned in either List, FELIX offers congratulations. To those who have not yet had recognition and expected it, we apologise for the omission this occasion and trust that their services will soon be noticed.

N.B. Cheques should be crossed

RECORD BREAKING HYDROPLANES -and
HUMP SPEED OF BOATS AND SEAPLANES

are two of the articles in



THE GUILDS' ENGINEER

ON SALE NOW

Beit Building Desecrated



Last Monday evening a banner was discovered hanging over the main arch of the Beit Building. Firmly suspended, it bore the legend, "This Building is Condemned".

The dancing classes were being held as usual in the snack bar at the time, and seemed to be oblivious of this event.

The person or persons responsible for this act of desecration is not known, but it appears most likely to be the Flat Earthish from Sir John Cass College who have once again become active in opposing progress in scientific thought. Others consider it may be the work of members of the Union who feel the building may be obsolete by the time it is completed.

The banner has been carefully preserved and may soon be transferred to a building in Imperial Institute Road where it would be more suitable.

ELECTIONS

The following Officers have been elected for next year at elections held recently:

I.C.W.A.	President	Miss Wendy Pipe.
	Secretary	Miss Juliet Kennedy
C. & G. U.	President	John Hart
	Secretary	Peter Kale
R.C.S.U.	President	Tony Goodings

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION MEETING
THURSDAY, 7TH. JUNE At 1.15 P.M.

in

ROOM 17, C. & G.

Agenda includes election of Council representatives and Entertainments Committee for next year, and the President's Annual Report

Nomination lists for the elections appear on the I.C. Council noticeboard in the Ayrton Hall entrance lounge.

There is also a nomination list for the President of the Union for 1956-7, who will be elected at the Joint Council Meeting on June 11th.

Maureen Hawes

Miss Maureen Hawes, this year's President of I.C.W.A. follows last year's tradition in that she also aspires to Chemistry as a profession. Educated at Horsham High School (for girls only, unfortunately) and with a strong partiality for Sussex as this year's county championship winners, Maureen is now specializing in Inorganic Chemistry in her third and final year here. She is known to the other inhabitants of her lab. largely as an empty bench, since the many Committees on which she serves take up most of her time, the rest being occupied in writing letters to Cambridge.

Whilst still at school she began her career in athletics by representing Sussex in the Inter-Country Schools Athletic Championships, where she won two medals. She has continued her successes at College, representing I.C.W.A. at almost everything and captaining the University Netball Club from which she has gained a Purple. Her athletics prowess continues. Both she and Paddy Clarke have gone in for very strenuous training before the University Championships. These last two years - by attending the Silwood Park ball until the small hours! However, the only record she claims to have made is walking from King's X to S. Kensington at 3 o'clock in the morning after attending a wedding in York-shire!

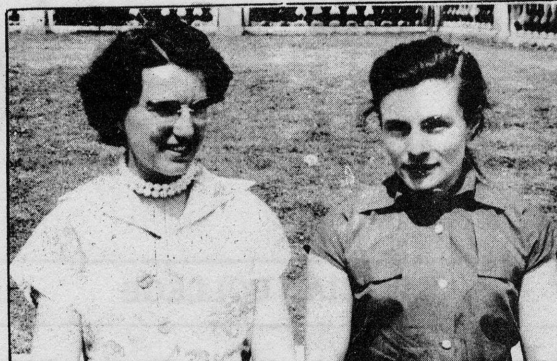
The most amusing experience of her year of office was the arrival of a letter from U.L.U. requesting her to popularize a U.L.U. debate. She was undecided whether this came to her in her post as President of I.C.W.A., secretary of the Catholic Society or Captain of the U.L. Netball Club, since the subject of the debate was - Birth Control!

Questioned as to her vices she confesses to hoarding empty bottles in the bottom of her wardrobe, reading "Woman" and being late. At one point she wanted to take up Heraldry but was discouraged when the Heraldry Society asked her to answer a questionnaire giving details of all the works she had published on heraldry before she could join.

Maureen's likes are: diamond rings, sweet sherry, rich men and Geoff.

Dislikes: people who get drunk at 2 in the morning, Wednesday afternoons in the lab, refectory chips and poor men.

I.C.W.A. PROFILES



Paddy Clarke

Champion table-mat thrower of I.C. 1954-56

This remarkable young lady's chief interests are Sailing, Mountaineering and Men, in that order (she says). Her sailing is largely conducted at sea, where she has acquired some cooking skill. This is a necessity since, with the rest of the crew seasick, she is often forced to consume vast quantities of her concoctions herself. At mountaineering her function is to provide the light relief by being bounced off rocks while dangling on the end of a rope. Her views on men are less coherent, but she admits a preference for strong blond (if any hair at all) southerners.

Having no lack of initiative she easily won a pint from the past president of Imperial College Union who bet she could not hitch-hike to Lands End in one day. This initiative has taken her over most of Europe in the past few years. Passing through Trieste last year she had to replace her shoes, with an indigenous species of clogs. By a local convention, of which she was not to remain long in ignorance, these formed the insignia of the ladies-of-easy-virtue of the neighborhood, who announced their trade by a pronounced clatter on the cobbled streets. Unfortunately Paddy had not been told of this convention and anyhow she had not the acquired skill of the more respectable natives in the silent manipulation of clogs.....

One of her more harmless pursuits is the distraction of susceptible male lecturers in the midst of their perorations. The details of the technique are a trade secret, but it is established that bespectacled little lecturers in high-speed flow have the greatest susceptibility-factor.

Likes and Dislikes? Well, she dislikes "writing on one side of the paper only", and pyjamas (what is good enough for the springtime and the fall, is good enough for other seasons too). And she likes lying on the reporter's bed being asked intimate questions for her profile.

With all these interests, Paddy has very little spare time, but what there is she devotes impartially to I.C.W.A. (of which she is Hon. Secretary), the R.C.S. (of which she is Vice-President) and mathematics (with which she is fed up).

* Applicants for work as Felix Reporters please contact W. Hudson in the bar.

HOW'S YOUR LANDLADY?



After having three landladies this year, I look back with a shudder on that regrettably unforgettable day last October, when we entered our new digs for the first time. They had been described by the Lodgings Bureau as a place where "we usually have a few students", but after a few days we found that, "and have a rapid rate of turnover" could be truthfully added to this description. Before we left, however, we made a note of some of our land-ladies more common utterances, which are perhaps typical of this type of landlady.

- (1) Will you please be quiet - there's somebody dead next door.
- (2) No! you can't take girls up to your bedroom.
- (3) We have a very nice sitting room.
- (4) Your room is damp because you brew tea in it.
- (5) I've won £80 on the pools and they've only given me 1/7.
- (6) My dog is very valuable.
- (7) I only buy the most expensive meat.
- (8) Every time you go into the dining room nobody else can see the fire.
- (9) There was cigarette ash three inches deep all over the carpet.
- (10) You're Leaving? That suits me fine!

PEARLING

HOLIDAY FACILITIES

Some of the concessions gained by our diplomats on recent tours were cheap travel facilities and lodgings on the Continent. Details of some of these are now available in the Union Office.

The Scandinavian Student Travel Service gives a frequent service between most European capitals. Examples of cost are:

London to Paris	£3..10/- single.
to Copenhagen	£8.. 5/- single.

Direct Inquiries may be made to the S.S.T.S. at 16, Great Newport Street, W.C.2.

The students hostel at Barcelona will house students with full board for 70 pesetas, about 12/6d. per day.

REVIEW OF PHOENIX

The summer term Phoenix has returned to the earlier style of having a larger printed area on each page. In this way, the edition contains more material than has been usual for the past few years. It also contains more photographs than usual.

Two of the articles are records of events to be preserved for posterity in the archives, but others make interesting reading. A story from the Henley Regatta might well have been written by Jerome K. Jerome, and an introduction to scientific fiction is most illuminating. The latter article explains how some of the difficulties of space travel have been overcome, and may get the Exploration Board inundated with projects from fen.



Out Next
Week—

SUMMER PHOENIX

Felix



The Imperial College Newspaper

Circulation 1200

Editor: BILL HUDSON

FELIX is produced by the Editorial Board, but like most commercial enterprises it has a Board of Directors. These consist of the I.C. executive, i.e. the President and Secretary of I.C. Union and the Presidents of the constituent Colleges. These five are responsible for appointing the Editorial staff, but they rely upon the Editor for guidance. The newspaper would be useless if it became the mouthpiece of any group of Union officers, so these five take little interest except in the financial side of the paper, and rely on the Editor not to involve the Union in libel suits. By remaining financially solvent, Felix cannot be accused of biting the hand that feeds it.

Next Thursday when elections are held for the Council and Entertainments Committee positions it would be as well to know the candidates. The constituent Colleges are not faced with the difficulties that confront the parent Union when it comes to selecting officers. The Mines is small and active enough to know who is suitable, while the other two Colleges have briefs of their candidates lives exhibited. Those that one knows by name may not necessarily be the best suited to positions of responsibility. Empty barrels make most noise. Brian Oggi could easily collect votes since he has achieved publicity, yet he would remain the fictitious scape-goat created last November to be expelled from the University when the Senate threatened students whose actions were publicised.

The people best suited to I.C. union positions will be those with independence of thought. They must owe their allegiance to the student body as a whole, and not to a crusade sponsored by an outside organisation, and they should be able to reach decisions rapidly.



To show the interest displayed in the election of student officers, several stunts have been carried out in other Universities. By nominating two candidates for an executive position at Queens College, a group of students ensured a ballot. To one they gave a good character, a person who took an active part in Union affairs. The other was given the reputation of an indifferent person who kept mostly to himself and his books. The surprising feature was that the poorer candidate polled 40 votes to the others 200. Another election is to be held shortly to elect a living person. At British Columbia, the third candidate in a presidential election got 405 votes. At the declaration of the results it was shown to be a poodle.

Imperial College Art Club.

In November of this year an exhibition of Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture will be held in the College. The exhibition will be open to all members of Imperial College (Staff or Students) and each exhibitor is invited to submit two works.

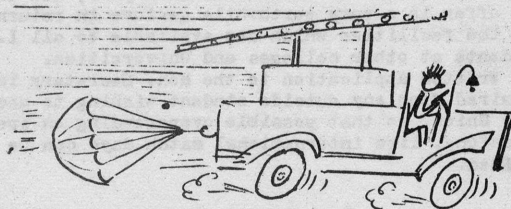
All works submitted will be shown

Details will be published in Felix in October.

NELSON'S COLUMN

IT WAS HOPED THAT FELIX this week would have taken on a new form. Teething troubles at our printers have prevented this innovation. The paper this week has also been produced under some duress - we are short-staffed as a result of examination fever.

THOSE PRACTISING for the KARAKORUM EXPEDITION have been seen on nocturnal perambulations round Hyde Park. They have been burdening themselves with eighty pounds of bricks, filched from the builders and secretly stored on a Hostel balcony.



SCIENTISTS DISCOVER "PERPETUAL MOTION" - C. & G. Mechanical Engineers please note. The fire engine, on its way to Motspur Park on Sports Day, proceeded to accelerate UP HILL when the driver's foot was not on the accelerator. This sort of thing can happen to "Clementine" (when she is in working order) due to the complexity of the thermodynamics involved, but has not been observed to occur with "Bo". One feels that the engine of the latter may perhaps be a little out of date.

EMPLOYMENT, much in the minds of the Third Year at the present, is further spotlighted by the following information: Thomas Hedley - soap and detergent manufacturers - give all their graduate applicants an intelligence test. They only take on those who are in the top 2% grade.

DIGS IN SOUTH KEN? It is not difficult to find lodgings close to I.C. if one is prepared to "go from door to door", but U.L. Lodgings Bureau appear, from an article in SENNET, to be contemplating the billeting this year's increased I.C. intake somewhere west of Ealing - as usual.

IT WAS REPORTED in the Daily Mail recently that a relic, a Roman jewel casket inscribed UTERE FELIX, has been unearthed at East Stoke in Nottinghamshire. The inscription means "Use this happily". One wonders what, 2,000 years hence, archaeologists will make of the FELIX Editor's "pot" kept in the bar.

EXAMINATION FEVER has caught Guildsmen who pessimistically greet each other with military salutes

R.C.S., WINNERS of the TUG-O'-WAR on Sports Day, had practised against the shovel-throwing workmen in the Min. of Works establishment. MINES had practised against the U.S. MARINES (of motion picture fame). If the results are anything to go by, the Marines, who spend most of their time marching up and down past the Albert Memorial are unsuitable for tugging parties.

IF YOU CAN AFFORD THEM. The Government will let you have 50% if you go as a tourist to the U.S.A. through the N.U.S. Cheap N.U.S. boats: £107 return (Ordinary fare £108 return) Cost of living in America? 2s 75 per night in a Y.M.C.A., 2s 50 cents minimum on food. Assuming no traveling from port of arrival, cost of three weeks holiday = £126.

LELLANDS, MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONIC equipment we are told, only employ people who were born in the month of August. It is interesting to note that astrology still has a place in industry.

ATHLETICS: The staff race is always an interesting attraction at Sports Day but a similar event could be staged for the secretaries. There would then be competition between their employers to see that theirs was the most fit and brought back the prize.

ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVOIDED at Crosswell Road was when one of the Gulls' ladies crossed at the traffic lights. She looked up to see a Humber heading for her. Smoking a cigar in the back was W. Churchill, M.P., an aspiring historian.

I.C. COUNCIL MEETINGS



RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP WITH OTHER STUDENT'S UNIONS.

All members of U.L.U. can make use of certain facilities in the twenty Unions listed under "Institutions having Recognised Teachers" in the U.L.U. Diary, but in return U.L. does not offer the use of any facilities in its new Union Building to members of these Unions - on the grounds that the building is already used by over 20,000 students. Consequently I.C. is to offer the use of dining halls, lounges, reading rooms and the bar to members of the 20 Unions concerned. It is felt that it is unlikely that more than about a dozen students will avail themselves of this offer each year, but that the offer is a very worthwhile gesture in return for the facilities which are available to all I.C. students at other colleges and Universities.

Written application to the Hon. Secretary is required from any outside student wishing to use I.C. Union, so that possible overcrowding on special occasions, like international match days can be avoided.



ROWING AND JUDO.

A launch is to be purchased for the Boat Club. This will enable the coach to have the best possible chance of training his crew properly, and will

surely be heartily welcomed by "Charles", who has for many years cycled gallantly up and down the tow-path keeping up with the fast I.C. eights.

New mats are to be purchased for the Judo Club. They will now be able to start off in the New Union on the right foot.

THE NEW GYMNASIUM

The Cross Country and Boxing Clubs have asked Council to make a firm ruling that the gymnasium will be used only for athletic purposes, since dancing soon ruins a gym for its proper functions. Council are strongly in favour of this suggestion, but certain problems arise with regard to the running of hops. It has been decided that the concert hall will have to be used in conjunction with the third-floor dining-hall for hops in the new Union Building, but it is hoped that Ayrton Hall will still be available for some hops so that the new building will not be subjected to too much wear and tear in its first few years of existence.

It is hoped that the floor of the third-story dining-hall will be changed to wood strip. Present plans are that this floor will consist of phenol-glazed wooden blocks, which is not particularly suitable for dancing. However there is still time to alter this, and it is the clear duty of the Union Decorations Committee to do so. It is hoped that there will also be a suitable screen across the room to hide the service counter from view during social functions.

NOTE - Dramatic capers

The first production in the new concert hall will be a joint effort between I.C. Dramatic Society and the Comus Players.

EXPLORATION PROJECT:

Camargue, Summer 1956

The most important economic item in the world is food. Thus the food growing potential of a country becomes one of the most important for exploratory projects. Food both animal and vegetable depends ultimately on the plant life of the area. The Camargue Expedition will carry out an ecological investigation of the flora and fauna in that locality.

La grande and petite Camargue is a nature reserve in the delta of the River Rhone in Southern France. It is naturally divided into three regions, the coastal sand dunes, the flat salty area covered by *Salicornia* grassland and an inland forest area which has largely been replaced by farmland. Along the river bank itself, a fairly rich swampy forest has developed. The area has long been noted for the bird population and in particular for the flamingoes which breed there. Wild horses and bulls are bred there, the latter for the bull-fighting in Arles.

The expedition will consist of four botanists and seven zoologists and will be in the area for about three weeks, during August and the hottest part of the Camargian Year. During the visit many of the small lakes in the area will have dried up leaving a vast desolate sun-baked area prior to the 'Mistral' winds which blow for days on end and in particular during the latter part of the year.

Although all members will be interested in seeing as many of the birds as possible, the work of the zoologists will be more concerned with the insect fauna. A general botanical survey will be made prior to a study of the grasshoppers. The density of population in various regions is to be studied in relation to various ecological niches in the area which are dependent on the climatic factors. While the major work will be a problem of this kind, the team will tackle any other suitable problem suggested by the director of the Reserve. The botanists will concentrate on compiling a flora of the area, mapping the vegetation, and carrying out a detailed investigation of the habitat requirements of selected plants.

The expedition will be travelling by two Austin taxis, the first a pukka 1936 cabriolet and the second now converted to a 15 cwt. pick-up. The former will be driven by D.G. Hewett with M.T. Tanton as co-driver, and the latter by Len Palmer with M.B. Sanderson co-driving.

The organisation of the expedition has been placed in the hands of a general committee of all members of La Camargue Society with N.D. Jago

as President, D.G. Hewett Vice-President, G.A. Matthews Secretary and L.E. Palmer Treasurer. The various administrative duties have been delegated to sub-committees of between two and four members.



Inside Story

Recently a survey of opinion was made in the Hostel. Residents were asked to indicate whether they had suffered unreasonable inconvenience as a result of noise made by other residents, and whether they thought a recognised disciplinary system (such as gating or fining) was necessary. Old residents were asked to state whether they thought the noise was worse this year than last.

Of the 46 residents in the Old Hostel, which is a notoriously exuberant community, only 5 considered that they had suffered unreasonable inconvenience, and only 7 thought a system of rules necessary. Fifteen did not return their forms, but presumably they cannot be unduly troubled by noise or they would have taken the opportunity of doing something about it. Only 2 out of 15 old residents thought the noise this year was worse than last year. It would therefore seem that alarmists on the Resident's Committee who advocate a rigid system of fines have no grounds for their revolutionary proposals.

The returns from the New Hostel brought something of a surprise, for although only 6 felt that they suffered from unreasonable inconvenience, 14 would like a system of rules. This seems inexplicable stupidity, for surely principle number one in this matter is that a system of rules should be introduced only under extreme provocation. As many people pointed out, a system of rules may be fiercely interpreted by some future autocratic warden.

I.C.W.A. were almost unanimously against rules, and they appear to live in total silence. They are indulgent about male residents; as one said "Men will be boys".

Other remarks:-

- "I'm not a monk. Otherwise I'd live in a monastery."
- "I have been in the Hostel less than a year and have found that it has lived up to my expectations. When I applied I was prepared to live in a more lively place than digs, and therefore also more noisy. I think that residents who want a place that is as quiet as a morgue should just get out and make way for someone more adapted to Hostel life."
- "The introduction of any regulations in a virtually regulation-free hostel is undesirable, especially as they may be differently interpreted by future wardens. Noise can be trace to a small minority of residents. The disciplinary committee was elected to control discipline, and there is no excuse for shirking their responsibility of "chucking out" persistently noisy residents. Two warnings should be sufficient".

The game of warden-baiting was unanimously denounced as childish and in the worst of taste.

It is to be hoped that this survey will convince the Resident's Committee that the less rules there are the better. They should abandon their contemplations of fining and scrap the tepid compromise of gating.

Letters to the Editor :

May 24th. 1956.

Dear Sir,

I was disgusted with the lack of support on I.C. Sports Day. It seems to me that a large percentage of people in this college are parasites, willing to gain knowledge by coming to the College, but completely unwilling to spend a little time or energy in supporting college activities.

Yours truly,

Jean S. Ruston

University of London Union
Malet Street.

Dear Sir,

In your article on the British inter-University Conference you said "I.C. Bar is the only union bar in the country to open on Sundays". As you know our bar in the town is open every Sunday at 7 p.m. and we would be pleased to see you here.

Yours sincerely,
U.L.U.

The report of the conference only referred to those Colleges and Universities which were represented. Although London University was on the list of those participating their Vice-President failed to attend the conference. Ed.

Personal Advertisements

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1931 M.G. - M-type, Extensively overhauled, in good condition. Arrangements made to view. Apply to Rosemary Melville, Union Rack.

DINNER JACKET FOR SALE -£7.
Height 5' 8", Chest 36". Good quality. Apply to "Box A", Felix, Union Rack.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday June 2nd.

Rifle Club Dance: to Ravenscourt Dance Orchestra
Single 2/- Double 3/6

Touchstone Weekend June 2nd-3rd: Spirit and Scientific Spirit
Speaker Prof. Philip Leon M.A.

Monday June 4th.

Special Lecture: The Ascent of Kanchenjunga, R.C. Evans F.R.C.S.
Main Chemistry Lecture theatre 5.15 p.m.

Thursday June 7th.

UNION MEETING City and Guilds Room 17 1.15 p.m.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

TENNIS. First Team

June 2nd.	v St Edmund Hall	(H)
June 3rd.	v Old Gowers	(H)
June 6th.	v Kings	(H)
June 9th.	v Barts	(A)
June 13th.	v C.E.M.	(A)

ROWING REGATTAS

June 2nd.	U.L. Allom Cup. Twickenham Regatta.
June 9th.	Walton Regatta.
June 11th.	Reading and Putney Town Regatta.

CRICKET Ist. XI

June 2nd.	v Keble College	(H)
June 6th.	v Ealing Dean	(H)
June 9th.	v U.C.H.	(A)
June 13th.	v Westminster Hospital	(A)

GOLF

June 6th.	v U.C.H. (at Dulwich)
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I.C.W.A. TENNIS

June 2nd.	v Royal Holloway	(A)
June 9th.	v Q.M.C.	(H)

SWIMMING GALA

SWIMMING

In the University Gala held on May 16th and 17th, I.C. came 3rd with 16 pts. to L.S.E. (24 pts.) and Battersea (17 pts.)

I.C. placings in the events were Obaditch 2nd. in the diving, Clark 3rd. in the backstroke. The medley team came 3rd. and the Freestyle team were place 2nd.

There is now only one match left this term before the Tour. A swimming and Polo team will be visiting Weymouth, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Barnstaple, and Exmouth.

It had been long proven in I.C. that any sort of tour to the West Country is always a success.

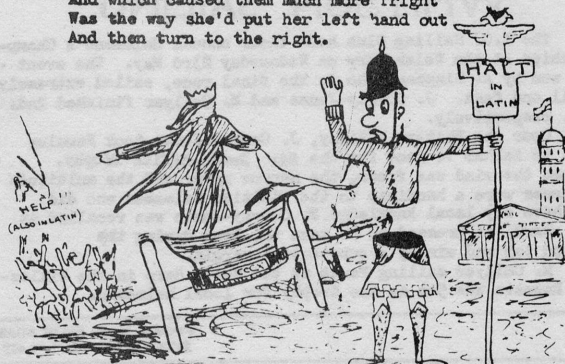
I.C.W.S.C. Swimming.

The I.C.W.A. Swimming Team has put itself on the map this year by winning two matches against U.C. 2nd. team and being placed Second in the University Championships on the 17th. May. There was not very much support from other women's colleges for the championships (U.C. and Battersea were the only other colleges to compete as a team), and so there were no heats. Janet Petersen is to be congratulated on gaining a 1st. and 2nd. place, and the other ICWarians contributed other valuable points.

Results:- 100 yds. Breast stroke 1st. Janet Petersen
4th. Rosalind Lathbury
100 yds. Back stroke 4th. Celia Roberts
100 yds. Free style 3rd. Janet Petersen
Diving 2nd. Janet Petersen
Freestyle and medley relays 3rd.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

Queen Bodicea's chariot
Had knives upon each wheel,
Which were guaranteed to frighten
Even men with nerves of steel.
But the thing the Romans hated,
And which caused them much more fright
Was the way she'd put her left hand out
And then turn to the right.



SPORTS NEWS

IMPERIAL GAMES, 1956

SPORTS DAY

Once again Sports Day was held at Motspur Park and the A.C.C. are to be congratulated on picking one of the hottest days of the year. The standard of athletics was a little higher than last year and nine of last years winning performances were bettered. It seemed to be an unlucky year for the holders of the various trophies as all but four changed hands.

The day started with the Guilds in the lead by virtue of their win in the Three Miles, held last term, and throughout the day they never lost this lead and they won comfortably by 149 points to R.C.S. 111 and Mines 94. The first race the 120 yards hurdles was won by Dick Band of R.C.S. with high jumpers Lawrence and Rickard in 2nd. and 3rd. positions. The sports were very interesting from a spectators point of view because



of the number of thrilling finishes to the races. In the 880 Les Looke, the college record holder, won by inches from John Conway and in the 220 yard H.C. Pinsent just managed to hold off Hobson and Goodwin to win the most exciting race of the day. The one mile was a win for John Evans in 4 min. 19.6 secs. which is a new "Sports Day Best Performance", and in this race interest was held by the battle for second place between Bill Pain and Chas Cotterill the latter just winning by 0.1 secs.

In the field events it was Phil Toynbee's day as he won the Discus, Shot, and Hammer and was 3rd. in the Javelin and he is to be congratulated on such a fine performance. Mike Rickard won the High Jump at 5 ft. 11 ins. and John Hobson the Long Jump at 20 ft. 8½ ins. R.C.S. provided two surprises when B. Shenkel, a student from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Zurich, won the Pole Vault and J.H. Hockey won the Javelin.

The Tug of War provided the unusual sight of the Guilds being beaten by both the Mines and the R.C.S. and as the R.C.S. beat the Mines in two straight pulls they won the Inocognitus Cup.

In previous years I.C.W.A.'s main role at Sports Day has been to sell programmes but this year were determined to take part and they arranged an invitation relay. Teams from Kings and U.C. accepted the challenge and the result was a very good race. Maureen Hawes ran the first leg and handed over to Pat Carr who went flying down the back-straight to send Jean Ruston away with a two yard lead, Jean held on and Brenda Walker brought the team home to a comfortable win.

The Miners had been toiling all afternoon in search of an elusive first place so it was rather fitting that they should win the last race of the day, the sprint relay. This race like so many of the others provided a wonderful finish as Goodwin of Mines passed Mantle of R.C.S. in the very last stride.

The day ended with the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Lindstead and the only regret one feels on looking back on a fine afternoon is that so few students were there to share it.

WHITSUN SAILING

The I.C. Sailing Club held their annual Helmsman's Championships at the Welsh Harp on Wednesday 23rd May. The event was won by A. Bispham, who in the final race, sailed extremely well and fast. J. Conway-Jones and M. Collyer finished 2nd. 3rd. respectively.

Over the Whitsun holiday, J. Conway-Jones took Famulus down to Latham to race for the Sir Rowse-Effits Trophy. Though the wind was fresh, the narrow river and the multitude of trees were a handicap to the visiting helmsmen who did not have any local knowledge. J. Conway-Jones was recalled at the start, he pressed on to take the lead during the second lap and win by a substantial margin.

M. Collyer sailing Faust at the Welsh Harp in the Willesden Regatta was 5th in the trophy for local helmsmen.

CHISWICK REGATTA

Sat. 26th May 1956.

Course: One mile, rowed from stake boats in the direction of the tide. Conditions - good.

1st VIII. Thames Cup Division - Allanon Memorial Trophy. **Result:** First heat. I.C., on the centre station lost to Thames R.C. by one length, beating University College and Hospital B.C. by one length. Race rowed on the flood tide. Winner's time 3 m. 56 sec.

After a slow start in which I.C. went down by ½ length to Thames R.C., the crew rowed a straightforward race running ½ length down from the leaders over most of the course drawing away comfortably from U.C.H., but being unable to make any impression on the Thames crew.

2nd. VIII. - Junior Senior Division - Goring Cup. **Result:** 1st heat. I.C., on the Surrey station, lost to Vesta R.C. by 2 lengths, beating Thames R.C. by over 2 lengths. Race rowed on the ebb tide. Winner's time 3m. 55 sec.

A good start saw I.C. in the lead by ½ length initially but Vesta R.C., with more solid blade work, were able to overtake them by ½ way and keep the lead.

3rd. VIII - Junior Division - Ronald Studd Cup. **Result:** 1st heat. I.C., on the centre station, lost to Thames Tradesmen R.C. by one length, beating Quintin B.C. by one length. Race rowed on the flood tide. Winner's time 4 m. 7 sec.

After some anxious moments with a jammed rudder and so some difficulty in making fast to the stake boat, I.C. went off to a poor start but leading by a canvas from the other two crews at half way. Finish was lacking, however, in the I.C. crew, and the Thames Tradesmen were able to pull away to win by a length.

Sculls - Junior Senior Division - Coronation Cup. **Result:** 1st. heat. I.C. won from J. Goulding of Barnes R.C. and G.C. Justicz of Royal Engineers R.C. Winner's time 5 m. 10 sec.

2nd. Heat (final) I.C. lost to J.E. Elgar of Bedford Park R.C.

Martin Gayland is to be congratulated on winning his heat and reaching the finals of this event. The final was lost to a better tactician, but nevertheless served as excellent experience for similar events to come.

CRICKET—NO HAT-TRICKS

Hook (Hants) 96 I.C. 95

There could hardly have been a more exciting finish to I.C. annual pilgrimage to village cricket, near the great game's birthplace in Hampshire.

Despite the lure of "The Dorchester Arms", the game began only 55 minutes late, and, suitably stimulated, I.C. soon took a firm grip on the game. Wickets fell steadily and lunch was taken with the Hook score at 55-5. The weather made for great thirst, and parched throats were damped enthusiastically throughout the luncheon interval of one and a half hours. Wickets continued to fall after lunch, and I.C.'s fielding was up to standard, Weale taking a catch between his legs. Hook were all out for 96 (Carter 3 for 21, Hearn 3 for 21, Shepherd 2 for 77).

I.C. were given a solid start by Weale, who by scoring 2 in 26 minutes, stayed until the score reached 32-2 (Hearn 19). When the score reached 88-6 (Kitchener 31), all seemed over. But Village cricket is unpredictable, and wickets tumbled to such effect that when R.A. Dytham, veteran no. 11, strode to the wicket, two were still required for victory. Neither of these was forthcoming from the bat of Dytham, who played an innings of ludicrous brevity. So the men of Hook strode as worth winners to "the Dorchester", where they proceeded to demonstrate their equal superiority at darts, during an evening that will long be remembered for its delightful singing.

Other results:-

I.C. 165 - 6 dec. (Kitchener 38, Walker 33)
Q.M.C. 92 - 8 (Shilling 3-16, Shepherd 3-17)

I.C. 173 - 7 dec. (Kitchener 56, Shepherd 41)
Trinity Hall, Camb. 174 - 3
Chelsea Police 118 - 6 dec. (Shepherd 3 -38)
I.C. 122 - 3 (Pande 46)

The Sunday Circus XI has at last found beatable opponents in Uidea Park 2nd. XI. Appropriately enough the highest score ever made for the Circus (so it is thought) has been put up by the College's biggest clown, Brian Hearn, who showed an amazing eye in hitting 141 not out in 83 minutes.

It seems he should stick to cricket, and cease his random ordering of coaches and incurring of losses for Charity.