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ALBERT HALL

The Ceremony proper began at 3pm. in the Albert Hall. Last year there were 3000 present, this year there seemed to be considerably more. To the strains of dignified and glorious chamber music the brightly be-robed elders, preceded by student officials, made their way slowly across the arena to their positions on the dais. The Student Orator, Randy Andy, read his Opening Proclamation in precise and strident tones. The choir then gave a pleasant rendering of Purcell's "Welcome All".

Then began the tedious presentation of Associates and Diplomates. Over three hundred graduates tripped across the platform with troglodyte tread and bowed in various comic ways to the Chairman of the Governors and the Chairman of the Delegacy. The latter part of these proceedings became more soporific due to a stroke of genius by Miss Imogen Holst, Conductress of the Music. The Guildsmen were presented to the accompaniment of sweet and melodious music (quite out of character).

A touching ceremony followed when Mr William Selkirk, donor of Selkirk Hall and the Selkirk Scholarships in Mines, was presented with an honorary A.R.S.M. at the grand old age of 95.

A precedent was set this year by the introduction of rather humorous citations accompanying the presentations of the newly elected Honorary Fellows. This is a departure which is to be encouraged. (We suggest that the Staff Orator should peruse the columns of Felix more closely and lay in a better stock of jokes for next year.)

The Rector then gave a short report on the expansion of the College. An account of his speech will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Never have so many suffered at the hands of so few as the choir (?) sang (?) aided (?) and abetted (?) by the organ (?) "The Shepherd's Wonder". This was set to music especially written for the occasion by Christopher Shaw; we wish he had not.

The College was fortunate this year in having as its special visitor Sir John Cockcroft, who gave an interesting discourse on the future role of technology (reported elsewhere). The choir then led the whole assembly in the National Anthem and the Ceremony came to a close with the recession.

CLARIDGES

This year's Commemoration Ball was not as dignified an affair as one might expect from its venue and the price of tickets. Even our august President, with his charming lady (rumoured to be an ex-girl friend of Oggi), indulged in some rather hectic jiving. The Ball could however be described as a success, in fact, on the whole very good. The crowded floor, which allowed the intimacy of a rugby scrum, and the continuous buffet, excellently stocked with highly indigestible delicacies, amply provided for the Freudian lusts of the President and the rest of his students.

The evening wore on and was finally brought to a close at 2.30a.m. by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and a rousing Boomalaka by the Guilds contingent. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves and we can recommend this function as an expensive luxury which should be indulged in at least once.



THE RECTOR'S SPEECH.

The Rector in his speech at the Commemoration Day celebrations in the Albert Hall confined himself almost entirely to a factual review of the progress that has so far been made in the expansion programme for the college. He began by quoting a government estimate that 85,000 more scientist and engineers would be required during the next 10 years and went on to show that I.C. is doing its full share in trying to achieve this increase.

VITAL STATISTICS

During the 3 years 1953 to 1956 the number of students has increased from 1650 to 2240, an increase of 36%. A corresponding increase of 33% has taken place in the number of staff, mainly by the creation of 5 new chairs in the departments of Aeronautical Structures, Instrument Technology, Nuclear Power, Parasitology and Soil Mechanics.

INCREASED ACCOMODATION

The Rector stated that the total floor space had been increased by 20% by the addition of an extra floor to Mines and the Goldsmith's extension buildings, and the erection of the new building for Aeronautics and Chemical Engineering. This building is rapidly nearing completion, and the Aeronautics department is already in occupation. The Rector reaffirmed the authorities' intention to increase residential accomodation as soon as possible, and reminded his audience that the College had recently acquired a site in Princes Gardens, and hopes to have accomodation for another 450 students ready in two years time.

The first quarter of the expansion programme could now be considered complete, and the staff and students were thanked for their co-operation under difficult conditions.

The Rector concluded by outlining the immediate expansion programme, and he felt that with the aid of the government, University, and all others concerned it should be possible to achieve all the objectives.

CHURCH SERVICE

The Rector, Deans, graduates, visitors and students assembled in Holy Trinity Church for worship, before proceeding to the Albert Hall. The preacher was the V-Rev. Dr. A.C. Don, Dean of Westminster.

The gist of Dr. Don's sermon was as follows: -The climate of opinion is changing so that, whereas Huxley and other great scientists of the 19th. Century had to fight for what they believed to be true, the Church has learnt much from Science and there is now an attitude of mutual respect. However, faith is no optional extra. To worship God as Lord only of the Church, and not also of Creation, and therefore of History, Politics, Science, is to court idolatry. The scientist must also answer the question: "What think Ye of Christ?"

SIR JOHN COCKCROFT'SSPEECH.THE FUTURE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY

This year's Special Visitor for Commemoration Day was Sir John Cockcroft, K.C.B., F.R.S., Director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, who was introduced by the Chairman of the Governing Body, The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Falmouth.

Sir John, in his opening remarks, outlined the basic research that had been carried out on nuclear physics a quarter of a century ago and stated that the rapid development going on at the present was only possible because of this work. He prophesied that twenty years hence the greater part of all energy in this country would be provided from atomic sources and considered that I.C. had an important part to play in this development by the recent creation of the Chair of Nuclear Power.

Weed Killer Sways U.S. Presidential Election.

Sir John pointed out that the advent of the atomic era heralded more automation but he stressed that this was merely a continuation of something that had been going on since the Industrial Revolution and was not new. He stated that automation would make a lot of unskilled workers redundant but that many more technicians would be required to operate the new machines. Sir John was emphatic that it was possible to train unskilled workers to become semi-skilled technicians, thus giving them a greater interest in their work. He agreed, however, that the development of technology would produce many new problems, and instanced the increased crop yields in the U.S. due to the use of new weed killers, which had given rise to problems that were a major issue in the present Presidential Elections.

Need for Creative Designers.

Sir John outlined what he considered were the ingredients for technical success. These were firstly a basic new idea or synthesis of ideas, secondly, adequate facilities and funds for the development of that idea, and thirdly a team of technologists capable of designing and streamlining the product for maximum production. At present we were most in need of technologists and compared with the United States and Russia we were outnumbered by 10 to 1 and 20 to 1 respectively.

Sir John ended by appealing for a more broadly based education for technologists with more time given in the curriculum for the humanities. The greatest need in industry today was not for men who had specialised in a particular narrow field of technology but for those who had a broad scientific education and were able to adapt themselves to the continually changing needs of new development. He thought that Imperial College had an important part to play in providing this form of education and advocated the provision of residential facilities for all students as a necessary part of their education.

Profile :-



ROGER SYKES

The Editor of Phoenix, accomplished artist, musician and amateur astronomer, is a delightful character who really enjoys the full life he leads. Roger Ian Sykes comes from Almondbury (pronounced "Aimbree") in the West Riding of Yorkshire and is twenty-one years old. He is now a third year Aeronautical Engineer - but after four years at I.C.

While at King James G.S. in his home town, he acquired an enthusiasm for art and in particular scraper-board drawings. Today, R.I. Sykes is one of the few recognised scraper-board artists in this country. Ever since he won a competition at the age of 13, his entry appearing in the local evening paper, he has had his drawings published regularly in that paper. Now there is one in every issue. Recently Roger illustrated an official guide-book to Derbyshire. He often undertakes commissions for drawings of an architectural nature, illustrates Christmas Cards, and, moreover, is a first class cartoonist.

It is not surprising that, when leaving school at 18, Roger considered art as a career. He is, however, very much interested in astronomy, and, in particular, astronautics. It was A.C. Clarke, Chairman of the British Interplanetary Society, who advised Roger to come to I.C. Roger won a scholarship here and so it was that art became "a hobby that pays". This "hobby that pays" was very useful when the first year had to be repeated - it provided almost enough money to live on. The first year saw him as Art Editor of Felix, and a founder-member of the I.C. Art Club. In his second year at college Roger joined the Air Squadron.

The foregoing should be enough to make the brown baggers sit up and think again, but Phoenix, art, aeronautical engineering and space-travel are by no means the limit of our subject's activities. At 14, Roger was playing a banjo in a local amateur dance band. Since he has been in London he has played his electric guitar in coffee-houses and pubs. for cash. He plays in the Air Squadron dance band, occasionally in the I.C. Jazz Band, and often at hostel "sport parties".

Cautiously, having noticed a vicious sheath-knife strapped to his leg, we asked Roger if he had any particular likes or dislikes. He likes modern poetry (he is compiling his own book of quotations), "Home Rule for Yorkshire", wine, song and one woman. He dislikes the "Yorkshire pudding" served in London, people who are seated in railway carriages when he has to stand, and women who wear trousers. When asked what his ambitions were, Roger said that he hoped to graduate without further delays, and to take part time art training after he leaves whilst being employed in astronautics. Roger does not wish to make his drawing a full-time occupation unless he can really make it pay. His marital status, he said, was "doubtful" - but there is a snapshot of a very charming lady in his hostel room!

Letters to the Editor

U.L.U.,
Malet Street,
London, W.C.1
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The Editor,
'Felix',
Imperial College.

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you, with reference to your Editorial of October 6th., that SENNET's accounts balanced last year without financial assistance from the University Union or any other body. I would deny emphatically the implications of your following remark about dictation.

Perhaps you were misled in your guesswork by the grant made by the Presidents' Council to assist in the paying off of the loan made in the summer of 1954 when SENNET was first started. I do not know if I need to add that I do not think that SENNET is original in having an initial debt nor are we any more subject to dictation than the man who has an overdraft at his bank.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Harrison,
Editor, SENNET.

(We thank Miss Harrison for her letter. Overcome with humiliation, we must admit the fact that FELIX starts off each session with an overdraft with I.C. Union. We congratulate the staff of SENNET on the quality of the paper considering the job they must have to make ends meet. We wish we could profile Sir Laurence Olivier in every issue. - J.V.B.)

I.C. Union,
17th. October.

The Editor,
'Felix'.

Dear Sir,

At present there are two Christmas Islands; one is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the other in the Indian Ocean south-west of Java. It is proposed to create a third island in the middle of I.C. where all shipwrecked mariners from the seas of science are invited to join a community dedicated to the pursuit of literature and philosophy and convened to preserve life from the strangleholds of authority, restriction and intolerance. May I implore prospective Islanders to digest the notice appearing on the Union's internal board by the bar and to append their signatures before this venture sinks.

Sincerely yours,
Peter Jarman.

Imperial College Art Club.

November 26-30 incl. an Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture will be held in the College.

The Exhibition will be open to all members of Imperial College, & each exhibitor is invited to submit two works, signed framed & properly labelled to the

UNION OFFICE. November 23rd

All works submitted will be shown.

FELIX

CIRCULATION 1200

Editor ; J. BRAMLEY

Writing an editorial is a very difficult job. We were going to write about the standard of manners in I.C. - we actually saw the Chairman of the S.C.C. (of all people) comb his hair when standing in the middle of Claridges' Ballroom ! We were intending to praise Dr. Sparkes despite his unkind remarks about "distortions which appear in FELIX" at the Union Meeting. We were to point out that the staff orations on Commem. Day might have been as audible as Andy Levine's had they taken the trouble to rehearse as he did. The production manager tells us that we have no room for all this in this issue.

I. C. UNION MEETING

The Extraordinary Union Meeting was actually held in the Concert Hall, much to most peoples surprise. The Hall had a completed flooring which was tastefully covered with green canvas. The two main items were a dissertation from the Planning Officer, Dr. Sparkes, and the presentation of the House Committee's Report. The latter item is reported below.

Dr Sparkes was introduced by Kitch who said that we should now hear 'straight from the horse's mouth' of the progress of the building. Dr Sparkes said that Mr Kitchener was a rude man and he had never been called a horse before in front of so many swine. Dr Sparkes made no promises and he defended the contractors. In 77% of the contract time 45% of the work had been done. Good labourers were as scarce as good students and when one sub trade defaulted this had a snowball effect on stopping the work of others. Penalty clauses in building contracts could not be imposed these days.

Dr Sparkes praised Mr Biggs and said that the work he has done on our behalf was five times that of Mr Mooney (which was praised in the last issue). He told of similar building troubles in Paris and hoped that this would be some consolation to us. When Kitch called for questions for Dr Sparkes to answer, a voice at the back said "What is the name of the play?" (Let us not be unkind to Dr Sparkes, he is doing his best with a thankless task.)

The House Committee report, reproduced in slightly abridged form, was presented as a basis for discussion and adopted "in toto" after very little debate by the Union. However, provision has been made for amendments to be made at future Union meetings.

The Governing Body have provided, free of rent, certain rooms for the use of the Union. The responsibility of the care and running of the new Building, which will cost about £250,000, rests primarily on the students of the college; all members of the Union are requested to co-operate by treating the Building, furniture and fittings with proper care and respect.

TRANS - ANTARTIC RECONNAISSANCE

On Tues. 16th Oct., Dr. V.E. Fuchs gave a most interesting and informative talk entitled "Trans-Antarctic Reconnaissance". Before a large enthusiastic audience, he told the story of his recent visit to the Weddel Sea to set up a base camp, to receive the main body of the expedition later this year.

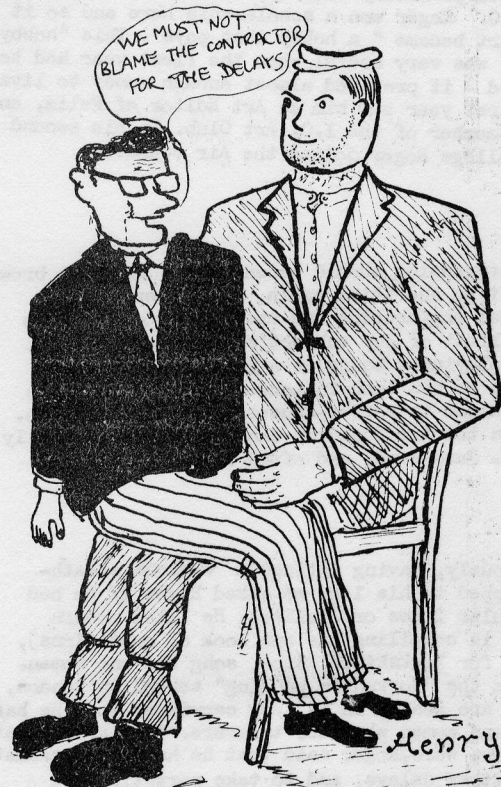
He was introduced by Prof. H.H. Read, who put forward the suggestion that the "Theron" was trapped in the ice by design rather than by accident, in order to attract public attention. Dr. Fuchs said that as a result of the publicity thus received, their funds had been considerably swelled.

He took up the story from their arrival at South Georgia and told of their adventures in the ice before they reached a suitable place to build the base. He gave an account of the unloading of the stores and of the misfortunes which overtook them, until they were finally ready to leave. He said he was very anxious to get back to the 8 members of the base party who have passed a very uncomfortable winter under an upturned packing-case.

His talk was fully illustrated with colour slides, which were of a high standard and were extremely interesting.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jon Stephenson, a past-graduate geologist here, who will be accompanying Dr. Fuchs on the expedition.

VIEWPOINT



The opening and closing hours, and general administration of the new building will be as already outlined in the Blue Book.

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The Committee recommend only one general rule viz - that all members should leave their hats and coats in the cloakrooms before proceeding to the other rooms instead of depositing coats and other garments in the lounges (Received with loud acclamation by the Union.)

People bringing sandwiches should consume them in the Snack Bar or Upper Refectory and not in the lounges.

Daily newspapers will be placed in the Main Lounge on the ground floor and periodicals in the Reading Room which will be regarded as a quiet room. Card games, chess, etc., should be restricted to the rooms provided for these games.

Attention is drawn to the correct way of drawing the curtains, which are hung in the most scientific and up to date manner, operated by cords. Pulling the curtains any other way will wreck the pulley track.

POSTING OF NOTICES

No general notices may be pinned up on the Internal or External notice-boards without permission from the Union Publicity Officer. The limiting size of posters and other notices is 18" x 22" except at the discretion of the Publicity Officer.

BOOKING OF ROOMS

Committee Rooms may be booked in the diaries provided in the Committee Rooms for that purpose. A application for the use of all other rooms in the Union building should be made through the Union Office.

CONCERT HALL

Hops and Carnivals will be held in the Concert Hall in conjunction with the Upper Refectory. (This much perturbed Mr Higson.)

GYMNASIUM

No-one is to enter the gymnasium in outdoor shoes. The changing rooms can be reached by the western staircase without having to cross the gymnasium floor.

UPPER REFECTORY AND SMALL LOUNGE.

The Upper Refectory is on the top floor and the entrance to the small lounge is on the opposite side of the landing. This room is carpeted and the Committee recommend that no coffee or sandwiches should be carried across the landing for consumption in the Small Lounge.

The small lounge may prove to be an ideal situation for a television set. (Discussion revealed a desire to purchase a gramophone)

I.C. UNION CARDS

It may from time to time be necessary to hold a check on persons present in the Union building; to discover for example, infiltrators at Union meetings or undesirables at Hops. Routine checks of Union cards will NOT be made, but all members are asked to co-operate by carrying their cards about with them in case a check becomes desirable.

Finally, it cannot be over-emphasised that the successful running of the new Union depends on the helpful co-operation of every student with the Duty Officers and members of Council on whom the main burden of responsibility falls. (The highest authority concerning the running of the Building is the General Meeting of the Union and that everyone using the building would have to abide by the decisions made at such a meeting.)

NELSON'S COLUMN

LOST, STOLEN, OR STRAYED. The cover of the Motor Show issue of PUNCH by Brookbank depicted Bo flying over the brow of a hill, driven by Mr. Punch, wearing Guilds scarf, accompanied by dog Toby and pursued by the law. There is no record that Bo was borrowed to pose especially as it still has only one cylinder and can not take part in this year's Veteran Car Rally.

The cartoon was inspired by Brookbank jr., a cartoonist with academic links with Guilds.

LIBERACE The London University woman's paper - Sennet, last week printed a misconstrued account of activities outside the Albert Hall, copied from the National Press. For the benefit of the above, who can not afford their own reporters, this was a short show by schoolboys at 7 p.m.

The demonstration at 10.30 p.m. at which the pianist escaped via another door, (for an adjectival description read Cassandra) caused the law to provoke a short aquatic display.

Two days later the constabulary announced that they would strengthen their team, (wearing waterproof underwear), at the next match. This occasioned a silent protest and a police state atmosphere.

LAST LEGS. Guildsmen have been requested not to stamp in lectures because their building now stands on iron legs over a 35 ft. hole where the foundations of the new buildings are laid.


Water has been discovered 11ft. above the level indicated by preliminary borings, necessitating piling round the site before excavation to 4 ft. below sea level can begin.

RUMOUR HAS IT that the Imperial Institute Tower will be burned in effigy today. It is expected that the Hostel water-throwing element will be there to control things; anyway the change of element may raise certain dampened spirits.

TICKETS BLUNDER The depressing sight of young ladies being turned away from hops after fighting for nonexistent tickets may be good practice for the January sales but must be speedily rectified before we get a bad name for our hospitality. Already, the more determined have found ways of entering the hall, packed with frustrated, hop-mad, jiving males.

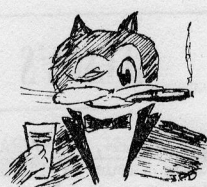
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WHAT THINK YE OF ~ CHRIST? ~



A Mission is coming Nov 4-11th
Missioner ~ M^r Michael Griffiths

FRESHERS' DINNERS



R.C.S. revived their freshers' dinners after ten years and held three functions in the Ayrton Hall. These were followed by the usual business in the bar below. Unfortunately on these occasions the singing was led not by their tousle-haired President but by C. and G. and Mines insurgents.

The Mines Freshers' Dinner was followed by speeches of a high standard - some choice phrases being remembered by those attending. Eavesdroppers watching the yard drinking from Imperial Institute Road are reported to have been revolted by the sight of Mr. Wallace drinking from the Pornographer's Pot before winding up the proceedings with a recitation of "Eskimo Nell" packed with action and feeling.

Last week witnessed the four Guilds' Dinners. These followed the usual pattern. A fresher tried to steal the limelight from John Le Butt and his vulgar poetry. His trousers were accordingly removed. Such is the treatment for precocity among freshers.

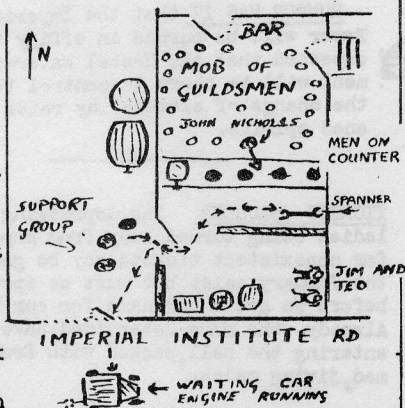
Miners Steal Spanner

TOOL TROUBLE

THE SPANNER WAS STOLEN ON MONDAY NIGHT by twelve Miners. After careful plans had been made in the "Queen's" and watches had been synchronised, Mike Rutter and John Nicholls entered the bar, which was full of Guildsmen celebrating their last Freshers' Dinner. Mike and John were forced to climb on to the bar (the distraction they had hoped for). Just as they had done so, at precisely 10.10 p.m. as planned, the spanner, resting as expected at the back of the bar, was whisked away through the side door by a member of the support group under the noses of umpteen Engineers. A group outside transferred it through the wicket gate into a waiting car which vanished into the night.

Those Miners remaining after the coup retired without much trouble to the "Queen's", only to be attacked by angry Guildsmen in Queen's Gate Terrace after closing time - Rutter lost his trousers in public.

The Spanner attended the Mines Union Meeting on Tuesday. When the meeting ended at 1.56 it was suspended from second floor windows in the R.S.M. entrance arch. Meanwhile Guilds had massed in Room 17, and, just after 2 p.m., came round to the front of Mines. They got their beloved matchwood back after 20 minutes of hard scrapping. Several trousers changed hands, and the appearance of a police car brought matters to a close. We hope to print additional details and a photograph in the next issue.



COMING EVENTS

The shortness of this column is due to the fact that the club secretaries are too idle to bother sending us their announcements. The FELIX staff have enough to do without chasing round noticeboards. If you want the free publicity we offer then send in your programmes - and reports of your meetings.

Friday Nov. 2nd.

Film Soc.: 'The Red Shoes', 'Return to Glen-ascaul'. - Chem. Lect. Theatre. 6.45 p.m.

S.C.M.: 'Evangelism' - Fr. K. Davie, C.R. 1.10 p.m., Room 128 C. & G.

Sunday Nov. 4th.

Mountaineering Club: Harrison's Rocks, 9 a.m. Victoria Station - don't be late!

Monday Nov. 5th.

BANG!

Hop at Harlington, Tickets on Friday lunchtime. (Note:- TODAY, all volunteers from the S.C.C. and any others who can spare their services to help with preparations at Harlington please contact J.L. Saunders, Room 74 New Hostel.)

Tuesday Nov. 6th.

R.S.M. Union Meeting. 1.15 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 8th.

U.L.U.: A.G.M. 6 p.m. Beveridge Hall Senate House. - Two hours fun and games! These meetings are usually poorly attended. A two hundred strong I.C. contingent would represent a vast majority. Are you satisfied with U.L.U.?

Friday Nov. 9th.

Lord Mayor's Show: Unofficial day off for C&G! (Apparently the Dean told John Hart that if he could produce a list of signatures of those who wished to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show, he would treat their absence as official. Hart said this at the Freshers' Dinner on Friday 26th.)

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 10th and 11th.

Touchstone Weekend at Silwood: "Scientific Humanism" - Mrs. Margaret Knight.

Friday 16th. - Sunday 18th. Nov.

S.C.M. Study Weekend held in conjunction with Queen Elizabeth College and Royal College of Music at Dormers, Nazeing, Essex. Theme: "Salvation"; Speaker: Rev. David Edwards. Freshers are particularly invited. Dormers is a farmhouse and Nazeing is 15 miles from Piccadilly. Anglicans have to walk 2½ miles to church and back for Communion. A long muddy walk and a riotous evening are Saturday highlights.

SQUASH NEWS

The squash season is now well under way. The 1st. team have played three matches so far. In two of these, against Battersea and the School of Oriental and African Studies we were successful. The third match against St. Catherines College Cambridge played at home on Saturday 27th October resulted in our first defeat. It was extremely hard fought and was only decided in St. Catherines favour in the fifth game of the final tie.

George Hodgson, a freshman, has now established himself on the first team and Harry Mills, an insurgent from Capetown University and Richmond Rugger Club is at present providing strength at number five.

We welcome back to the club Ray Scott-White who two seasons ago was a regular 1st. team member and is now gradually regaining his old form.

HOCKEY

In the first match of the season, on Wed. Oct. 17th., I.C. gave a good account of itself by drawing 3-3 with a weakened St. Bart's Hospital team at Harlington. I.C. may be considered fortunate in that they scored their first goal against only nine opponents but nevertheless they earned a draw. It was an entirely different story when the Old Dunstablians were entertained the following Saturday. Extremely poor positional play gave the O.D.'s. chance to make additional use of their hard hitting and I.C. must be considered lucky to have lost only five goals to one.

Coming 1st. team fixtures are:-
Sat. Nov. 3rd. Vickers Armstrong H.
Wed. Nov. 7th. U.L. Cup. 1st. round.

VOLLEY BALL

On the 18th. October the first lunch time Volley Ball game took place in Hyde Park. Mrs Robinson "volleyed off" the first ball and a team of twelve then proceeded to warm up. Even the Editor of Phoenix joined in and was seen keenly trying his hand at the game.

Contrary to popular belief this game is not a girl's game; two good teams make it good to watch and good exercise to play. It is widely known on the Continent.

All are welcome and if numbers are large some sort of booking will be introduced. So if you want to play, come along to our ground, between the Albert Memorial and Alexandra Gate any Tuesday or Thursday at 1.15 pm. Further developments will be posted on the Polish Society notice board.

The idea to 'play ball' during the lunch time breaks (Tuesday and Thursday) was originated by the Polish Society and gained the support of the Union. A proper portable equipment has been purchased and this will be in use in a week or two.

Photo opposite: "Robb" starting off the volley ball game.

RUGGER



The 1st. XV has had somewhat mixed fortunes to date mainly due to the lack of spirit on the field among the forwards and undecisive tackling and falling by the whole team. The 2nd., A, B, and C XV's are as yet undefeated.

In a match which should have been won more easily I.C. defeated U.C.H. by 19 pts. to 8 pts. Perhaps the best display to date was against Wasps Vandals the following Saturday. Here the forwards showed that they do possess some vitality and good marking by the I.C. backs coupled with tireless covering by Gilbert saw the Wasps leading by only a dropped goal twenty minutes from 'no side'. The superior fitness of the opposition then came to the fore however, and they scored 17 more points before Stone went over for a try in a state of near collapse just before the final whistle.

The less said of the match against Reading University the better, for unenthusiastic forward play, poor marking and tackling by the backs and a succession of petty infringements in our own 25 allowed Reading to amass an early lead. Only late in the second half did I.C. show any spirit when they scored 6 points from a good try (Stone) and a penalty goal (Hearn).

A considerable improvement was shown last Saturday when I.C. defeated Rosslyn Park 'A' by two penalty goals (Stone) and two tries (Lanz and Shepherd) to two tries and a penalty goal, after losing Charles in the first ten minutes. As so often happens the loss of a man brought out the best in the team and apart from one or two defensive lapses and an alarming tendency to give away penalties within a kickable distance, the side seemed quite impressive. Stone was a tower of strength at outside-half and Dibley was predominant at wing-forward.

Results.

Wed. Oct. 17th. I.C.-19. U.C.H.-8.
Sat. Oct. 20th. I.C.-3. Wasps-20.
Wed. Oct. 24th. I.C.-6. Reading Univ.-19.
Sat. Oct. 27th. I.C.-12. Rosslyn Park.-9.



SPORTS NEWS

ROWING



During the first weeks of this term all the sports clubs of the College have been busy. Among the busiest has been the Boat Club whose officials have had the job of sorting out about eighty fresher members some of whom have had rowing experience and some (70%) who have not. Between now and the Thames Head of River the novices must be taught enough about the art of rowing so that they may be entered in this event and enjoy the race.

As far as the older members are concerned, there have been formed four trial eights which are now in training and doing well. There will be much competition for the first eight seat during the next few weeks thus adding a good incentive to individual training and keenness. This promises to be a good year and all members are looking forward to competition with confidence and interest. Out of the present fourteen eights on the water we should be able to produce some fast crews.

SOCCER

The Soccer Club has made a very satisfactory start to the season with the 1st. XI still unbeaten and the second XI having won 2 and lost 1.

The 1st. XI shows several changes from last season and it is encouraging to see two freshers, Moss in goal and Sprunt on the right wing, showing great promise.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers
Oct 17th.	v. Kings	Draw 1 - 1	Wenk
Oct 20th.	v. Chelsea	Poly. - Won 8 - 0	Judd 3 Young 3 Holgate 2
Oct 24th.	v. U.C.	Draw 2 - 2	Young, 1 o.g.
Oct 27th.	v. Sir John Cass	Won 4 - 1	Holgate 2 Judd Wenk

(The match against Chelsea was a preliminary round of the U.L. Cup.)

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

In the past fortnight the Club has had no competitive matches, members have however taken part in two successful College Trials and in two University fixtures.

The first was the Poly Mob Match at Hampstead in which the University easily beat the Polytechnic Harriers (607 pts. to 1329 pts.). First man home was John Evans in 27m 54s for the muddy, hilly 5½ mile course. Dave Briggs (an I.C. fresher) did well in coming in 10th.

The other event was the University Trial over 6¼ mile at Hampstead. This was easily won by D. Briggs in 34m 57s, in so doing he beat two years U.L. 1st. team. The Club can also be proud of the fact that we had seven men home in the first twenty.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The Freshers Meet

Twenty campers and ten others arrived in North Wales at 2.00am. on Saturday 20th. Oct. The rain came in horizontal sheets and the six who were staying in the hut quickly disappeared in the gloom leaving the others to their fate. The campers quickly revised their idea of camping at 2000ft. near Llyn Bochlywd and pitched the camp about 200yds. from the road. Apart from the gale, the rain and the new lake which formed round the tents, everything went well. One pair did however manage to pitch their tent inside out, a remarkable feat in the conditions.

The gale continued and whilst the hut men slept in front of a roaring fire most of the twenty were sitting in squelching sleeping bags holding on to their shuddering tent poles.

Mid-day Saturday saw most of the campers billeted in farm houses, barns and huts throughout the valley. That was the end of the rain. For the rest of the weekend a high standard of climbing was maintained on six different cliffs. No accidents are reported although one unfortunate leader found himself hanging upside down from a belay and another was saved from scattering the gaping crowd below by a holly bush.

The freshers did extremely well, many doing their first rock climb in the pouring rain. It does not rain perpetually in Wales and it is hoped that there will be enough support to run another coach at the end of January.

SAILING CLUB



The annual knockout competition for the Castaway's Cup was held at Welsh Harp on the 20th. and 21st. October, when 13 college teams came to the line. I.C. entered two teams, the 1st. team meeting U.C. in the final after beating Guys, N.E.C. and G.M.C.

The first race of the final was won by U.C. by the narrow margin of 20¼ pts. to 19 pts. The second race was very keenly contested and interesting for the tactics used. After one round I.C. was in a strong position with 1st. 2nd. and 5th. but one boat hit a buoy in the second round whilst duelling with two U.C. boats and so had to retire. This left U.C. the winners by 40¼ pts. to 37¼ pts. The I.C. team was J. Conway-Jones, A.J. Dunbury, M. Collyer C.Gent, J.S. Smith and Miss J. Stevens.

SWIMMING CLUB

The Club had its first match of the season versus Kings on Friday. After a very exacting match Kings won by 36-34 pts. In the water polo Kings who were last years University Champions were defeated by 6-4 goals. The only new member of the team, Corrigan, scoring 4 goals. The University have selected Loveman, Harford and Clark to swim against Birmingham next Saturday.