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EVERY FORTNIGHT

UNION PROGRESS

The failure of the contractors to complete the new Union building by the original schedule of October 1st. has plunged the Union into the most difficult few weeks of its life. Not only is the new building not ready, but many of temporary facilities available last year have gone. Several clubs have had to accept emergency measures and have done so with admirable tolerance. Added to the temporary arrangements listed in the last Felix is a Committee Room on the Fourth Floor (East side) of the New Hostel. This can be reached by entering the Staff Billiards Room and going through the door on the left. The Staff Billiards Room is available to students after 5 p.m. - bookings can be made in the book by the Hostel letter-rack.

Progress in the rest of the new building is not electrifying. In fact, it is pathetic. The next noteworthy advance will be on Tuesday, November 6th. when the Dining Hall, Senior Common Room, Reading Room and I.C.W.A. Lounge will be opened. Unfortunately the list of rooms to which top priority should be given, drawn up by Union officers last July, seems to have been ignored. A request was then made that, in the event of an emergency, efforts should be concentrated on the ground floor and the dining-hall. With refectories, lounge, bar, notice-boards and cloakrooms at least the Union Centre would have been back in its rightful abode, without the need for a great upheaval in the middle of the year. The three rooms on the East side of the 1st. floor which are to be opened on Nov. 6th. are non-essentials, and workmen will be above and below them for two or three weeks.

The remainder of the building (it is alleged) will be finished by the end of November, including the Gymnasium and Upper Refectory. Although reasonable progress is apparent in the Concert Hall (which may even be in a sufficiently advanced stage to be used for the Union meeting on Oct. 23rd.) and the lounge, the top floor (East side) and Bar have jolted to a complete standstill. Apparently it is impossible to engage enough workmen to finish off all the rooms simultaneously. The top floor was so nearly finished last July that it seems incredible that it is still in the same state now. The table tennis and billiards rooms would have been particularly welcome.

During these months of agonisingly slow progress the unenviable task of being the direct negotiator with the contractors has fallen on Dr. Sparkes and Mr. Briggs of the Planning

Expedition Team chosen

We congratulate those who have been selected to go to the Karakoram. They are:

Brian Amos - Geology P.G.
Geoff Bratt - Chemistry P.G.
Roger Cratchley - Geophysics P.G.
Chris Gravina - Elect. Eng. 2nd. Yr.
Peter Grimley - Min. Geology P.G.
Keith Miller - Ex-president, C & G.

Reserves are: Peter Brazier (Mech. Eng. P.G.)
Peter Tress (Mining 2nd. Yr.)

Well done

Mr. Mooney

Thanks to a magnificent and determined effort by the Refectory Manager, Mr. Mooney, and his loyal staff, it was possible to open the Lower Refectory in time for lunch on Monday, October 8th. This was despite a series of setbacks which would have surely demoralised a lesser man.

Mr. Mooney is one of those comparative rarities among administrators who realise that students are the one essential ingredient of a college and that their needs and welfare must come before all else. He accordingly set about his colossal task with his characteristic refusal to be flustered.

Mr. Mooney had been informed that the kitchens and Refectory would be available for him to move in on Thursday, October 4th., thus giving him reasonable time to prepare for the following Monday. Despite vigorous exhortations from the Planning Department, the contractors had to postpone this availability

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Department. They have worked with great vigour in their attempts to obtain more rapid progress. Those who are familiar with Dr. Sparkes' personality, and who know his keen and genuine interest in student affairs (he has been an active President of the Rugger Club for 10 years), will be confident that there could not possibly have been a more suitable person in this responsible position.

More news at the Union meeting next Tuesday.
A.K.

EXPEDITION REPORTS

ICELAND

The small geological expedition to the east of Iceland this summer was a complete success, and the four members returned from the eight to ten weeks' visit with the conviction that it had been an experience not to be missed. The expedition car, an Austin A40 Countryman, covered 4500 miles over roads that were at times extremely poor, and gave very little trouble. Now we have returned to England and have commenced examination of the 600 rock-specimens collected.

The first fortnight was devoted to a tour of the classic geological localities in S.W. and N. Iceland. We visited Hveradalir where the natural steam is used to heat glasshouses and grow tomatoes and bananas, and saw steam emerging from the ground where a telegraph pole had been driven in. We tried to ascend the famous volcano Hekla, but after trudging for some hours over the incredibly rough surface of the 1947 lava were forced to abandon the attempt. To our disappointment the volcano did not erupt this year. We visited an ice-cap and a most impressive valley-glacier, and saw some of the waterfalls for which Iceland is famous. We also saw a fascinating profusion of volcanic features, and visited one area of hot springs where dirty socks disintegrate on being washed in the hot water.

The rest of the time was spent making a geological map of part of the fiord country in the east of Iceland, and on the whole the rocks did what was expected of them. The expedition members camped for practically the whole of the stay in Iceland, and various members took differing periods to become acclimatised to a life in a small tent and a diet in which milk, macaroni and 'pom' occupied prominent places. One person was unlucky enough to have his tent collapse on him one cold, wet and stormy night, but he has now recovered from the shock.

G.P.L.W.

NORWAY

The expedition to Norway this Summer was highly successful and enjoyed by all who took part. The two main objects of the expedition were the investigation by the geologists and meteorologists of the area round the Alfot glacier and the surveying of the Grondalen valley but as no information has so far been obtained from expedition members about their scientific work, this report briefly describes some of their other activities.

Chief among these, probably, was eating. Readers may have imagined that explorers have to be content with dry biscuits washed down with mugs of cold cocoa and an occasional hunk of reindeer meat, but this is not how I.C. organises its expeditions. We had a carefully planned diet about which a learned panel of doctors had sat in consultation, and our every want was catered for. Unfortunately the doctors do not allow for the large appetites of the local cows, who once made away with a large part of our stores. Also, we were not provided with any vitamin C - it being assumed that large quantities of bilberries would be available at Grondalen, but in actual fact the season did not

CAMARGUE

The party made up of ten botanists and zoologists started out for the Rhône delta on August 14th. and were away for a month. Their transport consisted of two taxis, one of which had been adapted as a small lorry, and both were grossly overloaded. Although these two vehicles did not seem safe, most of the adventurers travelled quite comfortably. Exceptions were the driver and co-driver of the small lorry who were subjected to continuous vibration, nauseating fumes and noise caused by a faulty exhaust pipe.

The Great Camargue - the Rhône Delta - destination of the expedition, was found to be hot, sticky and populated by enormous mosquitos. The combination of these factors, together with the local wine (drunk because of the trouble that had to be taken to sterilise the drinking water before use), unsettled all the travellers. They learnt quite a lot about living in adverse surroundings and in carrying out ecological work under difficult conditions.

The Great Camargue was later quitted for the Petit Camargue with its islands of umbrella pines among dry salt lakes. Vegetation in the delta area being controlled by salty conditions and thus being somewhat atypical, the expedition moved to Meôme, north of Toulon, and spent three days among pleasant Mediterranean oak and pine forest at about 800'. The birds studied in both areas were impressive, ranging from flamingos and egrets to hoopoes, and some truly delightful specimens discovered in Stes. Maries.

The journey cost each member less than 224 francs a day in food (4/2d). Petrol cost each person about £2 for the round trip. The two taxis which gave such sterling service are now, to the chagrin of the party, to be sold to the highest bidder.

It is now the opinion of the team that in future expeditions of this nature fewer people, say about six, would work better as a team. They regret that they paid little attention to the condition of their tyres before taking the two taxis on to the Continent. They would have preferred faster and more robust transport even though travelling around in old taxis dressed in Bohemian attire seems to be the "done thing" these days!

The members of the expedition wish us to record their thanks to all members of staff and the department at Silwood for making the trip a success.

start until we had been there five weeks, an example of the best laid plans going astray. There was no outbreak of scurvy however, although one of the symptoms, chronic somnolence, was often in evidence.

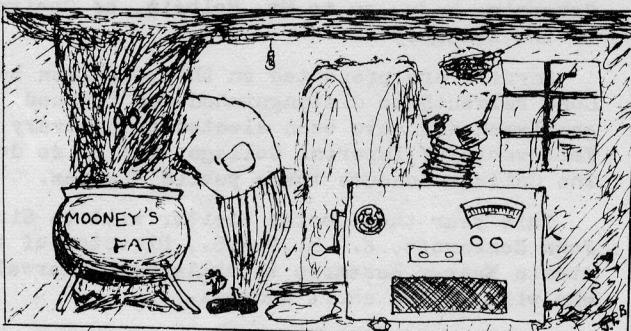
An official film was shot of the expedition and it is rumoured that as a result of some of the activities recorded in it, one member is already in serious trouble with his girl-friend. To prevent any further incidents of this nature the film is now to be a closely guarded secret until it has been adequately censored

The Miraculous Mooney

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date until 9 a.m. on Sunday, giving Mr. Mooney and his staff barely a day in which to prepare for serving about 400 lunches using new and strange equipment. A senior member of the I.C. Administration informed the President that he could not see how the Refectory could possibly be used until Friday, 12th. However, "cometh the hour, cometh the man."

But even worse was to come. On Sunday morning the kitchens and the serving hatch were still swarming with workmen. Mr. Mooney could not start until 4.30 p.m. The "working squad" who were to carry the heavy packages of equipment from their storing place in the Snack Bar across to the Refectory packed up their bags and went home. Not until about 6 p.m. could Mr. Mooney and his kitchen staff begin their move, and they were assisted by eight volunteers from the Hostel.



On Monday morning the kitchen was a scene of chaos. Remnants of painters and tilers were finishing off their work. The only sign of food was a huge bowl of steaming soup being vigorously stirred by "Kit", who has been a cook at I.C. for thirty years and who knew of worse times than this during the war. She shouted cheerfully "Don't worry dear, the lads'll have their lunch at 12." Meanwhile dusty plates had been stacked into the new washing machine. The switch was pressed, the brushes revolved - but unfortunately in the wrong direction, and their effect was not to clean the plates but to fling a spray of water all over the kitchen. Elsewhere Mr. Mooney was peering into a large pan of fat. Dense black smoke rose into his face and more fat was flung in to avert a conflagration. With the kitchen awash in one corner and threatening to become aflame in another, Mooney and Co. battled on, and so over four hundred people obtained their lunch little realising the drama that had gone before. It is as well to retain a sense of humour in such troublesome times as this !

The Union will make some official recognition of this tremendous effort by the kitchen and counter staff, and by Mr. Mooney himself, in due course. In addition, every member of the Union will have a chance to show his own appreciation when the annual collection is made at Christmas. Meanwhile, take it easy in the Suggestions Book !

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STOP PRESS:- *by Chris*

TUESDAY:- DRUNKEN R.C.S. FRESHMEN STAGE ANTI-LIBERACE RAG ROUND ALBERT HALL ON MONDAY NIGHT - NO ARRESTS!
PLUS I.C. JAZZ BAND, THEY WILL DO IT AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, WE HEAR. THERE WILL BE VITRIOLIC COMMENT IN "NELSON" IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

Profile of the Union executive

"THE KING AND THEM"

The Story So Far: The King of Epsom, magnetic irresistible YUL BRYNNER (see Carlton Cinema posters), is in hiding under an assumed name at I.C., where he grows a crystal on a piece of string and controls the Students' Union. He has revealed his true identity only to his secretary RANDY ANDY, erstwhile C & G. spanner-carrier and dare-devil Air Squadron pilot, now ostensibly a Chem. Eng. research student. Before he can defeat his enemies, return to his kingdom, and devote his declining years to cricket, YUL must regain the Union's building. His lieutenants on the top-level Executive Committee are fair-haired, bonhomous chief scientist TONY GOODINGS, director-general of the Fire Brigade; the Rhodesian squash-playing, butterfly-fancying head of the powerful Engineers' Union, JOHN L. HART, ("Jack Speck" to the Brompton Road coffee bars); and tall, suave MIKE T. (for Tycoon) RUTTER, the gentleman mineworker. These three plan evening rallies to stimulate their supporters, while RANDY ANDY will harangue a monster meeting in the Albert Hall on October 25th. YUL retrieves the Unions' furniture from robbers, but an attempt is made to assassinate him on Freshers' Day by causing him to trip on his gown. The plot thickens. What is the role of alluring, enigmatic Miss WENDY PIPE, leader of the feminists? Will the building be regained? Can YUL trust his lieutenants? Will he survive the Commemoration Ball? Now Read On.

DEBATING SOCIETY TRIALS.

On Thursday 11th October, 18 freshers and about 8 old lags met in the small Physics Theatre to have a free tea and join in the debating trials. Each speaker was given three minutes in which to prepare a speech either for or against a motion given to him by the chairman, Mr T. Smith; this speech was to last for three minutes. All 18 freshers spoke thus proving it wasn't just the tea that attracted them.

The standard shown augurs well for debating at I.C. this year, for although the motions were difficult and the time short, most of the speakers combined substance and gloss fairly neatly and definite style could be seen in many of them. Debating had a good season at I.C. last year, there seems to be no reason why this year shouldn't be even better.

The Eighth Imperial College
COMMEMORATION BALL

Thursday, 25th October, 1956

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FELIX

CIRCULATION 1200

Editor : J. BRAMLEY

We are now well launched into a new session and those new to the College will find themselves harassed by the multitude of Union activities which now begin to fall thick and fast. In deciding which of all these diversions to patronise, and how much time to spend on the more boring academic side of I.C. life, undergraduates should not neglect that important occasion which is not a diversion. We refer to Commemoration Day - much publicised in the adjoining column.

Touchstone

MRS. MARGARET KNIGHT, M.A., will be speaking on "Scientific Humanism" at Silwood on the 10th. and 11th. of November. Entries are requested by the 2nd. November.

Mrs. Knight is a lecturer in psychology at Aberdeen University and a well-known controversial broadcaster. Newcomers to I.C. who have not yet found out about the Touchstone Weekends at Silwood will find details and entry forms posted on the various Union noticeboards.

I.C. UNION MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 1.15

It is hoped that this meeting will be held in the Concert Hall, but please watch noticeboards in case there has to be a last minute change.

The agenda concerns the progress of the new Union, the running of the building when it is finished and November 5th.

PLEASE TREAT THE FLOORS AND WALLS OF THE NEW BUILDING WITH A PROPER RESPECT.

Imperial College Commemoration Day

Commemoration Day recalls the occasion when the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, visited the College on the Centenary of the Royal College of Chemistry, the oldest forerunner of Imperial College.

At the Ceremony in the Royal Albert Hall, those who have been awarded diplomas are presented to Lord Falmouth, as Chairman of the Governing Body, or to Mr. Holbein, as Chairman of the Delegacy.

Scrolls are presented on this occasion by Lord Falmouth to distinguished and learned gentlemen who have been elected to Honorary Fellowship of Imperial College, and in so doing the College honours these public figures.

This year the Special Visitor will be Sir John Cockcroft, K.C.B., F.R.S., Director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, who will give a short address.

Christopher Shaw has written special music for this year's occasion!

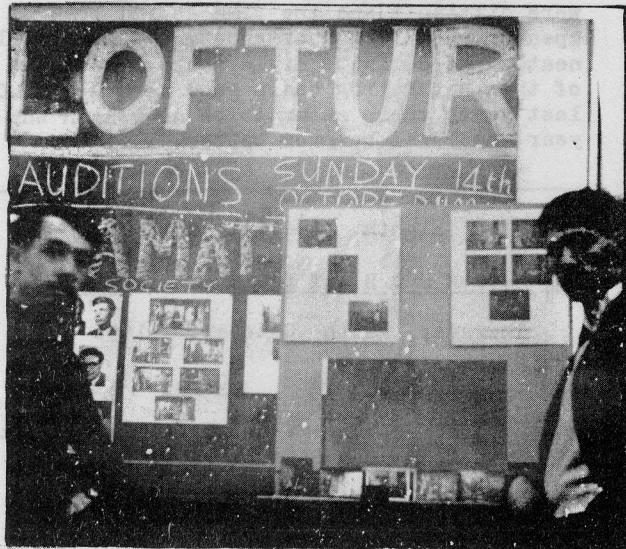
Before the ceremony, a short service will be held in Holy Trinity Church at which the Rev. A.C. Don, Dean of Westminster will preach.

After the ceremony a Conversazione is to be organised by R.C.S. in its Departments.

Tea and biscuits will be provided free of charge in the Royal Albert Hall. Tickets for tea may be obtained from the Union Office.

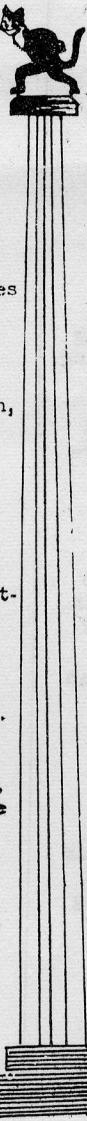
Thursday, October 25th at 3 p.m.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL



TWO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE FRESHER'S RECEPTION THIS YEAR.

P.G.'S A-HIRE



The origin of the idea for this particular holiday is rather obscure, but was probably a flash of inspiration occasioned by the brilliant weather in early May and the desire of two over-worked goon-type mechanical P.G.'s to cool off in quantities of water.

Frantic searching in boating magazines in the library, followed by the expenditure of much cash in the Guild's 'phone box - suitably punctuated with pauses for fresh air and impatient demands of other intending users - elicited the information that the last week in August was within the most expensive season and that there appeared to be only one boat on the Thames available for hire. In the backwaters of Thames Ditton, and just about afloat, we found a "cruiser" capable of accommodating only two at a time at night - and then in separate berths - that went by the doubtful name of "Maid" Marjory.

The original idea had included our respective fiancées, the most recent of whom had been the subject of a lost bet and a round of sherry in the early hours of the morning at the **Engineer's Ball**. But nothing ventured etc. and completely undaunted your scribes left a deposit on Marjory and departed, only to return on the last Saturday evening in August - arriving between the showers - complete with baggage, and one tent to fill the gap in the berthing arrangements.

"Strewnth that ours !?" was the general comment. Old it looked and old it was, as her subsequent whims and fancies proved. At least, the paint was watertight, but there was nothing we could do - especially when the roof let in the rain - except satisfy the furious demands of an inefficient bilge-pump. Old though Marjory was she was capable of maintaining a steady 6 amps - 5 knots by rough calibration - or even eight when pushed, sufficient, with the aid of wind and patient lock-keepers, to swamp the stunts in the punts and keep up with far more modern, larger and powerful craft.

So it was that with L-plates all but flapping in the breeze we set out from Thames Ditton, feeling our way in the fast approaching darkness, described a figure-of-eight and spent the night in complete respectability beneath the walls of Hampton Court.

The next morning, of course, produced our first big test. With heart in mouth, hands on throttle and clutch, instruction manuals spread before, the crew at the ready with ropes, fenders, boat-hook and mop, Maid Marjory successfully negotiated Hampton Lock - more by instinct on her part than skill on ours !

And so all went well for the whole of one week in quite fair weather. Of course, there were the odd scrapes, as the concrete embankment at Sonning - now sporting some curious streaks of green paint - and the fender wrenched bodily from the gunwale - screws and all - at Henley, will testify. Then there was the boat-hook left at Shepperton on the way back whilst hurried attention was paid to the rules relating to toilet disposal.

The scenery along the Thames is really worth seeing and it gets prettier the further you go. It is

typical pastoral England at its best, and is full of endless interest and variety. For those who are interested, there are pubs galore and many have a quaint, olde-world, unspoilt charm of their own. Especially do we recommend 'The Swan' at Streatley - 10 varieties of Harveys' Sherries !

Plenty to do ? Yes, especially with the boat to attend to in many ways and the needs of the crew, and locks every few miles. From first-hand experience we can provide you with a guide entitled 'Gents we have known along the Thames.' But beware the agony when you arrive at the fortunately very rare lock where there are no facilities. We did hear that there is one good one for the ladies at Caversham Bridge, but apart from that - it's very much a case of 'wait and see'.

For those contemplating a cheap holiday in new, exciting, amusing and interesting novel circumstances - try a boat on the Thames. It cost four of us £8.10s. each - all in. And for the fun you get out of it, it's cheap at twice the price.

P.R.R. & J.A.H.

NELSON'S COLUMN

PRESS FREEDOM The strict editorial supervision of FELIX was usurped by none other than the I.C. President, who clandestinely altered the front page of the last issue (written by himself) without authority.

The disbanded secret 29 Club were the last to tamper with FELIX; staying up all night to stencil a large footprint across the front page of 1200 copies.

WINE TASTING CONSTITUTION TO BE RESTORED. The Wine Tasting Society is reopening with a wiser treasurer after its seizure by the SCC last year. The subject of their first meeting will again be Sherry and a democratic means for profit disposal is being worked out.

GENTLEMAN'S TIME. The army marches on it's stomach but Kitch tells the time by his. At the freshers' reception, without consulting his watch, he announced that the bar would be open in precisely 3hr. 0min. Such accuracy for telling the time by thirst which is less predictable than hunger is phenomenal.

FRESHERS (GATE) CRUSH. A remarkable number of aged freshers found themselves in the Ayrton Hall for the annual hop-invitation ceremony given for Bedford fresher. Naturally it is necessary for the old hands to be present to create the right atmosphere.

TAILPIECE ON GARDENING The bulbs growing along the front of the Union will soon be replanted where they were regularly tended by Miss Sherwood's ginger cat.

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Can you design a new Felix for the top of the front page ? All entries to Pat Billingham, Felix Art Editor via C. & G. rack.

GUILDSMEN: "THE GUILDS' ENGINEER" REQUIRES NEW MEMBERS FOR THE EDITORIAL BOARD.

APPLY: D.J. HUCKLESBY, Hon. Sec.

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Would all Presidents and Captains of I.C. Social and Athletic Clubs, etc., please contact Hon. Sec. of I.C. Entertainments Committee if they wish to hold a club dance this session.

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### U.L.U. CARDS

U.L.U. CARDS ARE NOT REQUIRED BY I.C. STUDENTS. Your I.C. Union Card is acceptable instead. Freshers will receive their Union Cards through their departmental letter-racks. Old hands should press their year representatives to have their cards brought up to date as soon as possible, especially as the new I.C. Union building will soon be ready and it may be necessary to hold occasional checks there too.

## A FRESHMAN'S FIRST VIEW OF I.C.

I had been told how to get to the Freshers Reception but directions were quite unnecessary as the Union was admirably signposted by the fully-rigged sailing dinghy that stood outside the entrance, and the glider sitting on the sidewalk of Imperial Institute Road.

Just inside the building a number of bored looking gentlemen were sitting around in large armchairs reading small magazines and pointedly ignoring the stream of freshfaced young men passing through. Obviously post-grads waiting for the freshers' free tea, I decided and hurried on up the stairs, though not before being coerced into buying a copy of Felix.

On first entering the reception the scene was quite amazing. At first the room seemed nothing but a moving mass of people. Gradually it was possible to make out the various club stands round the walls and in the centre of the room, and my fellow freshmen eagerly pushing their way from one stand to another. It was more reminiscent of the January sales of Selfridges and just as easy to tell customers and salesmen apart by their dress, for whilst most of us sweated in stiff collars and best suits the various club organisers relaxed in old jackets and flannels. Probably it reflected our respective attitudes to the occasion.

Unfortunately, the Boat and Rugger clubs had their stands just inside the door and people like myself (I am only 5' 5") had the greatest difficulty in pushing our way past their large and beefy followers.

Once past this obstacle, however, it was little easier to make any progress and I found myself being carried by the crowd first to this club stand, then that, and on each occasion had various pamphlets and typed sheets thrust into my unwilling hand and I was implored to sign an imposing looking form, being all the while assured that it didn't mean a thing. I'm sure no small boy ever collected train numbers more avidly than some committee members were collecting signatures that afternoon.

The photographic society were installed in a corner and advertising itself by an array of portraits, all of beautiful young girls it seemed. I joined on the spot. A little further on, a sartorial young man in a gay check waistcoat was enquiring of everybody whether they were conservative. I felt like explaining that those of us living on University grants had little chance of being anything else, but instead I hurried past looking intently in the other direction. Politics, I felt, was not quite the thing to get mixed up in at I.C.

The Debating society were attracting a good deal of attention, mainly due to some slick talking by one of their old hands, but I thought they might have made better advertising use of their famous fresher's tea. The Dramatic Society, on the other hand had been very ingenious and made a model of their future home in the new Union with which to interest people. As I passed I overheard one of their numbers explaining that they had two potential new members from Mines, apparently an unheard of thing before. It made me wonder why miners should be less dramatic than the rest of the community at I.C. Probably something to do with the boots they had to wear I decided.

Back once more at the door I considered that I had had quite enough of the Fresher's Reception for one day. Once outside I found that I was just in time to queue for the Fresher's Tea but preferred instead to pay for and enjoy the relative peace and quiet of a Kensington cafe.

## BOY'S CLUBS

Seven members of the I.C. branch of the S.C.M. formed a working party at St. Pierre, the Training Centre of the National Association of Boys' Clubs. They had a very enjoyable time, and their experience would suggest that anyone who took the opportunity of helping the Boys' Club movement would be amply rewarded.

The N.A.B.C. run conference weekends, all expenses paid, having as speakers such men as Sir Basil Henriques and Randal Keene.

Anyone interested in boys' clubs should contact John Esplen, 17 Bedford Sq. W.C.1 (MUS 5357), or Peter Evans, Rm. 3, Old Hostel.

## Personal Advertisements

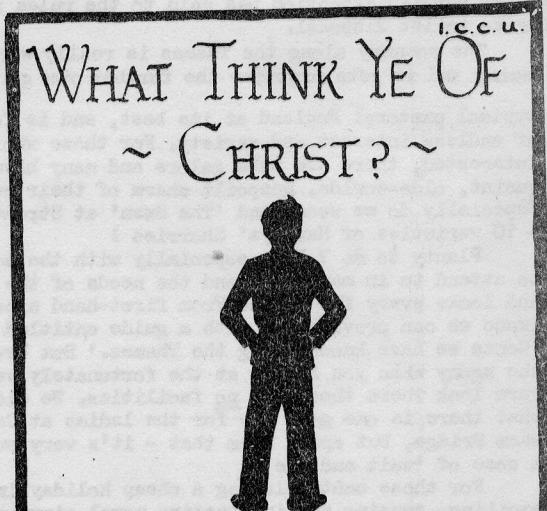
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## KARAKORUM EXPEDITION



## COMING EVENTS

Friday Oct. 19th.

Arab Soc., Freshers' tea, New Lounge, 5.30-6.30.  
R.S.M. Freshers' Dinner, Ayrton Hall, 6.00-10.30.  
Film Soc., 'Dots and Loops', 'Pin Point Percussion'  
Phys. Chem. Lect. Theatre. R.C.S., 6.45.

S.C.M. : 'Dr. Albert Schweitzer as Missionary':  
Henry Moore, B.A. : I.I.O., Room I28, C&G.  
Monday Oct. 22nd.

Guilds Freshers' Dinner, Ayrton Hall, 7.00-11.00  
I.C.C.U. Open Meeting. 'The Resurrection, Fact or  
Fancy?', Rev. Ralph Martin, B.A. Metallurgy Lecture  
Theatre, R.S.M. 1.15.

Tuesday Oct. 23rd.

Union Meeting. Concert Hall? 1.15.

Thursday Oct. 25th.

Commemoration Day.  
Commemoration Ball. Claridges. 8.30-2.30.  
Friday Oct. 26th.

Guilds Freshers' Dinner. Ayrton Hall. 7.00-11.00.  
International Relations Club. New Lounge. French  
Evening. 6.00-10.00.  
S.C.M. : 'Strikes'. I. I.O., Room I28, C&G.

Monday Oct. 29th.

I.C.C.U. Open Meeting. 'Can we rely on the Bible?'  
Dr. Oliver Barclay. Metallurgy Lect. Theatre.  
R.S.M., 1.15.

Thursday Nov. 1st.

Nat. Hist. Soc. 'Your Sixpenny Bar in Peril- Swollen  
Shoot Virus'. Dr. T. Tinsley of Rothamsted. Bot. Lect.  
Theatre. 5.15.

Friday Nov. 2nd.

FELIX on sale.  
Film Soc. 'The Red Shoes', 'Return to Glenascaul'.  
Phys. Chem. Lect. Theatre. 6.45.  
S.C.M. : 'Evangelism'. Dr. Townley Lord. I.IOp.m.

## CAPTAINS ALL...

Would those clubs who would like their activities reported in "Felix" please send in their reports to the Sports Editor by Saturday night, (or Sunday morning at the latest) before "Felix" is on sale. This heartfelt plea is issued jointly by the Sports Ed. and a friend of his.

## Training Meet in Switzerland

Twelve members of I.C. met in Saas Fee in Switzerland this summer for the Karakoram Expedition Training Meet. The main object was to get experience in high level camping on glaciers and snow fields and to get to know the other members of the team. For the first week one party of six did a high level traverse from Saas Fee to Zermatt via the Alphubeljock, Allalinpass and Adlerpass, several camps being only just short of the 4,000 meter mark. Peaks climbed included the Allalinhorn, Alphubel, Strahlhorn, Adlerhorn and Rimpfischhorn. The other party climbed from the Mischibl Hut on the Dom Leinspitze ridge but were severely hampered by deep snow.

At Zermatt we exchanged equipment and the camping party set off in the Monte Rosa area. They traversed under Monte Rosa, along the frontier ridge and down to the Fluhalp and Zermatt, climbing on the way Castor, the traverse of Monte Rosa, Cimma de Jazzi, Strahlhorn and the Rimpfischhorn. The other party climbing from huts did a partial traverse of the Briethorn (not completed because of bad snow), Castor, Dom, and the first ascent of the Taschhorn that season.

For the third week we interchanged parties and all climbed from huts. Peaks climbed included the Zinal Rothorn, Obergablehorn, Matterhorn and an unsuccessful attempt was made on the Weisshorn. At the end of the week we met in Brig railway station, all very happy, dirty and well sunburnt after a most successful alpine season.

## RUGGER CLUB'S TRIALS

The club having lost many members of last year's successful 1st. XV, finds itself in a position where rapid team building is necessary. A record intake of freshers many of whom show great promise together with those remaining from last year should however ensure another good season for all the teams. Club officials watched 60 freshers playing in the six trial teams which turned up at Harlington on Saturday, but due to the enormity of the task it will be some weeks before the merits of the respective players get sorted out.

Our first match was on Sunday 14th October against the London Springboks. This team is well known to previous members of I.C. teams, as much for the feverish activity in the bar after the match as for the high standard of the opponents.

## CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

The Cross Country Club trials are to be held next Wednesday and Saturday at Petersham and thus it is difficult at present to assess our potentialities for the coming season. If however U.C.'s relay race on Saturday is any guide we should have a very strong team.

The U.C. relay, 6x1.7 miles, had a large entry including most of the London teams as well as those from Provincial Universities. Loughborough soon took the lead and held it throughout the race. Behind them a fierce battle developed between I.C., U.C. and Kings. Bennet a fresher ran for the I.C. second team and put up a particularly fast time which looks well for the future. I.C. 1st. team finally came in 4th behind Loughborough, U.C. and Kings.

At the time of going to press there is an air of uncertainty surrounding the Boat Club.

# SPORTS NEWS

## SWIMMING CLUBS SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN DEVON

On Tuesday 26th. June, eleven members of the Swimming Club departed from I.C. hostel in very sunny weather, excellent spirits and ancient cars, to test the beer and water of the South West.

Five water polo matches were played, of which three were won, one drawn and one lost. The first game at Weymouth took place in the coldest water the team has ever been subjected to, sun being necessary to revive the team. This latter item was responsible for our final victory of 5 goals to 4. In swimming the college was too strong for the opposition winning the one match easily and all the invitation relays at the other matches.

The next day the waters were warmer at Minehead and the team had little trouble in winning by 6-0 before an audience of at least 600.

At Barnstaple Clarke and McChesney won an exciting race in the freestyle, Robinson broke the bath record in winning the breast stroke and with Clarke and Davidson showing a clean pair of feet to the opponents in the back stroke, the swimming was one easily 20-10 points. Barnstaple had their revenge 7-1 in the polo and although the college deserved to lose, some very curious local rules invoked by the man with the whistle spoilt what could have been a good game.

Our opponents at Exmouth were all county players, I.C. having but two with such experience, R. King (UC) who guested for us on this occasion and our skipper M. Clarke. A very fast and exciting game followed, with the college leading by the odd goal for most of the match. Exmouth were not to be denied however and equalised in the last seconds of the game with a final score 4-4.

The tour was completed in typical I.C. fashion in the local hosteleries.

## SQUASH CLUB

This year we are again fortunate in that four of last years 1st. team are still with us. John Hart, John Braithwaite, David Stevens and Brian Hill. John Hart our secretary has been elected University Captain and we wish him well in this post. Trials have been held and most of the players were of good average standard and it is probable that we shall be able to field one of our strongest second teams ever. The ladder system is now in operation and all players are encouraged to play ladder matches as this helps in team selection.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE AT HOCKEY TRIALS

I.C. hockey club trials took place last week and were well attended. Over 40 players came on each day, and although there was no one outstanding, the general standard bodes well for the future. In the past the difference in the standard of hockey between the 1st. and the other elevens has been considerable, but now the club looks to the freshers to improve the record of the 2nd. and 3rd. elevens.

All 3 elevens go into action on 20th. Oct. against Old Dunstablians.

Forthcoming fixtures of 1st. XI are:-

Sat. 27 Oct. Ashford.  
Wed. 31 Oct. University College.



## I. C. Athletes in Norway

Our ten day tour of Norway commenced on July 1st. The party, which included one lady (sport) flew from Southend by chartered Dakota to Fornebo airport outside Oslo. We were met there by a young lady (more sport) who conducted us to the city centre.

The team spent three days becoming acclimatised in Oslo, staying at a Youth Hostel, before moving south to Fredrikstord where our first match took place on a rain sodden track.

Highlights of this match, which as a spectacle was ruined with the incessant downpour, were Bill Pain's and John Conway's struggle in the 3000m against the area champion Lars Corneliusen. Pain covered in mud held off numerous challenges before galloping home to a 30 yard win. Henry Pinfent ran gallantly in 400m hurdles to finish 2nd to Jan Borgersen who is the Norwegian record holder. The 800m was won by Les Locke who allowed the four Norwegians to set the pace before striding past in the last 150m. The 400m was quite farcical as Pinfent and Locke disappeared in a cloud of spray and mud on the last bend when leading.

Our field events men, Phil Toynbee and David Langden, found the conditions exceptionally trying, and as a result their performances were below what was expected. Tony Watts made a welcome return as our guest on the tour to partner John Hobson in the 100m where they finished 2nd. and 3rd. At this stage the match was abandoned with the promise that we would return to complete the relay programme on the following Monday. This promise was kept and we won both relays in the evening of that day.

Our next match took place at Holden on the Swedish border. By this time the weather had changed fortunately for the better. The match was almost similar in content to the previous one except that with the improved form of David Langden and Phil Toynbee we managed to reverse the result. Here again John Hobson and Tony Watts took 2nd and 3rd in the 100m. Richard Hicks came 3rd. in the 400m won by Henry Pinfent in a very close struggle. Les Locke again won the 800m to set a new I.C. record, whilst Bill Pain and John Conway eclipsed their opponents in the 3000m to establish a new record. The last event, the 1000m relay was won by I.C. in a very fast time. This was a new event which should be run here more often as it tests both speed and tactics.

The rest of our stay was spent in drinking, dancing and sport making. It was a most enjoyable holiday in a beautiful country and plans are now in hand to invite both Fredrikstord I.F. and Holden I.F. over next summer.