

OLD CENTRALIANS' TRUST

The Charitable Trust of the City & Guilds College Association (Formerly 'Old Centralians')

The Holbein Memorial Award **(Sportsman of the Year Award)**

1. **Background:** In 1973 the old Centralians Trust Fund Board presented to the City & Guilds College Union a tankard engraved "AM Holbein Memorial Award", in memory of Arthur Montagu Holbein (1897-1970). Holbein was a student at the City & Guilds College just after the First World War, and he devoted much of the following fifty years of his life to the affairs of the Old Centralians, and of the College. He was probably one of the most respected of all the old students of City & Guilds. He served as President of the Old Centralians in 1960-61.

The minutes of the Trust Fund Board meeting which set up the award in 1973 state that it was agreed:

"that a tankard should be presented to the College Union – to be kept in the Bar – engraved "A.M.HOLBEIN MEMORIAL AWARD". This tankard should be presented each year to the undergraduate chosen by the College Union as their 'Sportsman of the Year', and whose name should be inscribed on the Tankard."

It was also agreed that, subject to the agreement of the General Committee of the City & Guilds College Association (at that time the Old Centralians) an appropriate sum should be donated by the Trust each year to the College Union to enable them to present the award winner with a replica tankard for his personal retention.

The award may be made to a student of either sex, however the word 'Sportsman' will be applied regardless of the sex of the winner.

2. **Procedure for Nomination of Winner:** The procedure for the nomination is to be as follows:--
 - 2.1 The College Union shall appoint a sub-committee each year to receive nominations from each sports club and to choose one name as Sportsman of the Year. The constitution of this committee to choose the winner of the Award shall be as follows:
 - The C&G College Union Alumni Officer (who may act as Chairman);
 - The President of the C&G Union
 - The Hon. Secretary of the C&G Union
 - The Chairman of the C&G Union Colours Committee
 - 2.2 The committee shall have power to co-opt additional members at the discretion of the Chairman.
 - 2.3 The committee should seek information from each C&G and/or Imperial College sports club and recreational club in order to find suitable nominees for the award. The following three criteria are to be used in selecting the holder:-
 1. Someone who has proved themselves as an enthusiastic and able sportsman for City & Guilds or Imperial College, who is also an undergraduate or post-graduate student in one of the seven Engineering Departments formerly comprising the City & Guilds College (see below);
 2. A person who is socially enthusiastic, and well liked;
 3. Someone who is an active Union member.

- 2.4 The name of the person selected by this committee shall be notified to the President and Hon. Secretary of the City & Guilds College Association, and the Chairman of the Old Centralians' Trust Fund Board, in good time to allow the winner to be invited to the next following CGCA Annual Dinner.
- 3. Procedure for Award:** The award of the tankard will be made at the Annual Dinner of the City & Guilds College Association (formerly the old Centralians), to which the winner will be invited as a guest of the Association (see note 4.3). In addition to the presentation of an engraved tankard, the holder will also receive a cheque for the sum of £100 (one hundred pounds).
- 4. Applicable notes:**
- 4.1 The word 'Sportsman' is to be applied regardless of the sex of the winner.
- 4.2 The amount made available to the Union will permit the engraving of the winner's name each year on the tankard which is kept in the College Union Bar, together with the purchase and engraving of the replica tankard to be presented to the winner. The cheque awarded to the winner may be subject to adjustment in line with inflation.
- 4.3 The 'Year' applicable to the actual award is the academic year from October (in Year 1) to July (in Year 2). The selection of the winner and notification to the Association will take place in Year 2, preferably before the end of the Academic year in July of Year 2. Presentation of the award will then take place at the dinner normally held in February-March of the subsequent year (Year 3). The date to be inscribed on the tankard will be Year 2.
- 4.4 The seven departments recognised as successors to the City & Guilds Constituent College are as follows: Aeronautics, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering & Chemical Technology, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Computing, Electrical & Electronic Engineering (including ISE), and Mechanical Engineering.

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