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GUILD'S at LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Guilds had the humiliating experience this year of seeing their rightful place in the Lord Mayor's Show usurped by the unworthy representatives of King's, due to a prize piece of bungling by some incompetent City administrator.

The invitation to Guilds to take part in the procession was sent by mistake to King's College, a small co-education seminary near Charing Cross. That someone should confuse this place with Guilds shows just how lacking in education are those who "do something in the city".

The scurrilous leaders of the King's mob decided to keep this invitation and by the time the mistake had been discovered it was stated by the organisers of the procession to be too late to make any changes. So Guilds were allowed to man only two floats. These facts were explained by John Hart on Thursday to a crowded Union meeting. The meeting was also told that a half-holiday had been granted for the occasion and plans could be made for a reprisal raid on Kings after the procession.

On Friday morning a large number of Guildsmen made their way down to the City and congregated at the corner of Ludgate Hill and Old Bailey. Thanks to strenuous work by Keith Duckworth and a few stalwarts from the motor club, Bo was on the road again by Friday and although she could not take part in the procession was proudly taken along to see the show. This in spite of "dropping in a valve" on the way. As is usual on such occasions, Bo itself was a big attraction.

As the various King's College floats appeared down Ludgate Hill and passed the massed Guildsmen, the dubious nature of their parentage was freely advertised. Many other King's failings were explained to bystanders and policemen. The latter, in particular, obviously appreciated the bandinage and were very good-humoured and co-operative throughout the proceedings.

Once the procession had passed, Guilds turned their attention to more serious business, and, led by John Hart in Bo, swept along the Embankment up to the gates of K.C. They were told by the police that Bo could not stay, so the President dismounted and led the battle on foot while Bo returned to South Kensington.

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MORPHY DAY (STOP PRESS)

The turnout from Guilds and Mines for Morphy Day on Wednesday was the smallest for some years. Despite a twisted crank-shaft Bo was eventually coaxed to life and left S. Ken. with John Hart, the Spanner, and the two ladies of Guilds as passengers Jezebel fresh from her christening the day before roared down to Putney in fine style.

The main party went by the well tried District Line. A small incident occurred at Parsons Green, when some members of R.C.S. took charge of an unwanted tail lamp lying on the platform. This was angrily demanded back by a member of the L.T. and the train was held up for 10mins. while a futile search of the carriages was made. This train only continued after most of the Guilds people had been forced to disembark and make their way to Putney on foot.

While waiting for the Morphy boats to come out a lot of good-humoured ragging went on in front of the boat house and there were one or two determined efforts by both R.C.S. and Mines to capture the Spanner. These were unsuccessful however, unless one counts the small chunk of wood brutally torn from one end.

The Miners had as their mascot two hydrogen filled balloons. These were anchored to a lamp-post but soon released by Guildsmen on the roof of the Boat-house.

Just before the Morphy crews came out the new Boat Club launch 'Menelaus' was christened with Merrydown Cider by Mrs. Lowry from the bank. 'Menelaus' cost £850 is powered by a 20h.p. twin cylinder outboard motor and is capable of 22 knots. The Rector and his wife and Col. Lowry, Clerk to the Governors, and Mrs. Lowry watched the races from 'Menelaus'.

Between the Morphy and Lowry Races there was more ragging (still not a policeman in sight) and three gentlemen were seen with all or most of their trousers missing. The return to I.C. was made en masse. Gains: One bus stop - Losses: One budding scientist (missing, presumed arrested).

CHRISTENINGS



MENELAUS



JEZEBEL

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All the PROCEEDS, not just the profits, of the last issue were donated to the Red Cross appeal. The statement on the front page of that miserable rag Sennet was completely misleading.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chem. Tech.
9-11-56.

Dear Sir,

A petition has been circulated in the college deploring the Government's action in the Middle Eastern crisis. Also, a group of people took part in the anti-Government demonstrations in Trafalgar Square carrying a placard bearing the slogan: "Imperial College Students repudiate 19th. Century Imperialism".

Many signatories to the petition gave their address as this college: the name of the college was dragged into politics. This concerns us all.

Imperial College is in a particularly noticeable and vulnerable position because the public are spending money on its expansion. The expansion is for the good of the country, not ourselves. It needs the goodwill of the nation and government. In addition, if we wish to maintain our position as one of the most important colleges in England and indeed, in the World it is essential that our opinions should be respected and that we should not undermine our own prestige.

In the meantime, and in any future crisis, I hope that members of this college will behave more responsibly. Otherwise, I hope that they will dissociate themselves entirely from the college and the Union.

Yours faithfully,

D.J. Higson.

(In a telephone conversation with the Editor on Sunday, Mr. Higson said that he wished to make it quite clear that he would have been equally concerned had the actions he has criticised been pro-Eden. It is the politics and not the sentiments to which he objects.)

Royal College of Science,
10th. Nov. '56.

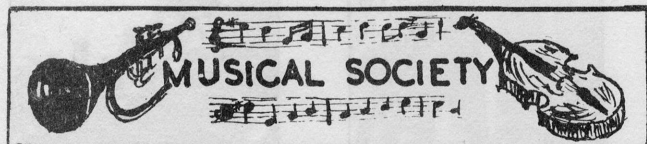
Dear Sir,

During the last few days the Press has given prominence to a number of meetings organised by the students of the University of London expressing concern over Hungary and Suez.

Without exception these meetings have been inadequately publicised on the notice boards of Imperial College, and consequently poorly supported by members of this College.

Whilst it must be accepted that demonstrations of the Whitehall variety are not the best way of expressing our misgivings, it would be unfortunate if this College was thought to be apathetic.

Yours etc.,
P. Emerson.



78 and 33 r.p.m. Record
Library is open on Friday
1 - 2 p.m. and is situated
on the landing outside Guilds
Library.

Gramophone Recitals are
held 1 - 2 p.m. every Mon-
day in Room 21 Guilds you
are welcome to bring your
lunch.

C.&G. Union,
10th. Nov. '56.

Dear Sir,

While the facts are still somewhat obscure it does seem that something could have been done earlier about Guilds representation in the Lord Mayor's Show.

Could we have a lucid explanation from the Union of this matter and of the non-appearance of Bo in the Brighton Rally?

Apathy or Incompetence?

Yours etc.,
John L. Sellars.

The following letter was received by the Chairman of the I.C. Entertainment Committee from a young lady who had attended one of the I.C. informal dances.

Dear Sir,

After attending one of your Sat. evening hops, we would like to comment on the fact that many of the boys attending do not dance, but merely decorate the walls especially near the door.

No girl likes being a wall-flower, and we are even more surprised that the boys like being pansies.

We feel that these hops would be a great success if only everyone would dance, and if the boys do not intend to dance, they should not come.

Yours Sincerely,

"A Hopeful Wall-flower".

COMING SOON!! COMING SOON!! COMING SOON!!

FELIX DANCE

(the poor man's carnival.)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE PAGE FOUR.

(A more detailed announcement will appear in the next issue.)

Lord Mayor's Show.

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A small party managed to enter by the rear entrance and after overpowering the porter opened the main Strand gate to let in the main body of Guildsmen. John Hart called out for the President of Kings in order to demand an apology for his dubious part in the conspiracy to keep Guilds out of the Show. Unfortunately the gentleman did not appear so Guilds went into the main hall and rent the air with a 'Boomalaka'. As the last echoes of this died away a stream of liquid poured down on them from a fire-extinguisher.

There followed a general melee with students of Kings, in which further fire-extinguishers were used to great effect, and Guilds then withdrew through the main gates. Here the police were holding back an angry mob of Kings who had just returned from the Show.

Altogether the Lord Mayor's Show Day of 1956 will remain a memorable one and we are informed that Guilds have already taken steps to ensure that next year they will once more take their proper place in the Procession.

PROFILE :

HUBERT EDWIN SMITH

At school Hubert Smith was not one of the most popular sixth-formers. Nobody disliked him. It was just that he did not play football or cricket and he was not an active supporter of his house. Tall, pale and bespectacled, the bookish Smith was consistently successful in examinations. This was not because he was more clever than his more rumbustious fellows but because he enjoyed two hours of extra study rather than attempting to play in a game of football. On the rare occasions when he was invited to parties, he failed miserably to imitate the boisterous spirits of his friends, making rather a fool of himself. But he would sparkle in his class, answering difficult questions with a glow of personal satisfaction.

Hubert won a scholarship to Imperial College, and it is not surprising that he had rather an exaggerated opinion of himself. At I.C. life was fine. Hubert's lodgings in Ealing were very comfortable and the four chaps who were also staying there were of like mind. Apart from a visit to the cinema on Saturday nights they all worked very hard. How it was that others in his year were able to spend so much time on rowing and rugby, dramatics and dancing, chess, bridge, Union meetings and other activities, Hubert could never quite fathom.

The turning point in Hubert's career at I.C. was a chance meeting with an Enlightened Administrator. This gentleman took a liking to Hubert and saw that he was not obtaining the full value from his stay at University. The E.A. found Hubert a place in an Imperial College Hostel where he soon came in to contact with college life. Because he no longer had his daily trek to and from Outer London, he found that he had time to meet these new influences half-way.

A year later found a different H.E. Smith. He had found new confidence in himself. Thoroughly accepted by those who professed a dislike for the kind he had been, he joined in many Union activities. He sat on committees and had a reputation for being a man who could be depended upon to assist with the organisation of Union functions. Looking back, Hubert found that all this had not had a detrimental effect on his work. It had given him a different attitude to it, but it had not affected its quality.

Unfortunately, the four who had shared lodgings in Ealing with Hubert were not as lucky. The Enlightened Administrator could not find hostel places for them as well - there are so few places for so many people. Hubert found it difficult to persuade them to turn away from their drab habits. As far as we know they, having graduated, still lead a humdrum life in inferior jobs and are a very poor advertisement for the college.

HARLINGTON HOP

The Guy Fawkes' hop at Harlington was very well supported this year. Judging by the queues for tickets, these could have been sold twice over.

Buses started leaving the Union at 6.45 without the usual fireworks display in and around them. On arrival at Harlington one found the hall pleasantly decorated and the three bars pleasantly stocked. Outside there was a massive wood-pile, later to provide a first-class bonfire.

The dancing was soon in full swing, the selection of rock 'n' roll records proving very popular. In spite of a 50-50 sale of tickets, the unaccompanied males had a lean time. It appeared that most drowned their sorrow in drink. The large enamel jugs, holding over a gallon of beer each, were frequently being filled.



Hundreds watch November 5th Celebrations

The time-honoured play: "Shall we go and see the bonfire?" was to be heard everywhere at about 9 p.m., and soon a large crowd congregated around the inferno. The buses provided a favourite vantage point from which to view the proceedings although attention soon shifted to way out on the rugby pitches where the fireworks got away to a rocketing start. The lapses between the individual displays were not, however, well received. There were fewer fireworks than in previous years and a set piece, somewhat inappropriately called "Zambesi Falls" rounded off the show.

Back in the warmth of the pavilion the word soon spread that hot-dogs were being given away. Almost a riot ensued. The Skiffle Group provided a suitable diversion and soon gathered a large crowd, who at times almost became "hep".

As soon as the records came on again everyone who could find a partner started dancing. The excess of males was increased by the influx of certain undesirable-looking Harlington locals. The dance came to an end surprisingly soon - although the fun was not yet over. Few of the buses reached South Kensington with a full complement of light, due to the removal of the bulbs by some poor sex-starved I.C. men. However, the evening as a whole had helped to alleviate that situation. Everyone agreed that it was good value for money.

FELIX



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Felix does not propose to enter politics. Whilst respecting the arguments of both schools of thought in the Middle East dispute, this column takes no sides. We join the Rector in expressing our pleasure that the College did not behave in an irresponsible or hysterical manner, as did other colleges during the crisis.

There were however exceptions. References to these are found on page 2 under "Letters to the Editor". Let the situation be approached in this way. If you took an active interest in a business concern you would take care not to make public, in the name of the concern, your views on any issue which had divided your clientele. You would not wish to lose half of them. In addition, your business colleagues might not hold your opinions. They would be most displeased, for you would have used their name as well as your own. Consider these two points because Imperial College is a business concern with a large turnover and a large clientele.



"NAR, YOU WOULDN'T 'APPEN TER BE ONE OF DR. LINSTID'S LITTLE BOYS, BY HANY CHARNCE?"

LODGINGS

At the request of the Union Executive, FELIX is conducting a Lodgings Survey. Interleaved in this issue you will find a questionnaire prepared by the Union Executive. You are asked to complete this and put your completed copy in one of the boxes which will be placed at convenient points about the college. This is a serious survey which is being conducted so that Council may be better informed about student accommodation problems. Your replies will be treated as confidential.

RECTOR'S GIFT.

The Rector has presented the Union with four college crests, which will be displayed somewhere in the new building, probably in the bar. The crests are made of metal and are duplicates of those carried by the College Marshals on Commemoration Day. They will be presented by the Rector to the President of the Union at Hall Dinner on November 20th.

HALL DINNER.

Hall Dinner will continue on Tuesdays in the New Union until December 11th. On December 18th. the Christmas Hall Dinner (formal dress) will be held in Ayrton Hall, where the Choir will sing grace and carols. All members of the Union may attend Hall Dinner which is handsomely subsidised from college funds. Bookings in the Union Office until Monday lunchtime.

HARLINGTON.

The Athletic Ground Committee has high hopes that the bar and tea rooms will acquire new furniture soon. The rickety tea tables and poor quality chairs and forms are a disgrace to the college. It is also hoped to obtain more occasional tables and easy chairs to convert the room next to the bar into a bar only, with all teas provided in the large tea room only. The sooner the better.

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The Christmas Issue of FELIX:

The Christmas Issue of FELIX is Issue No. 100. Readers could agree that this is a great occasion. Accordingly, the Editorial Board have decided to produce a 16-page Felix for which it is proposed to charge 6d.

YOU can help us to make those extra eight pages worth more than the additional 3d. This is an appeal to all readers of this paper to send us material for selection for the hundredth Edition. Articles, jokes (original and clean please!), poetry, puzzles, cartoons and photographs will all be considered. Suitable material sent in by November 30th. will earn free tickets to the Felix Dance. Do not be reluctant to send in contributions however poor you think they are. The present Editor's first contribution to this paper was lousy - and he has not improved one iota.

Felix Dance: Limerick Competition:

As usual, there will be a Limerick Competition to be judged at the Felix Dance. We give the first line of the ditty below. You complete it in standard limerick form and hand it in at the dance - or send it to the Editor before the dance.

"There was a young student from Rheims...."

Rheims is to be pronounced to rhyme with teams, screams or seams etc.

VIEWPOINT

Another Nov. 5th has passed, and for those who were fortunate enough to go to Harlington, it was probably quite enjoyable. But what of those not so fortunate?

When we received our annual Nov. 5th "warning" from the college authorities, we were again requested to confine our activities to the organised function at Harlington - with the threat of disciplinary action hanging over those who wished to celebrate elsewhere. In order further to persuade us, a charge of only one shilling, inclusive of transport, was made.

But what in fact happened? On both days that tickets were on sale, all the men's tickets and nearly all the women's tickets were sold in a matter of minutes. This indicated the willingness of the students to comply with the wishes of the authorities. However, for many of the hundreds of students unable to get Harlington tickets, the attitude of the University Senate and the Metropolitan Police made it very difficult to celebrate Guy Fawkes' Day in the traditional manner.

The present position is thus most unsatisfactory. Two things might be done to improve it. First, more sites for students' Nov. 5th activities must be found. One solution for those who would like a procession of the type now banned by the Metropolitan Police, may be to arrange a river pageant on the Thames. Barges, merry-makers, raft-borne bonfire and all would proceed down river to where a dance or carnival may be held. Provided folks refrain from shooting pedestrians off bridges with rockets, the police can have no real objection to such a function, which would doubtless be welcomed by the general public.

Second, with respect to rags in general, the Senate should give an undertaking that disciplinary action would be taken only if there has been damage to person or property. This is fair to students and is enough to discourage the wrong type of rag.

To finish, I would like to put a sincere question to the College and University Authorities. It has been said in the past that students consider themselves a privileged class. They could "get away" with anything during rags. Some students may have held this view, but who can say we are privileged when the Senate has the power of imposing a second punishment after a student has already been dealt with in a court of Justice?

Fred Peacock.

TOUCHSTONE

"SCIENTIFIC HUMANISM"

At this Touchstone Weekend, held in the beautiful autumnal setting of Silwood Park, the guest speaker was Mrs. Margaret Knight, well known for her controversial broadcasts on scientific humanism.

In her opening talk Mrs. Knight gave her reasons for rejecting christianity and explained how scientific humanists prefer to analyse human behaviour, and act so as to promote human well-being. Following this, those present divided up into three groups to discuss some problems associated with scientific humanism. These discussions tended to develop into a friendly clash, between those of the christian faith and the scientific humanists. The Christians objected that scientific humanism had no constructive policy and was just anti-religious, to which the humanists replied that by its very nature it is not dogmatic and cannot have a rigid policy. However, most people agreed that the differences lay not so much in how they would act, but the fundamental reasons for doing so.

NELSON'S COLUMN

SELKIRK CARRIES THE BANNER. Four residents of Selkirk Hall accidentally found themselves carrying a placard at the head of a silent protest march. The National Press depicted these stalwarts conducting their responsible task with fortitude and solemnity.

ANYTHING FOR A RAG. It was unfortunate that the organisers of the above procession failed to foresee that early dispersal of the students would result in more vociferous demonstrations. An hour's marching round the back streets of Paddington would have effectively lost, en route, the majority of the demonstrators. The press fortunately failed to sense that some taking part in the procession were only there for the fun of it and would participate in any rag. This was obvious from the large number of explosive pyrotechnics discharged and the fact that certain students lowered themselves to bottle throwing.

UNICORN LIBERATED Shortly after its profile appeared in Sennet the green and silver papier-mache Bedford College mascot, the 'Unicorn', left Regents Park in a hurry. It reappeared with the Jazz Band on Saturday night.


U. L. UNION MEETINGS Last year all the Union General Meetings were found to be inquorate and adjourned. One hundred Union members, representing two thirds of the Colleges of the University form the quorum.

At the Meeting last week, just over 100 members of the Union were present, (10 from I.C.) but only 19 of the 43 colleges were represented. As a result motions on Red Cross relief and the United Nations were not discussed.

More interest in Union policy must be shown by all members of the University in order to get a lively Union run by the majority.

BLOCK VOTES At the U.L.U.A.G.M., reported above, elections to the House Committee revealed a great degree of inter-college allegiance. The candidate from I.C. was supported by Bedford and Q.E.C.; Bedford had solid support from I.C. for their candidate, but no-one voted with L.S.E. for their candidates.

COME AND JOIN ME--



- AT THE -

I.C.W.A.

INFORMAL DANCE

IN

AYRTON HALL

COMING SOON - SOONER THAN YOU THINK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

8-11 p.m.

BAR!! BAND!! PRIZES!!

NEW UNION LATEST

Last Tuesday the whole of the first floor of the new building was opened, and Hall Dinner took place in the new dining hall (or should have done). This dining hall is now open for lunch, daily, on the same basis as the old "Upper Dining Hall" i.e. with waitress service and at a slightly higher cost than downstairs.

Unfortunately the other rooms on this floor are the comparatively useless Senior Common Room (!), Reading Room and I.C.W.A. lounge. Of necessity the Reading Room will remain unfurnished for a few weeks and will be used by the Fencing and Judo Clubs and by other people for "circuit training". These activities have suffered badly during the last two years: they have been moved from place to place, sometimes to abodes hopelessly cramped or at a considerable distance from I.C. Only the hardest heart would begrudge them temporary use of the Reading Room until the gymnasium is ready.

An excursion round the new building last Sunday provided the most encouraging signs for weeks. Not that electrifying progress is being made; only electrifying when compared to the previous snail's pace. An agonising shortage of labour is still apparent. However, at a recent top-level meeting (so top-level that the I.C. President was not even invited to attend it) it was agreed again that all the building except the gymnasium and Upper Refectory should be completed by the end of November. I am assured that this meeting was so top-level that its decisions are pretty reliable. It is now possible to walk up and down the centre staircase; the Upper Refectory boasts a completed ceiling; the stage floor is appearing; the Concert Hall walls are being painted a dreary grey and there is some activity in the Table Tennis and Billiards rooms. Even the gymnasium is acquiring a ceiling. However, he would be a great optimist who could imagine himself seated in the lounge before Christmas, although (glad news) the crude outlines of the Bar are becoming manifest and suggest that the new building may yet resound to the joyful singing of the Ragger club before the end of term. So get ready for some fun.

A.K.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY
and THE COMUS CLUB

PRESENT

THE LONDON PREMIERE OF

"LOFTUR"

BY JOHANN SIGURJONSSON

IN THE CONCERT HALL

8.30 p.m. 11th. December
7.30 p.m. 13th, 14th, 15th. Dec.

4/-, 2/6, 1/6.

BOOK NOW

IMPERIAL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION:

There will be Open Meetings on Monday, Nov. 19th., and Monday, Nov. 26th., in the Metallurgy Lecture Theatre (RSM) at 1.15 p.m. At the first one the Rev. Ken Prior will talk on "A Faith that Works"; at the latter the Rev. Brian Isaac's theme is: "Can we be Sure?"

COMING EVENTS

Fri. Nov. 16th.

I.C.P.S. W.Harris Esq. "Judgement on Judges" 5.15p.m.
Botany Lect. Th.

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Rover Crew - "Rovering to Success" - 1.10p.m. Small Chem. Th.

Sat. Nov. 17th.

I.C.W.A. - Informal Dance in Ayrton Hall 8-11p.m.
Bar; Band; Prizes;

Sun Nov. 18th.

I.C.C.U. - Overseas Students Trip to Cambridge. Leaving 9.45a.m. (see Notice Board for point of Departure)

Wed. Nov. 21st.

Rover Crew - Evening Meeting - see Notice Board for further details.

Thurs. Nov. 22nd.

R.C.S. Natural History Soc. - "Natural History of Box Hill" with colour slides. By J.Sankey Esq. 5.30p.m.
Botany Lect. Th. Tea 5.15p.m. in Botany Library.

Fri. Nov. 23rd.

I.C.Film Soc. - "Kingdom of the Waters" - Hungary 1951.
Made by Dr. Istvan Nagy.

I.C.P.S. - Portrait Group Meeting.

Rover Crew - "Organisation of Badge Courses" by J.Lewis
New Comm. Room 1.10p.m.

Sat. Nov. 24th.

I.C. International Relations Club. - Dance in aid of Hungarian Red Cross Appeal. Ayrton Hall 7.30- 11p.m.

Tues. Nov. 27th.

I.C. literary and Deb.

I.C. Lit. and Deb. Soc. - "This House deplares '... the man that shaves and gets a train and then goes back to shave again'". 1.15p.m. Mining Survey Lect. Th.

Thurs. Nov. 29th.

R.C.S. Natural History Soc. - "Viruses" by Dr. Tinsley
5.30p.m. Botany Lect. Th.

Fri. Nov. 30th.

I.C.P.S. - Print Criticism by D.J.P.Clarke A.R.P.S.

I.C. International Relations Club. - English Evening
Snack Bar at 7.30p.m.

Sat. Dec. 1st.

FELIX DANCE

Ayrton Hall, 7.30p.m.

Tues. Dec. 4th.

Inaugural Lecture by Prof.B.G.Peters M.Sc. Ph.D.

"Parasitology at Imperial College". 5.30p.m. Main Chem. Lect. Th.

Thurs. Dec. 6th.

I.C.Music Soc. - Christmas Concert. 8.00p.m. Queen Alexandra's House. Tickets 3/-

Weekend Dec. 8-9th.

TOUCHSTONE WEEK-END

"Symbols, Romantic and Scientific". Speaker- Prof. E.H.J. Gombrich, Professor of the History of Art at U.C.

IN RETROSPECT...

In these days of international crisis it might appear strange that the Christian Union should hold a Mission. Surely, one asks, there are more important and immediate things to consider?

In the belief and certainty that nothing is more immediate and urgent than that individuals should decide about their attitude towards Christ, meetings were arranged twice daily by I.C.C.U., during the week Nov. 5-9-th. to consider the claims and message of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Michael Griffiths spoke at all the meetings. His underlying message and theme was that God had revealed Himself to men and women in Christ, whose Death and Resurrection makes forgiveness possible for all who will receive. Christ is also able to make a new beginning possible in life, and He gives strength to continue daily in that way.

The Christian Union's regular programme now continues, open meetings being held every Monday. All are welcome at these meetings.

"BOAT CLUB"

The training programme is now in full swing and the new launch used for coaching the first two trial eights is proving a great asset.

At a committee meeting it was decided that the launch be called "MENELAUS" and the dinghy "HELEN" --tender to Menelaus. These names were chosen from a list of suggestions from club members.

The experienced freshers have been put into trial eights with the old members of the club and the novice freshers have been made up into 'fresher eights' all of whom are going well and will produce good material for next year. It should be possible to enter eleven crews in the Thames Head of the River next March.

More immediately there is a trip to Richmond for the first four trial eights on Sunday 18th. November and it is hoped that a college crew from Oxford will visit us at Putney during this term.

R.S.M. Boat Club raced two crews from Kings College on Wed. 7th. Nov. The result was that the Mines' first crew won by twelve lengths over a mile and four furlongs course and the second crew won by six lengths over a mile course.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE EXPLORATION BOARD

The Exploration Board is willing to receive applications for grants at any time. They should be sent to Mr. E. Fairhurst, Secretary to the Board, in the Imperial College Office. The following minimum of information, set out in the clearest possible manner, is essential:-

- i) Proposed destination, date of departure and duration of the expedition.
- ii) Detailed aims.
- iii) The number of members, their names and functions.
- iv) A careful estimate (in detail) of the cost.

Mr. Fairhurst is available at any time to discuss exploration matters and is willing to help in the drafting of proposals. Staff members of the Board from whom advice may be sought are Professor H.H. Read, Dr. Gilbert Wilson (both of Geology), Mr. H.R. Hewer (Zoology) and Mr. A. Stephenson (Civil Engineering).



THE PHOENIX

Fresher.
For the best contribution from a
ings are also needed. Half a guinea
Dec. 7th. Original photos and draw-
Editor via the Union Hack before
(Spring) Issue should be sent to the
Contributions suitable for the next
- but still Phoenix must arise!
All the world is upside down

CROSS COUNTRY

The Club has continued its successful start to the season. The first team record is:-

Oct. 31st. v Kings 1st. (H) Won 24½-31½
Nov. 7th. v L.S.E. (A) won 35-46
Nov. 10th. v Lloyds Bank A.C. (H) Void. (4 runners went off course)

In these matches a feature has been the very good packing by the I.C. team.

On Nov. 3rd. an A team weakened by University commitments, was beaten by Deptford Park A.C., the latter club having the first five men home.

The second team record to date is:-

Oct. 31st. v Kings II won 27-31
Nov. 7th. v U.C. 'A' (22
King's II) lost (36-43
I.6f E.) (39

Two freshers who have been running well deserve mention. They are D.Briggs who is to be congratulated on earning a place in the University 1st. team and P.Rayment who has been running regularly for the I.C. 1st.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

On Fri. Nov. 2nd. eight of the more experienced members of the club went to the Llanberis Pass, North Wales for the week-end.

The monotony of the long drive ended as we approached Bettws-y-Coed. The well known mountains were beginning to rise over the foothills and already the party was planning the week-end ahead.

The Llanberis Pass is a steep sided valley which separates Snowdon from the Glyders. On the walls of this valley there are many steep cliffs and buttresses with terraced tops giving rise to climbs of a difficult or severe nature. Among the climbs done were Crackstone Rib, the Cracks, Pharos Wall and many others at or above severe standard.

On Saturday evening, four members spent three very enjoyable hours at the Pen-y-Gwyrd Hotel. They were lucky enough to get a lift back to the camp four miles away.

Like Saturday, Sunday dawned misty and the grey cliffs looked very foreboding. Towards the afternoon the misty walls of the valley closed in and it started to drizzle. The whole valley was silent now except for the distant rush of a stream and the urgent roar of a Pri-mus making the last cup of tea.

If the week-end is to be judged on climbing standards alone, it was probably one of the best meets the club has ever held. More than this, every member enjoyed himself to the full, the only regret being the shortness of the stay.

SAILING CLUB

I.C. Sailing Club won its team match on 10th. November, against Southampton University by 36½ pts. to 35½ pts. In the first race sailed in very gusty conditions, the first boat of each team failed to complete the course, leaving I.C. with 1st. and 4th. places and a lead of ½pt.

After a very interesting first lap, the second race developed into a procession with I.C. boats 3rd., 4th., and 5th., one of the Southampton boats later retiring giving I.C. a three quarter point lead.

The I.C. team was:-

M. Collyer (Capt) and O. Clarkson.
C. Ghent and A. Danbury.
J. Webb and C. French.

SPORTS NEWS

MORPHY - DAY

ROWING

The Victorious Miners



FELIX thanks the Captain of Boats, M.G.Savage, for arranging a place in "Menelaus" for his reporter on Morphy Day.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1st ROUND OF U.L. CUP

I.C. drew U.C. in the first round of the U.L. Cup, and thus last years Cup Final (which I.C. won 6-0) was virtually repeated. Unfortunately the result was not so happy, U.C. winning 8-3. One can only say that U.C. were slightly superior in every department of the game and thoroughly deserved to win. As I.C. have won the cup four times in five years no one will begrudge U.C. their victory, especially as they have had to endure the frustration of being beaten finalists two years running.

I.C. were unlucky in that Ray Stone, who has been the mainspring of the attack this season, was crocked on the previous Saturday. Also Brian Hearn was playing under the handicap of an injured neck, and has since been advised to rest for another month. It was hardly surprising that he did not show his form of last year, although he almost kicked two long penalties which would have snatched an undeserving win for I.C. However U.C. were superior in the forwards and would probably have won anyway.

I.C. must now concentrate on building up a strong side for their Easter tour in Cornwall. To win one or more matches against such formidable opposition would be a much greater achievement than another Cup win.

BOXING CLUB

The U.L. boxing trials which were fought as an Inter-College competition for the Blott Cup, were held in the U.L. gym on Thursday November 1st. The team from I.C. was M.Garvey, S.Jackson, L.Palmer, G.Halsey, J.Baker, the last three named being winners of their weights.

Once the new I.C. gym is available, the club should be confident of a good season.

THE WINNING CREWS

	Mines'	Guilds'
	Morphy	Lowry
Bow	D.J.Allaway	S. Gray
2	P.W.Wallace	M. Gaylard
3	D.G.Ryland	C. Ettles
4	R.C.Fisher	J. Sheldon
5	M.G.Savage	J. Routley
6	W.H.Bradford	N. Ridge
7	H.Ramstad	S. Harrold
Stroke	G.M.Heseldim	C. Hingley

THE TWO RACES

MORPHY: Mines took the Surrey, R.C.S. the centre, and Guilds the Middlesex stations. This year the course was slightly shorter than previously and the start was a line taken from the first flight of steps on the S. bank and the second 'Warning' notice on the N. bank on the Putney side of Hammersmith Bridge.

Positions and times were as follows:

Place	Time	(1 = length)
Harrods	0m45s	M -1- G -1- R
Crabtree	1m30s	M -2- G -2- R
Milepost	2m35s	M -1- G -1- R
Football Grnd.	3m45s	G -2- M -2- R
Brook	4m50s	G canvas M -2- R
Boathouse	5m35s	M overtakes G
Finish	7m09s	M canvas G -1- R

The Guilds cox was more clever than the Mines cox and this difference was probably worth a length to the C. & G. boat. Fearing a cross-wind which blew strongly at the start, Bumby took an unnecessarily wide sweep on the bend. The race was a fairly fast one but the stroking for the greater part of the race was between 28 and 30.

LOWRY: The wind seemed stronger during this second race which started at the milepost. Guilds took the centre, R.C.S. the Middlesex, and Mines the Surrey stations. Guilds drew ahead right from the start, with their cox steering a rather zig-zag course. Whether or not this was intentional, it served to confuse the other coxes. Guilds maintained their lead and went on to beat R.C.S. by 2 lengths in 4m 20s. Mines lagged unexpectedly right from the start, finishing 2 lengths behind R.C.S.

HOCKEY

After losing 4-0 to Ashford on the previous Saturday, I.C. visited U.C. on Wed. Oct. 31st. and gained a 2-1 win. Both the goals resulted from keen following up into the circle, a practice which should be continued. The 4-1 defeat by Vickers Armstrong on the following Sat. would have been much lighter had I.C. shown more spirit in the forward line and cooperation in the defending circle as they had almost half the play. On Nov. 7th. the U.L. cup match against Chelsea Poly. at Mitcham resulted in a 4-1 win for I.C. who fielded a side which included four U.L. players. On the whole the team gave a promising display although against better teams it will be necessary to restrict some of the free-lance tactics used with fair success in this game.