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Thursday, Oct. 20, 1960

The Guild of Undergraduates—University of Birmingham

Atheists Defeated

AST Thursday's debate, that "This House Believes in God," was on a higher plane than those preceding it, in every possible sense, and it is to be hoped that the earnest struggle of the House for Truth will be rewarded in the hereafter.

Mr. David Gohen, speaking with great fire and conviction, based his defence of the motion on the twin grounds of necessity and observation. Man, he said, throughout the ages had shown a desire for beauty, goodness and truth and exhibited a spirit that transcended suffering. This desire could only be explained by Man's awareness of a higher power.

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Having called up a whole pantheon of God and gods, he then
outlined his view of the rationality and stability of nature, Could
all this be a happy accident? He
did not think so. The more
science revealed, the more we
must be convinced of God's existence.

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UNCERTAIN SPIRIT

Mr. Rodney Klevan's reply revealed a more troubled and less certain spirit. Brushing aside Mr. Cohen's First Cause —for who, he asked, made the Marer?—he suggested that all we could know was that we did not know. Whence we came, where were we going, why were we here? He found it impossible to accept the view of a God controlling all and punishing all; for this would signify that there would be chaos without God. Man's relation to man was far more important than his relation to a God whose existence he must deny because he could not prove it by reason. Pity for the opposition's lack of understanding was the heart of Mr. Tony Goss's argument. He drew an analogy of God the artist trying to paint a perfect picture with imperfect tools, these being the human race. It was possible for God to guide man, but only if He was believed in. Mr. Bruce Abrahams' theory appeared to be that although

No bar on women

AFTER much heated argument early in the term the position of women and the lunchtime Union bar has been made clear. "Women been made clear. "Women are not allowed in the bar at

are not allowed in the bar at lunchtime."

This was the unhappy situation which appeared to face the ex-Ed. Street females upon venturing into the male preserves of Edgbaston at the beginning of this session. In fact it was a fallacy.

fallacy.

When the new bar opened in the old Table Tennis Room at the start of this term, the old rule no longer held. The Men's Lounge and Reading Room is now completely separate, and it is perfectly legitimate for female students to drink with their male friends in the Union for the two hours between midday and 2 p.m.

vareness of a higher power.

God did not exist for many people it was necessary to invent Him and in support of this he roamed may fields of scholarship including psychology and history. He, like Mr. Klevan, believed in humanism.

Speeches from the floor were unfortunately cut short owing to time. Miss M. Righton was unconvinced by either side and refused to be converted by Mr. Goss's personal faith, while Mr. Kamarueldin pointed out the error in using reason to find God. Mr. Ash believed in little except the need for the existence of Mr. Ash.

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The motion, being put, was carried, the House being for once on the side of the Angels.

Five dates for dinner

N October, 1959, two staff/ student dining groups, each consisting of 12 mem-bers of the academic staff and 50 non-residential studand 50 non-residential students drawn from all sides of the University, were formed. The groups are autonomous and arrange their own programmes, but the essential feature of the groups is that each meets five times a year for dinner, the cost being subsidised by the University.

Further groups

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Two groups were formed last year, known as the Gryphons and Parolkia, and the possibility arises of forming further groups in the session 1960-61. Students interested in joining any new groups which may be formed are asked to complete an application form which may be obtained from the Porter's Office of the Union.

Applications should reach the Permanent Secretary of the Guild as soon as possible.

Students who applied unsuccessfully for membership of staff-student groups last session are asked to reaffirm their desire for membership by completing another application form on which they should signify that they are reapplying. Priority in selection will be given to those who previously applied in October, 1959.

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Elections at first Guild Council Meeting



Brian Piper



Ahmed Qidwai

THE EDITION THAT NEVER WAS!

ANOTHER success for British-Railways. Last week's edition, which was put on a train at Derby at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday, arrived at New Street station late on Friday. Forty miles in 48 hours by passenger train, which works out at the stupendous average of 1,466 yards per hour. We never discovered what happened to the main-line passengers.

The Editor regrets any inconvenience that this may have caused to our advertisers, our contributors, and our readers and prays it won't happen again.

[P.S.—The B.R, still insist on being paid for carrying "Guild News".]

AT last week's meeting of Guild Council, Messrs. A. Qidwai, B. Piper and A. Bennett were elected to fill the Executive posts made vacant by the resignations of Messrs. Blader, Rowney and Rastall during the vacation.

Ahmed Qidwai, who was born in India and migrated to Pakistan in 1952, took a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering at Punjab University in 1957, having played a prominent part in student affairs during his career as an undergraduate.

He came to Birmingham two years ago on an oil company Scholarship, and is now doing the Final Year course in Chemical Engineering, having been Secretary of the Islamic Society, and a Guild Councillor during the last Session. This year, as well as being on Executive, he is Chairman of the Islamic Society and Secretary of SCARS.

Joint Product

Another graduate, also on SCARS Committee, is Brian Piper. A joint product of Southampton and Leicester, he was described by the Physics master at his Grammar School as "too effervescent," and by his friends as "the guy with a laugh like a machine gun."

After doing his National Service in Aldershot and Paris as a private in the R.A.S.C., he came to Birmingham to read Social Studies, and in spite of being active in S.C.M., U.N.S.A., the Africa Society, the Anglican Society, and a member of the Committee of "Moment," he took a 2nd Class Honours Degree last July. He is at present doing a Dip. Ed. and his aim is to combine teaching and youth work.

Graduate

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Andrew Bennett is another Social Science graduate reading for a Dip. Ed. He has been active in Guild administration since he came to the University. In his second year he was Vac. Work Secretary on External Affairs Committee and also served on Carnival Committee Last year Andy was Chairman of Socialist Union and N.U.S. Secretary. At the moment he is Vice-Chairman of the National Association of Labour Student Organisations.

Since these elections the President has announced that the six Executive Officers will serve in the following capacities:—Guild Secretary: Sadru Jivani; Assistant Guild Secretary; Jane Gilding; Guild Treasurer; John O'Connor; Union Secretary; Ahmed Qidwai; Union Treasurer: Andrew Bennett; Union Extensions Secretary and Publicity Officer: Brian Piper.

New Editor

At the same meeting of Guild Council the election was held for

the post of Editor of "Guild News." This had been made vacant by the resignation of Dave Shaw. Maureen Jones, a second year English student, who was last year's News Editor and was awarded the Fresher of the Year prize for 1960; was elected unopposed.



Andrew Bennett

STUDENT SURVEY

TOWARDS the end of last term, External Affairs Committee implemented a policy decision of Guild Council concerning a survey of student activities of student activities.

A questionnaire was sent to a random sample of the student population. Of the 490 questionnaires sent out, only 203 have so far been returned. The other people concerned are urged to to participate in this survey by returning their green answer cards to the Grants & Welfare Secretary as soon as possible.

It should be realised that the survey can only be fully effective if all the answer cards are re-turned.



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EDITORIAL

 E^{LEVEN} into £60 won't go! That is the conclusion that many members of the Guild must have come to when they realised that this term lasts eleven weeks instead of the customary 10.

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Obviously the University Authorities have every right to dictate to students how many weeks of the year they must devote to academic study. The iniquity of the present system lies in the fact that the student must live—or subsist—on the often totally inadequate grant provided by the local Education Authorities.

In assessing these grants, as many people have discovered to their cost this term, no account is taken of the length of the term, and one extra week in Birmingham may mean a desperate reassessment of that precious cheque which has only just been banked. Obviously reform is overdue to the whole system of grants, and N.U.S. and the Government are giving their attention to the thorny problem of the means test. Meanwhile the average student struggles on, reluctant to ask for parental help, and vet very anxious to eat on, reluctant to ask for parental help, and yet very anxious to eat, especially at the end of term.

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What makes the question of the extra week seem even more unjust is the fact that students at the older Universities, who receive more generous grants to cover the higher cost of living in Oxford and Cambridge, have only to make their money last for a maximum

eight weeks. do not want to argue the rights and wrongs of the present age weekly payment on lodgings of £3 5s. per week, £6 a week is possible, but £5 9s. 1d. is not!

LETTER FROM EXEC.

BY now, most freshers will have heard of Carnival. This year, Carnival Day has been changed at the wish of the University to the post-examination period, and it was thought that this was a suitable time to tell not only the shers but also the other students of the ways in which

of Society which rely solely on charity—and it is these that de-

rive most from Carnival Funds

It is hoped that although Car-

nival has been redated, it will

not be forgotten; and that all

done in the past, not only to

nose in whose houses you are

living and the other students in

you can only live up to the testi-

E. M. TEVERSON

Lodgings Warden

you'll be all right!

nonials your referees gave you,

have a good Rag but to collect

as much as they ingham charities.

In the past, the petitions from various bodies have been collected in the summer term and those which ask for money for Birmingham area children and cold people (to whom we give the community are state-aided there are small selding the community are small selding the community are state-aided there are small selding the community are state-aided there are small selding the community are small seld old people (to whom we give money), are visited by the Presi-dent and the Vice-President so at their cases can be presented the Carnival Money Distribu-

This Committee consists of pers of the University staff, City Council members, past president and Vice-President, Carnival Chairman and Present President and Vice-President; it meets at the end of the summer

When the money has been designated to those cases which have been considered the most needy, the President and Vice-President are asked to various ceremonies in which perhaps the cheque is presented; or a plaque is unveiled in recognition of the donation; or a building is opened etc.

These ceremonies are very important to us students as they publicise to the city the results of our various collections during Carnival Week and help to give a purpose to the people of Birmingham in contributing on Carmival Day. keep up the supply of digs if stu-dents have the reputation of being congenial people to have around the house. You have the intelligence to think before you speak or act, so do exercise it on -that of human relations.

are not able to visit the peopl who have received money from

FUTURIST

October 23rd-"INHERIT THE WIND" (A) SPENCER TRACY FREDRIC MARCH GENE KELLY

GUILD NEWS

FAMILY PLANNING -IMMORAL?

> SIR,-I understand that in the current issue of "Guild News" you are carrying an a tisement for family planning. It is well known that recently there has been controversy about the morality of certain aspects of such ideas and I feel that in cumstances and particularly in view of the fact that "Guild News" serves a predom unmarried community, it would be better if such an advertisement were not carri

There is nothing immoral in planning a family by legitimate neans when it is sincerely felt her twell herdship or inability to means when it is sincerely felt that real hardship or inability to provide adequately for the children would ensue if nature took its normal course. In times past and in many parts of the world today, too large families have been the cause of much suffer-ing. However, the all-important question is - what means are morally acceptable in planning family for the good of all concerned?

RESTRAINT

The exercise of a certain restraint and the use of the inferwith the natural power of re us. The use of the "pill" or other form of artificial contradeliberately interfere with man's

Can't something be done about this? In the new handbook and Guild Diary, it is stated that both the Coffee Room and

Founders' Room open at 10 a.m.

Bleak Campus

DEAR MADAM,—All we who

some misgivings about the bleak-ness of the Edgbaston Winter

A. STANLEY

LIVE UP TO YOUR DIGS

You must all be aware of the struggle we have had to

weeks appealing to householders, through the Press and many other channels, I am now appealing to you.

find enough digs for you all this time. Having spent

WOT! NO COFFEE

SIR, — Staggering into the Union one morning last week at 10 a.m., bleary-eyed and rain-drenched, I had to wait 30 minutes before I could get so much as a cup of coffee. BAN THOSE WOMEN

Conditions on this over-crowded building site are de-pressing enough in many ways, without being deprived of the early morning coffee with which Ed. Streeters used to fortify themselves before lectures in the old Founders' Room in Guild Club. their admittance.

notice displayed at the head of the stairs leading to the Bar, that lady members were refused admission to the old Bar during lunch-times owing to the fact that the old Bar was originally a Men's Reading Room.

Ladies already have a larger lounge than have the men and so I suggest that the old rule of no lady members in the Bar from 12.00 until 2.00 p.m. be once again brought into force.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL H. WILLCOX

available to certain members of the public at the appropriate time.

We are getting very mate istic and forgetting that a r real happiness invariably of to a numerous family than My quarrel with such ideas is that they advocate the use of contraception in certain cases and therefore propagate immorality. Furthermore, in these times in this country a large luxuries but few children.

ties. May I suggest a sequence advocating the abolition elections and the investiture

In a few weeks' time, malnutrition has begun to

There is however one com sation. In the midst of chaotic discomfort we can

Pesc is the Pan Ed. St. Congress.
Pesc asserts The Eternal Paradox.
The founder-members are:
Lucifer Powell-Smith; Beelzebub Beatty; Moloch Squires;
Demogorgon Bevan; Sin Cook; and Belial A. Staples.
Its aims are vacue and

Its aims are vague and unscrupulous; its motto i "Equalitas est inequalitas."

Copies of the Congre Magazine - FEEL - will

PESC!!

Hickey.

EXEC .- SERVANTS

EXEC. OUR SLAVES

SIR,-On thumbing through the Fresher's Edition of "Gui News," I came upon an article entitled "Guide for t Bumptious."

While reading this apparent primer for aspiring executives I noticed such phrases as "take advantage of the temerity and apathy of your fellow Freshers" and "be aware of the phrase 'social responsibility' but don't be too conscientious about it."

All in all a very humorous article to anybody unfamiliar with Guild politics. To those of us who remember Guild executives referring to the members,

SIR, - It is not for any mysogynistic reason that I desire the banishment of lady members from the Bar lunch - times : although everyone must admit that room does become crowded, but rather I protest against the reasons given by the President for

If this was the reason for their non-admittance to the Bar, then two-thirds of the new Founders' Room should be reserved for gentlemen at lunch-time by the same tradition.

CAN YOU



YOU may recognise the above fungoid growth; on the other hand you may not. Not to worry. World Univer-

In connection with Interna-nal Student Week, when we ganise collections and stunts gain money for students all or the world who are—believe

Miss Shirley Starkey (Com-merce & Soc, Studies);

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SCARVES

TIES & BADGES

FULL DIVIDEND to

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On confirming that you are clean-shaven at that time and on receiving the sum of 1/-, they will register you as a competitor in the University of Birmingham Beard-Growing Competition 1960. The rest will be in your hands; judging of the resultant growths of hirsute manliness will take place on the last day of International Student Week, November 25th, You may use massage, hair restorer, natural or artificial manure, what you will! hair restorer, natural or articial manure, what you will!

Any profits resulting from en-gagements as Santa Claus in de-partmental stores, orphanages or dogs' homes are yours. Any profits from the competition are for W.U.S.

That's the challenge; now get to it. GROW A BEARD FOR W.U.S.

COLOURS

Halls' progress
With the problems of lodgings and student accommodation so much in the news, we are glad to announce that the plans for the first pair of Halls, which will be built on the Wyddrington site on Edgbaston Park Road with places for more than four hundred students, are in the advanced stages, and that an architect is being appointed for the second pair.

The interim total of gifts and promises, in response to the Halls of Residence Appeal is £1,200,000 of which £25,000 has been contributed by graduates of this University.

in the University's literary field. It was called 'Moment.'
This pilot edition, containing a mixture of sociology, religion and politics sold out within twenty-four hours of coming out. Encouraged by the response and some helpful criticism the Editorial Committee will in future aim at two issues per term and more copies.

Some time next week the next issue will be out and offers much the same basic mixture with a slight emphasis this time on They appreciate the serious efforts of the Bow-Group Tories, who represent perhaps the only effective opposition left in the country, but they are dismayed by the lack of any comparable sign of radical Conservative thinking among the respectable social occasions and the titivating talks organised by the University Conservative Association.

Writing for the "Concern" fea-

about the aim and scope of World University Service; and

two book reviews give a final punch to this concentrated pot-

pourri of thought from students

Brian Piper outlines some of

the interesting features of Vance Packhard's book, "The Hidden

lation on psychological tech-niques in mass advertising now published by Penguin Books. A

and seniors.

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SMALL ADS.

CAMERA FOR SALE. Contaffex Super f2.8 lens, Pentaprism view-finder, coupled rangefinder, ex-posure meter, cost £93, will sell for £75.—A. Conning, Elec. Eng.

EXPERIMENTAL FILM UNIT. Inaugural Meeting will be held Friday, 21st October at 1 p.m. in the Lesser Hall. Everybody wel-

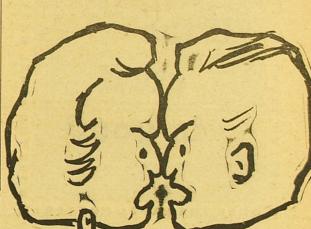
IT'S UNOFFICIAL!! Second 1/6d.

SKI-ING: University Parties to lege, Cambridge.

OPEN LECTURE: 1.45 p.m. in

ne Debating Hall, Tuesday, 25th oct. Peter Dews on "The Tele-ision Play and the Producer."

"local interest" book is reviewed by Mary Fussell, a graduate of Birmingham and now a lecturer at Hull, She looks at "The mak-ing of a Church" by J. G. Davies who recently succeeded Professor Lampe as head of the Theology.



What's all this

argument about family planning?

Almost every day, there seems to be another shot fired in the great battle over family planning. Somebody eminent says that family planning spells disaster for the nation. Somebody else just as eminent declares that without family planning, civilisation will perish.

average sized Victorian family with the family of today, you'll realise how true this is.) Yet for all that, many people are ignorant of the basic principles of family spacing, and use hit-or-miss methods which have been condemned by doctors and churchmen as unsuitable or even harmful There's a small booklet which helps to put these problems in perspective. It is called "Planned Families are happy families". and its object is to clear away some of the false ideas and misconceptions which surround the subject. If you would like a free copy, please write to H. F. Booklets Ltd.,

What's the truth of the matter? Most thinking people realise that family planning is important in modern society. (If you compare the

Dept. 507A 12 Oval Road, London, N.W.1.

ness of the Edgbaston Winter. It is not a long walk, but it could be a most unpleasant one from the Arts Block to the Union and back again for a cup of coffee. Could not machines serving hot coffee, tea, or even cold milk or Coca-Cola be set up in each of the main blocks, especially the Library, so that people need not interrupt their work for more than a short space to make a miserable trip to queue in an overcrowded Union? A. STANLEY,

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Political Forum

AFTER THE CIRCUS In another moment

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Elections

Dead Slow

THE main items on the agenda of last week's

council meeting consisted of elections which had been

deferred from the joint meet

ing of old and new council

last session. As well as the Executive and Editorial elec

tions reported elsewhere

filled on the Disciplinary Ap

peals Board, the Catering Committee, the University Refectory Committee, the

Deb. Soc. Committee and

For almost all the vacant posts

For almost all the vacant posts nominations came very slowly: most candidates were elected unopposed and for several posts there were no nominations at all. The President regretted the desultory air that hung about the whole proceedings and urged Council to give these elections serious thought before the next meeting.

Hon rules

Later in the evening Mr. Peter Wood asked several questions about the regulations concerning the running of Hops, especially the newly-enforced rule that no-

Mr. Spud Taylor, Chairman o

several others.

THE annual circus of the party conferences pursues its usual course. The season started THE annual circus of the party conferences pursues its usual course. The season started rather more brightly this year with the Liberal divertissement. With emancipated women screaming for more emancipation and the bright young things trying to shake off the crushing hangovers from the past—these white-haired sages who actually saw Lloyd George; but that young chap Grimond seems to be getting a bit more of the hair out of his eyes and groping slowly towards a policy and a few more votes in the local elections. They would probably call themselves socialists, but they would hardly recognise the twist given to the term by the socialed Socialist Union with its controlling courses of the course of the cours

The second turn, at the Scarborough circus, was perhaps the most exciting. Here we were entertained to a political charade of high suspense, fixed in true democratic fashion by F. Cousins and Co., Political undertakers. Labour's dogmatism and conservatism triumphed again, this time in the cause of personal hostility and political suicide on the defence issue and over Clause Four. It remains for the party to have the courage to disintegrate, or Tory rule will be established for another decade.

More subdued

The final entertainment, again windy Scarborough, was a

BEAT IT?



sity Service issues you yet another challenge.

All you have to do is this: as oon after reading this as pos-ible present yourself to one of the following::—

Miss Carolyn Biraben (Med.

Mr. Rodney Watts (Chemis-

THE cheerful face of Keith Wilkes has become in the past twelve months a familiar sight within the University precincts; and yet somehow it has never yet made its appear-

ance on this page, an omission which had to be rectified. The programme of events for S.F.H. this session shows a fresh approach, though he will be the first person to admit that he owes much to his predecessor, Jack Newport.

As a non-party Anglican he appreciates that he must be prepared in his post to adapt his

Married with two children, he lives in Bournbrook Road, and claims his hobbies to be "reading and sleeping," which does not ring true. On further consideration he confesses to enjoying acting in light revue, and regrets his tennis racquet's enforced idleness, which is more in character.

Keith is of the same stuff as the rest of the new generation of priests and ministerse; a lively mind, vital personality, and keen sense of humour com-bined with genuing faith to

JOHN BROWN TURNS PRO

THIS term, Dr. John Brown lecturer in the English De-

Theatre a few years ago.

Dr. Brown, who received his Ph.D. at the Summer Congregation, has had great success as a producer with the University's Guild Theatre Group. His production of Webster's "Duchess of Malfi" in the Autumn term last year came second in the N.U.S. Drama Festival in London and was highly praised by Harold Hobson of the "Sunday Times." He also produced "Hamlet," which G.T.G. took to Frankfurt this summer.

The Rev. Keith Wilkes

THE BIBLE TODAY

by the Guild Chaplain

 \mathbf{W} HAT does the Bible really say, and what authority, if

any, can such a collection of ancient books have for us in the mid-twentieth century? These are the questions which will be tackled by preachers at the Guild Services this term, held on Sunday evenings at 6.30 p.m. (not 6.15 p.m.) in the Guild and University Chapel. A number of biblical scholars and competent speakers will be taking part in the series and in the discussions after each service in the Library of St.

Professors Herbert and Curtis are authorities on Old and New Testament studiest respectively at the Selly Oak Colleges, which constitute one of the largest in estitutions in the world preparing men and women for work in the Church overseas.

in the Church overseas.

The Rev. John Fenton, Principal of Lichfield Theological College, has written on St. Mark and St. John, and is the author of the forthcoming Penguin Commentary on St. Matthew's Gospel. Dr. Richard Hanson, the Senior Lecturer in Theology at Nottingham University, is a prolific writer; he has books to his credit on New Testament and early Christian writers besides works on Christian Unity. His latest work is the excel-

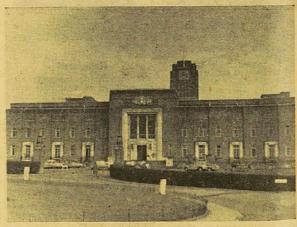
MED. SCHOOL COLUMN

NOW that Ed. Street has conformed, only the Medical School is left in splendid isolation on its high and muddy hill. This, one fears, will tend towards an even greater lack of correspondence between the Medics and "the Rest." As a Medic, one knows that this is a bad thing. Left to themselves Medics tend to talk shop, drink beer and play rugger; the ingenuous freshers must be weaned away from such disgusting pastimes. They must be shown that the dangerously intellectual "Rest" have in fact something to give them.

Medics may be Medics first, but they are students last and to refuse (that is not too strong a word) to mix with their fellows is to deny themselves valuable education. Those Medics fortunate enough to live in Halls of Residence will know what this means.

If this column is to appeal it must not be one long and unfunny esoteric joke: it must be shown that the Medical School is news and that it has a part to play in University life.

The annual freshers' Medical examination has just taken place and here is a place to defend it. Many grumble at it and claim



The Medical School

that it is mere practice for fourth-year Medics. This is not so. I is designed as a screen, so that no student enters the University unhealthy and, long-term, no student will fail from ill-health.

The benefit that fourth-years obtain is to see a cross-section of healthy population. In hospital everyone is sick. A sense of respective is very refreshing; and here is an opportunity of apply g one's techniques to normal people. We thank them.

Perhaps if we mixed more, others might understand this us much has been revealed: and "To whomsoever much is a from him shall much be required."

A PLACE FOR GOWNS

WOULD you like to wear a gown? Do you think the tradition of academic dress, still flourishing at Oxford and Cambridge and some provincial universities and once maintained here, should be revived? This is a question already discussed heatedly around the Campus.

Faculties may direct," but at present only the Lawyers, who claim to lead the field in sartorial elegance in this university, and certain members of the Geography Department actually

What the best-dressed students are wearing.

The idea that having an account with a nation-wide bank like the Midland is something reserved for people of substantial means is a fallacy. So also is the belief that banks are interested only in those who are older and already established. The Midland Bank is interested in YOU—and all young people like you. You would find a bank account extremely useful and with the Midland's Personal Cheques the cost is only 6d. a cheque—5]—for a book of 10. There are no other charges of any kind. If you require more than Cheque Book service—and there are many other Midland Bank services—ask for a Current Account. You cannot be far away from any of our 2,250 branches. Call in next time you're passing: you'll be very welcome. This is an open invitation.

material is said to have stopped this. As such practical objections no longer exist, of recent years, there has been a movement afoot in the Guild for revival of the tradition. University authorities have been approached and the question was debated by the Senate last June.

Before a full scale enquiry into

student opinion on this subject is conducted by the Guild, 'Guild News' is making a preliminary investigation.

A Professor in one science department could see no point in it, stating that ceremonial was sometimes attractive but not for everyday use. The idea, he said, originated in the older universities, but there were other features of these we could better imitate.

chemists using laboratories on certain afternoons of the week, would have to be found storage space for their academic dress. Staff too would, as a safety pre-caution, refuse to wear gowns

But what do the undergraduates of today think about its restoration? Opinion, as yet, seems evenly divided in favour and against. Freshers express their disappointment at finding it is not the custom here already. Many old lags would like to see it introduced, but are inclined to add when questioned.

more academic outlook amo students and a greater pride the University. Again it wou protect clothes and though co sidered a status symbol in o sense, become a social leveller

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site workers.

Those against thought it an "obnoxious pomposity" and felt that traditions die when they have no further use. What utilitarian purpose could a gown have in the new buildings where it would be a hazard on staircases and in lifts and hot and uncomfortable in overcrowded conditions. Would it justify the necessary provision of extra cloakroom accommodation? The question of expense was raised, but though gowns are costly



Do you wish to learn more about a career in power? Do you believe you measure up to its enusual opportunities? If so, we would like to meet you

For science and engineering graduates a career in power is an investment in opportunity. No sticking between the floors here. It makes no difference whether you become an electrical or mechanical engineer engaged upon generation and transmission, or an engineer, chemist, physicist, mathematician or metallurgist engaged upon research and development. In an industry where demand is doubling every ten years, there is a clear ascent to the top.

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imitate,

The head of another, however, had no objections to his students wearing academic dress, but would rule that no gowns were to be brought into laboratories, as a multitude of accidents could be caused by flowing robes catching alight or being caught in machinery or apparatus. Wearing gowns might have advantages, but it would be impracticable in the Science Faculty, where the numbers attending lectures were too great for any kind of record to be kept of those without gowns and where, for instance, the five hundred chemists using laboratories on

A 'Guild News' Survey on Academic Dress

when giving any lectures involving a practical demonstration.

ing a practical demonstration.

Staff in departments of the Arts Faculty had fewer positive objections, but felt students should be allowed to wear what they liked and should certainly not be compelled to wear gowns. A Senior Lecturer in the English Department, with eyes glued to the pock-marked flooring of the Arts Block, was more anxious that stiletto heels be banned from the new buildings before any other forms of fancy dress be introduced.

One University porter would

any other forms of fancy dress be introduced.

One University porter would very much like to see it, as it would enable him to tell the difference between students and strangers, who he says have been known to attend lectures. Also he felt it would make students more conscious of what they are. In some circles of the Guild it was felt that it is accepted practice for members of an academic institution to wear gowns and that as members of a University with its own charter and heritage, we have every right to do so without being thought imitators of Oxbridge traditions. After all, at provincial universities of more recent foundation than our own, the wearing of gowns goes unquestioned. It was thought that should the tradition be revived here among the greater part of the student body, within a few years the new influx of undergraduates would accept it as an essential of the University.

Craftsmanship

"Observer" will know, found inspiration in stains and blots on walls. In this, and also in his position as artist and scientist, he provided an admirable introduction to the themes of the Open Lecture by Sir Kenneth Clark on Tuesday last week entitled "The Blot and the Diagram."

The diagram for Sir Kenneth mbolised the "rational state-" have a background of discipline.

the stains on the walls, symbolised the purely abstract and emotive element.

Sir Kenneth considered that modern art was not a stylistic development of previous forms, nor an invention of art dealers, but a "vital expression of the times," cut off from what had gone before by the sudden appearance of cubism in the 1910's. THESE ARE THE HANDS OF A CRAFTSMAN

modern science has deflected a great many of the skills and ideas that would otherwise go

But "science cannot be a substitute for art." The aim of art has always been one of three. Either the imitation of nature

FOR its first activity of the season G.T.G. is presenting a P programme of one-act plays on the 25th, 26th and 27th of October.

Not a prophet

Returning to the question of discipline. Sir Kenneth, though a "historian not a prophet" considered that though modern at would last long, it would not last indefinitely because of the very lack of this discipline—the "pleasures of total freedom begin to pall."

Peter Deitch is producing the Proposal" by Tchekov. He has already had some experience of producing for the University, as last Easter he put on "The Hole' by N. F. Simpson and was in charge of the June-week review. Abraham Benjamin, who is producing "auto da Fe" by Tensese Williams, and Dave Winnett, who is producing "On Baile's Strand" by W. B. Yeats are both new-comers to the Uni-

ld Edwardians 0, B'ham 3

Below standard

EASY FOR DEPLETED SIDE

THE first Women's Hockey als took place on Saturday

CAMBRIDGE BEATEN

THE Basketball first team aintained their unbeaten

d Art Dugas, who me form at guard, decisive basketam took command and maintained the end, winning 9 points to 28, delities of playing in court and the wding tactics.

N.A.B.

In Club is in operation again. The racing man has every facility to engage in the sport, the club being affiliated to all the national bodies, and encouragement and advice will be offered to all those interested. Several sets of rollers are available in the gym for winter training and roller racing.

Despite its name, however, the club is not solely concerned with goals.

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days and 9.30 a.m. on Sundays.

In the first match this season the Lacrosse team faced the might of Oxford University and lost, not surprisingly, for four goals to one. The three freshers all played well in defence and goalkeeper Lynn Jones saved many goals.

Susan Andrews shot the only goal and Judith Stokes also played very well.

mendations, and, surely, anyone examining their "Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations" must admit that they have made a study which will have a substantial effect on Sport and the Youth of the nation generally. For only when conclusions are reached, and recommendations made, in a Report like this do the Government and Local Authorities sit up and take notice. keep our place as leading power

THE long-awaited Report of the Wolfenden Committee on

Sport has made many worthwhile and valuable recom-

THE WOLFENDEN

The Press

the Press. Though it gets credit for helping to publicise sport, sponsor events and provide an cutlet for public opinion, several well-merited criticisms are made of its methods. The Committee states strongly that sensationalism often ousts accuracy in the quest for a higher circulation. I could not agree more with this, nor with their conviction that the reporter should be not only an enthusiast and regular follower of the sport about which he writes, but also have had some playing experience.

Pools, Money and Sport Pools, Money and Sport

This section of the Report on
the Press is but typical of the
very thorough research that has
been made by the Committee
over the past three years. It is
very difficult to criticise it in any
way. Perhaps the Committee has
been rather staid and conservative in their outright rejection of
the idea of financing the proposed Sports Development Council directly from the Pools or
from Pools betting duty.

It seems rather old-fashioned
that too much emphasis should
be put on moral objections which
might well be felt to be a direct
link-up between the Pools and
amateur sport. Surely such objections must be regarded as be-

Sports Shorts

ON Wednesday, October Club won its opening match Oaks by three games to two. Hobson, who unfortunately will be leaving the club soon, won the deciding match in three straight games. Embley and Headley also both started the season well with decisive

aging results.

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Secondly, though it may well be right that the earmarking of particular revenue for a specific

MIKE DOWN

Sports Editor

as the Report says.

Birmingham's example

DO OR DAI

FOLLOWING the Cross Country Club Freshers' Trials, in which Clayton, Rowe, Walmsley and Yale emerged as good first-team prospects, it was hoped that the Club would begin the season well. This hope was ful-filled last Saturday when Harborne and Worcester opening match.

The result was a resounding victory for the University, who placed six runners in the first eight home. The race was won by Dai Davies, who completely

racing. Club runs start outside the Union at 2 p.m. on Wednes days and 9.30 a.m. on Sundays.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

FOR the opening fixture of the season, the first eleven travelled to Manchester Unif they could do anything about it.

This last point is the main basis of criticism of the Birmingbasis of criticism of the Birming-ham side, for in individual skill they were a fair match for their opponents. The defence and the attack were two entirely separate entities with no effective link-up between them.

That they scored only twice is partly a reflection of their poor finishing, but the Birmingham defence must take full credit for their fine covering and solid, workmanlike efforts.

Gray was a great stabilising nfluence at centre-half, while full-backs Ryle and Randall improved on their trial game displays of the previous Saturday. At wing-half, Westwood and Johnson worked hard.

Acrobatic Atkinson

The Birmingham forwards were never really in the game, except for the first 20 minutes, after which inside-right Fleming

Manchester 2, Birmingham 0 spent much of the time on the right wing, where his talents were largely wasted.

If Manchester's goals were, in themselves, lucky affairs, there is no doubt that they fully de-

University 3, Handsworth 0

HANDSWORTH ARSENAL are doubtless one of the most inferior sides that the first XI will meet this season, tory (Boddy 2, Roper 1).

However, amid the early sea-on chaos of unfitness, experimade one aware of the presence there were patterns of good foot-

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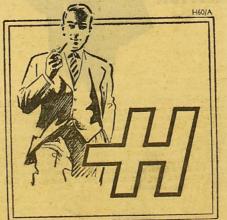
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LOOKING AHEAD

to Fleet easy

JOURNALISM is one of the careers which the academic tend to frown upon but which, along with advertising and television, is more and more seeking graduate recruits.

Yet, in spite of this, there is still a good deal of antagonism among both old and young members of the profession who have "come up the hard way," towards graduates who too often in the past have proved to be intellectual snobs.

Even for a graduate with a first, unless he is a Kenneth Tynan or a Bernard Levin, the only way into journalism is at the bottom. The bottom may be a weekly paper, in a quiet county backwater where the most important event of the year is the Vicarage Fête, or a local evening paper where life goes on at a slightly faster pace but where it is just as important to spell the names correctly.

FORTUNATE FEW

A few fortunate entrants may persuade the Editor of one of the better known provincial papers, such as the "Birmingham Post" or the "Yorkshire Evening Post," to take them on "on trial," but openings for beginners on papers of this quality are few and far between, except for someone who knows the Night Editor's sister's cousin's son

And this is not necessarily a bad thing, because in a busy office of competent reporters no one has time to devote to instructing a beginner in the basic arts of newspaper writing. In the quieter atmosphere of a small paper, which is used to training its own reporters, the new recruit has a much better chance of gaining a grounding in the profession and after a year or so will be able to move to a larger office with some confidence and competence.

SELF-CONFIDENT

To the self-confident graduate who has just left University with a good degree, the first months on a local paper may be full of disappointment and frustration, when a career which from the out side seemed full of glamour and excitement turns out to be a drudgery of wedding reports and flower shows.

The graduate journalist must always remember that no degree il make him a good reporter, and the dull, routine tasks which a ginner is given will teach the speed and accuracy which will take his work one degree better than his rival's, whether he is retring a garden fête or a meeting of the United Nations.

Most journalists are employed primarily as reporters, or as subtitors—the one bringing in the news and the other preparing it the printers. Feature writing is generally done by reporters with

a flare for more descriptive writing, although some London papers employ writers specifically for the feature pages.

First of a series on CAREERS

IRREGULAR HOURS

Hours are irregular, but, apart from the weekly papers which have small staffs, not necessarily long. Sub-editors on an evening paper work during the day, and on a morning paper, in the evenings, and most reporters work to a shift system. There is an average forty-hour week in the profession, with three weeks paid holiday

per year.

There is a recognised training scheme which is becoming obli-

There is a recognised training gatory.

Pay is according to age and the size of the population that a paper serves, but the national papers of Fleet Street generally pay well above the agreed minimum rate which is £22 per week (£1,654 per annum), and all reporters have expense accounts—well vetted by their News Editor.

UNSUITED

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Prospects for a graduate entrant to the profession depend very much on the graduate himself. He may find that he is entirely unsuited to the life, or that he just cannot write—and give up, or be thrown out, after only a few months. If he and his editor agree that he has chosen the right career the opportunities are limited

by Maureen Jones

only by the talent of the graduate himself. Given a genuine flair for writing or lay-out, and a high educational standard, he should find little difficulty in getting a job on a paper or magazine in London after a few years experience in the provinces. The BBC also provides openings for graduates, with pay which may reach £2,000 p.a. for reporters and sub-editors after many years service.

The popular papers in Fleet Street also take on graduates, although there is a lack of security and breath-taking pace in the "rat-race," which frightens off all but the most hardened enthusiasts. Jobs in London are seldom advertised—they are broadcast along the "grape-vine"; but the BBC is bound to advertise its vacancies, although it may even then make an internal appointment.

ENDLESS FASCINATION

For the less ambitious, there is always security and endless fascination to be found on the provincial papers, which are small enough to maintain some sort of contact with the community they serve, and whose aim is to provide a public service rather than the occasional sensational tit-bit.

occasional sensational tit-bit.

No practising journalist has ever been known to advise a graduate or anyone else to enter the profession. But if you are convinced that journalism is what you want to do, go ahead in spite of all opposition. You may be so hopeless that you would be more of a hindrance than a help on the "East Barsetshire Advertiser"—but you may have that flair which will carry you to the top in one of the most fascinating and exacting professions in the world.

mausoleum, smelling still of wet raincoats and Sunlight soap. The body crumbles and decays; the spirit finds, be it hoped, a new home where it may flourish, in the glass palace over the

ED. ST.

THOSE who heard the gramme "So Many Red Bricks" recently were pro-leged to hear a fitting ep-taph to our old friend Ed

The memorial service taken by the Vice-Charassisted by many noble an tinguished past and pure members of staff, and by graduates of varying gations.

tions.

It was good to be remined to be remined to the provincial University of its good to hear of the famous worked there, Prof. Poy weighing the earth, Sir Lodge experimenting sceptical medics, with early transmission; good to he the golden day in 1992. King Edward VII trod the

King Edward VII trod the passages.

It was good too that lady' was not eulogised memory; the words of Lo Neice which head this were joined with memory the atmosphere of dar tality' and of the 'unsphogwash called coffee! despite it all the verd that of Walter Allen: good came out of i Street. good came out of Ed Street.'

Expansion

Not all the progra however nostalgic; we Vice-Chancellor spea however nostalgic; we he vice-chancellor speak coming expansion; of pinew buildings, playing and—can it be true?—a sity theatre. Geoffrey dith—ninth year Medi perhaps remember him voice to the hope that duates and undergradual may not long be without post in the City, for withank him.

may not long be without and post in the City, for which thank him.

Perhaps we may regret that undergraduate voice joined the final hymn, and that m was not heard of the press problem of accommodation. If the whole, one of those make the whole, one of those make programmes, that the B delights in, was a satisfact epitaph to a fine old lady, building that in the words Prof. A. M. D. Hughes, "never be what it has never be though some thought it was vast and dusty uninhab (Continued in preceding color (Continued in preceding

MIXED MARRIAGE

THE long-promised consummation of the marriage between Ed. Street and Edgbaston has finally taken place. No longer are they partners in name only — but the full harmony that was hoped for has not yet been achieved. Neither of the partners is anywhere recorded. where near satisfied.

In the past week there has been utter chaos within the confines of the Union. Submerged, at first, in the whirlpool of teeming scientists, the Ed. Streeters have now found the stagnant waters of the Coffee Room, they are multiplying at an alarming rate.

The hitherto apathetic scientists are realising with slowly dawning horror that no longer will this rural retreat be their realm and theirs only, but that they are about to be subjected to the insidious influence of Kultur

The fact that this Kultur will be borne to them by many per-sonable ladies, chiefly of the English Department, will do

nothing to mitigate the more serious effects.

The mind, that frequently exherted object of derision in Edgbaston high society, boggles at the thought of Arts and science dancing hand in hand around the Tree of Youth for other than purely functional reasons.

Shadow of Joe

Yet those who have huddled together in the deep shadow of Old Joe, are at last faced with the glaring reality of Arts students among them, and, needless to say, when their conservative and bourgeois natures are considered, don't like it.

are considered, don't like it.

Consider the plight of the poor Ed. Streeter. Deprived of the friendly filth of his natural abode, he is plunged into the sterilised sterility (Ra takes no responsibility for this phrase) of a new building for work, and forced to tolerate the hostility of the Science student in the Union, which is after all for students of all denominations. Unwanted, unloved, and in strange surroundings, he is trying to make a home in an atmosphere of adamant enmity.

We must face the issue of this

We must face the issue of this marriage. No longer may our respective sneers be made from the twin beds of isolation and ignorance. Let us work together for the conception of a New University.

(Under the tolerant eye of the Editor, Rajah has assumed the mantle borne last year by J. and J. They hope to gain the affections of the Guild as thoroughly as their predecessors did).

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