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HALL TAKE-OVER PLAN

by 'Guild News' Reporter

IF present plans are approved by the authorities, the Dept. of Extra Mural Studies will shortly be taking over Winterbourne, the University House Annexe, as their new headquarters.

The Dept. hopes to move within the next two years. Their present "temporary" buildings are now completely inadequate to cope with the increasing work that the Dept. faces.

Winterbourne would be an ideal centre for the increasing number of "release students" and also for those taking part in residential courses.

Mr. Parker, M.A., the Director of Extra Mural Studies, said that a new extension would be built for House, to replace the lost Annexe. He hoped that it would be ready by the time the Dept. moved.

quickly as possible with the fullest possible amenities.

The site, of 45 acres, is undulating and mature parkland. This character is to be maintained, and it is intended to provide a lake which will greatly enhance the view.

Welcome

Students would be welcome to use the lecture rooms for meetings, and they would be redesigned to make this possible. A new library would be built, since the one in the Main Building had no facilities for browsing.

Some members of the J.C.R. of University House plan to send a letter of protest. They claim that, apart from losing the charms of Winterbourne, the new extension will not accommodate all the 47 students and two Lecturers at present resident in Winterbourne.

If this is so, it will threaten a cut in the numbers attending Halls of Residence for only a short time. At Wyddington Vale, the site of the new Halls, the building work, despite the weather, is up to date.

New

These Halls will eventually take 1,350 students, with a further 450 places, if there are sufficient funds. They are being built in pairs, and the first pair is already completed.

Funds are available for the other two pairs under the architectural guidance of Cadbury and Brown of London, and Mellor of Lytham St. Annes. Wick and Jackson of Birmingham supervised the first Hall.

It has not yet been decided which are for men and which for women. The University is anxious that the site of these Halls be developed as

Merger Denied

THERE is no truth in the statement that future Carnivals may be shared between the University and the College of Advanced Technology, as printed in last Thursday's "Birmingham Post." Officials of the C.A.T. and Glyn Allen, this year's Carnival Chairman, both denied any knowledge of such a move.

"Unfortunately, such a possibility must be ruled out on administrative grounds," said Glyn.

"Either we would have to run the whole business from here, which the boys at the C.A.T. obviously would not like, or there would have to be two committees which would get us into one hell of a mess."

Floats

He went on to say that only 40 floats could take part in the procession and that, if the C.A.T. took part, 20 of the University societies "which contributed floats each year would have to be excluded. This was undesirable, to say the least."

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Ex-Birmingham man is Congo hero SAVIOUR OF MISSIONARY

EX-BIRMINGHAM University man Major Richard Lawson, was front-page news in the National Dailies last Thursday. He is in the UNO Nigerian Brigade serving in Katanga.

The Major was responsible for the rescue of the only surviving missionary from the scene of the massacre at Kongolo.

At one time he bravely faced a whole battalion of mutinous Congolese, armed with no more than a swagger stick and forced cheerfulness.

After he punched one of them on the nose for trying to stick an arrow in him, the enemy burst into roars of laughter and took him to their officer.

He was finally allowed to see the missionary, Father Jules Darmon, and bring him out.

Major Lawson came to the University from St. Albans Abbey School and left here in 1946 for Sandhurst, from where he was gazetted into the Royal Tank Regiment.



Professor Giles Playfair emphasises a point.

THE best serious debate this term was held last Thursday on the motion "That this house would hang Eichmann."

Proposing, Mr. Peregrine Worsthorne, Assistant Editor of the "Sunday Telegraph," felt that none of the moral arguments against capital punishment applied in this case. The Jewish people needed a clear indication of their right and power to defend their interests. A new precedent must be set, the supreme penalty must be served on their persecutor.

No exceptions are the rule for abolitionists, claimed Professor Giles Playfair, Professor of Drama at Williamstown College, Mass. Hanging was a retrograde step in the civilised world. He used the Rosenberg trial to illustrate how more

harm than good could arise from Eichmann's death. We must spare Eichmann and stop the Jews committing a crime of their own.

Seconding the proposition, Mr. Roger Bayliss contrasted the attitudes of his parents' generation with our own. We must have simple justice for simple people; Eichmann had committed a crime, he must be punished.

Eichmann would become a martyr for anti-semitism, thought Mr. Paul Harman, opposing. We should set him free to become a living symbol of our new faith.

The motion was defeated by 35 votes to 85 with 29 abstentions.

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Visiting hours

REPORT will be found elsewhere in our pages on the present state of the move on Guild Council to obtain better visiting hours for two of our Halls of Residence, and to bring them into line with those of Manor House.

The whole question has been shelved for the moment. This seems to be a reasonable situation. Chancellor's Hall is taking steps to have its visiting hours altered, and we wish them success in their attempt. The ladies would appear to differ. University House prefers its privacy and independence, to having the Hall thrown open to men till late hours.

The steps that the Junior Common Room of Chancellor's Hall will have to take lie through their Warden and the Halls of Residence Committee.

Guild Councillors are interested in Halls as prospective residents, and as representatives of the student body in general. Their best plan is undoubtedly that adopted, awaiting the outcome of Chancellor's Hall's application before deciding on any definite policy.

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Not so black as painted CATERING SERVICES DEFENDED

SIR—In reply to Mr. Siddons' letter in your columns we wish to point out that it is not the duty of the Guild of Undergraduates to provide a full-scale restaurant service. Our Catering Department is already extremely overburdened, and the introduction of a cafeteria evening meal service, as your correspondent suggests, is impractical.

Catering Committee policy is to provide a special type of service in the Vernon Grill. At present, it is true, the Grill is over-crowded, but the committee have in mind the future, when the opening of the new Refectory will ease the burden, and enable the Vernon Grill to fulfil its original function, namely, to provide a good evening meal at a reasonable cost, with waitress service.

We do not desire to comment, though we could, on Mr. Siddons' ill-bred remarks as to

grubby tablecloths, etc. We have every confidence in our very over-worked staff, who do an excellent job under difficult conditions. Their lot is not eased by completely unjustified slights of this nature.

Dispute

Moreover, we dispute Mr. Siddons' suggestion that Vernon Grill prices are excessive, for they compare favourably with any similar service elsewhere. Each evening at present some 400 plus people are served in the Grill; so much for your correspondent's "certain section" of the Guild.

Catering Committee always welcome constructive suggestions for improving services to members, but we would ask Mr. Siddons (and others of like mind) to show some consideration for the staff.

Yours, etc.,

VINCENT POWELL-SMITH
(Chairman).

G. M. FELL
(Secretary, Catering Committee).

GUILD OPEN LECTURE

Dr. Templeman
on
Students as they
used to be

Get rid of that attitude, Oxbridge STICK TO IT, BRUM

SIR—As an Oxford graduate now doing a diploma at Birmingham, I should like to comment on your articles in the last issue on Oxbridge and Redbrick Universities; the article on Oxford, in particular, seems to me to have been misleading, and the real core of the comparison has been missed.

It is more difficult to generalise about Oxford than about Birmingham; within Oxford there are many ways of life, and no individual can know the University properly.

Because of the college system, and because lectures are so much less important, groups tend to form less along subject or faculty lines for the most (scientists are few, and for them this is far less true); one's friends seem to be those with whom one fits most naturally, and this is a question of home and educational background, which is to say of social levels.

Birmingham does not show itself as a stratified society, while Oxford is almost a microcosm of the national class structure. My first impression of Birmingham was that people are less extreme; fewer eccentrics and "aristocrats" stand out; there are fewer who set out to distinguish themselves, but there are also fewer who are outstanding minds.

Similar

Perhaps Oxford gives an education less influenced by restriction within one's own subject, but the academic standard of Oxford and Birmingham seems similar for most people; it is the existence of an intellectual cream at Oxford (and it does exist), with the traditional belief, largely in schools, that it is superior, that creates what academic superiority there is.

The superiority of Oxford in terms of personality development seems to me to be a myth; the same myth as that of the public school personality, founded on what are to me false values.

The sexes mix more naturally in Birmingham, though Oxford is not as monastic as might be thought; this seems a point where the evils of Oxford society spring from its mass of public school personalities. I find Birmingham socially

preferable; one does not require so much time and energy to find friends and a level and a way of life, even if one is less stimulated by intellectuals! But Redbrick people think of their

PRESS POST

FAIR'S FAIR, FELLOWS Floreat Etona

SIR—Having been confronted with the percentages of Public School boys in the University and the Halls of Residence, and noting a further veiled attack upon Chancellor's in last week's "Guild News," I sense a feeling of grievance.

I feel sure that I express the feelings of my fellow Public School associates when I say that we do not wish to maintain the distinction in our educational background on entering a provincial University.

The sense of loss felt by some, not as fortunate as ourselves, is best eradicated by no further discussion of the matter.

Right

I cannot, however, let the implied attack upon Chancellor's go by without comment. It must be remembered that the Warden selects his men from those that bother to apply. As life in Hall inevitably bears a closer resemblance to that of the Public School than that of the scholarship boy's own home, it is not likely that the applications tend to be in a ratio unlike that of the whole University?

Further the Warden in considering not only his own welfare, but that of the other residents, has the right to pre-judge the suitability of his applicants. He may well have discovered by experience that Public School Boys do in fact adapt themselves more readily to life in Hall. It is fair to assume that they will continue to do so.

With these judgments in mind, it appears to me that it

Universities as inferior; I have been met by many queries such as "why on earth did you come here after Oxford?"

It is with them to rid themselves of this infuriating attitude, as much as with Oxonians like Mr. French to rid themselves of the attitude: "I would not say this unless you had forced me to it, but you must admit Oxford is superior."

Yours sincerely,

A. G. BASSETT.

is the figures submitted for Manor House that are unsatisfactory. That their percentage of Public School Boys is only 18 per cent. is indicative of the inverted snobbery and that strained social conscience prevalent in the left-wing Provincial Universities.

May I suggest that the subject be no further pursued?

Yours faithfully,

PUBLIC SCHOOLBOY.

FREE SPEECH, THEN

SIR—While being grateful for the interest which your last week's editorial showed in improving the standard of debates, may I be allowed to point out that some of your statements were inaccurate and all of your inferences misleading?

To begin with: two of our three teams (Messrs. Klevan and Large and Messrs. McVeagh and Kamaruddin) got through into the second round of the Observer Mace Tournament, and not one, as you stated.

Neither is it true that there is always a larger attendance at debates which have guest speakers than at those which have only internal speakers; the debate on hanging, for instance, compared with the debate on the Press.

False

And it surely gives a false impression to say that the Committee this year is inviting "more visiting speakers than ever" when it is only during the last sixteen months that the Committee has at times tried to secure the presence of prominent non-student speakers at certain debates.

There are many aspects of the Society that could stand improvement, and the Committee is well aware of these defects and would welcome any proposed remedies. I suggest, however, that the false premises and illogical deductions of your editorial make it impossible for us to accept it as constructive criticism.

Yours, etc.,

TERRY STAPLES,
Chairman.

D. VIR.

FILMS

CONVICTS' HEAVEN

THE very title of "The Devil at Four O'Clock" (Odeon, New Street) suggests a film of some significance. Some significance it has if only for the fact that Spencer Tracy stars, probably only for that fact. The hidden message remained hidden.

Spencer Tracy plays Father Doonan, the hard-bitten priest of a French-owned island in the Pacific. By way of showing us the man and his methods, the younger man who is to replace him is himself shown and we are introduced to the hospital for leper children, half-way up the big bad volcano which is violently sick for much of the film.

Meanwhile in the prison, three convicts are in transit to Tahiti, among them Frank Sinatra as Harry. Despite their jokes against God and stuff like that, we know they're not so bad really and it is only a matter of time before their conversion to the faith is complete.

This they prove by facing impossible odds to rescue the leper children whose powers of endurance in the face of burning lava are little short of incredible.

Come to that, there were many large pills to be swallowed. The spectacular eruptions of the volcano seemed to shake some things, notably the camera, but not others. Its timing and selection of objects for destruction was all too convenient to the plot which itself was contrived and confused. Studio sets were rather obvious by the hand-painted look about much of the locations.

To side-track a little and suggest improvements, more could have been made of the irony of Father Doonan's attack on Harry for kissing the blind girl, which, as it stood, was irrelevant. Irony again might have been brought to the convicts' motives for volunteering to rescue the hospital more into line with reality and allowed their initial reason, that of reducing their prison terms, to stand against a

general conviction of their heroism. Amid the corn and sentiment there is some scope for individual enjoyment, something for everyone as they say. That's just what's wrong with this film. It's too commercial.

HARVEY JERVIS.

BOOKS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

ON the previous evening, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, a stout, well-meaning man, was walking homewards through the darkness, wondering what else one had to do in order to get a knighthood . . .

Apropos last week's article about Redbrick and Oxbridge, Malcolm Bradbury's book, "Eating People is Wrong," comes to

review at an opportune moment, the more so since Mr. Bradbury has recently joined the staff of the English department.

Anyone who reads this book (Penguin 3/6) will undoubtedly recognise much of this institution in the book, by analogy at least.

ANDRZEJ PANUFNIK, one-time chief conductor of the C.B.S.O., returned to Birmingham last Thursday to direct a concert of which his new Piano Concerto (having its first performance) was the centre piece.

The piano concerto is not a great success. The finale is most disappointing. The composer has played around with a four note figure, treating it as an ostinato. The slow movement was the most pleasing, because of its limp and inventive textures and its preoccupation with the minor and major triads.

MARTIN BINKS.

THEATRE

ANOUILH IN LONDON

TWO productions of Anouilh's plays are running in London at present: "Becket" and "The Rehearsal." Both are recent efforts on the part of Anouilh and both show the trends of his drama. They both adhere to the old style Anouilh in the method of humorous presentation but have developed beyond the technique of, say, "Ring Round the Moon" and "Ardele."

"Becket" is a delightful portrayal of the relationship—rather the relationship as Anouilh has imagined it, because he has got some of his facts wrong—between Thomas Becket and Henry II. The wit is always exquisite and directed for the most part at the English.

Black

In this play Anouilh is more economic than in "Ring Round the Moon" and this economy gives more clarity to the play. Also I think that he has produced something more sparkling dramatically, something that is essentially dynamic whereas in "Ring Round the Moon" the action is in the most part static.

"The Rehearsal" is, in the true sense, a *Pièce Noire* due to the two-sidedness of the charac-

ters; one, their true self, the other that which they would like to show the outside world. These two are somewhat different. The only character whose real self shows from almost the beginning is "Tiger." His action gradually forces the other characters to reveal themselves and thus form the relationships with one another that ends the play.

The play is raised to the heights by the first scene of the third act. This is a plain and simple seduction which is written in the most brilliant way and, in the London production, acted superbly by Alan Babel. Again in this play there is more economy than in "Ardele" and it is more dynamic. The fact that they are rehearsing a play in which the characters they play are identical to themselves heightens the drama.

D.W.

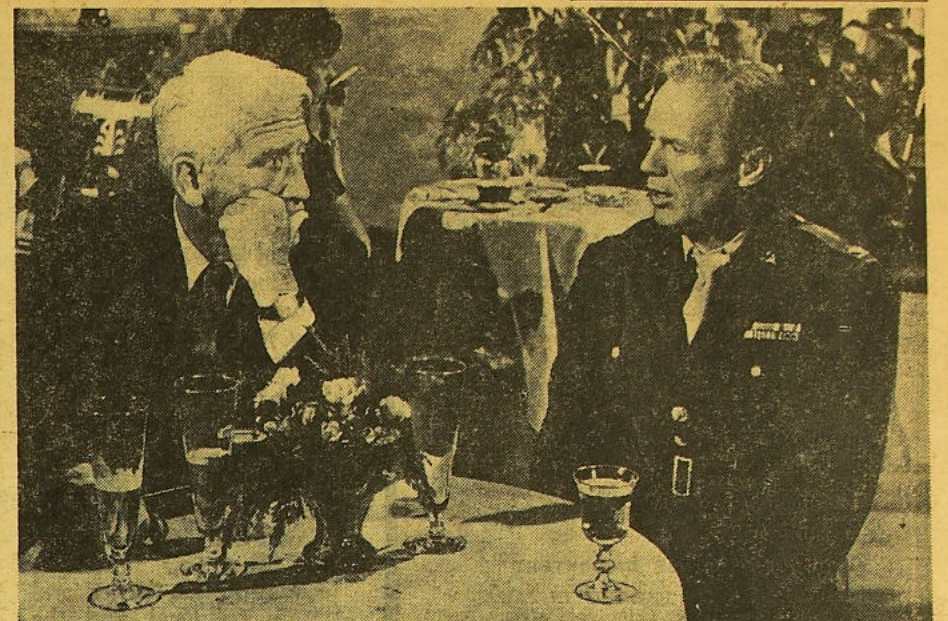
Comic

Of course one can read this book merely for the comic effect. That is the way one will read it the first time. But as it is one of the rare books that can be read twice, it might be a good idea to devote some thought to the characters.

They are all likeable, readily sympathetic, very lifelike, with just the right element of caricature to bring them into relief.

A critic called this "the work of a wit," and as such it is to be recommended to anyone with a sense of humour and a strong sense of proportion.

B.P.A.



Haywood (Spencer Tracy) talks with Lawson (Richard Widmark) in a scene from "Judgment at Nuremberg," Gaumont this week.

T.V.

THERE YOU ARE

SURROUNDED by cameras, arc lights and microphone boom, cued in by a T.V. man in headphones, the Prime Minister first told us where we were, and then told us "Television is a sort of twentieth century torture chamber."

The shrewd reasoning of our super-politician warned us of the effects of Far Eastern birth-rate: "... there will be 2,000,000,000 Chinese, and not all of them will be primitive people." I was not quite sure whether this was an example of the Reds' quick work or just a threat.

Speaking of our entry into Europe he said that the Commonwealth, Europe and the U.S. should not be rivals. Using the now familiar analogy of joining a club, he said that we should have to give up something but that it did not mean we would give up being British. Shifting tears, I continued to attend the wise man's words.

Turning to the subject of Britain herself, the Prime Minister assured us that we had done very well in the past ten years, but not quite well enough. Wait for it . . . what is needed is a little more effort from all of us. We are not to press for a bigger slice of the cake, we must try to make it a bigger cake.

Et cetera?

WYNDHAM.



A scene from the Deutscher Verein production of "Don Juan," staged in the Deb. Hall.

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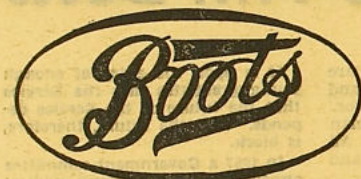
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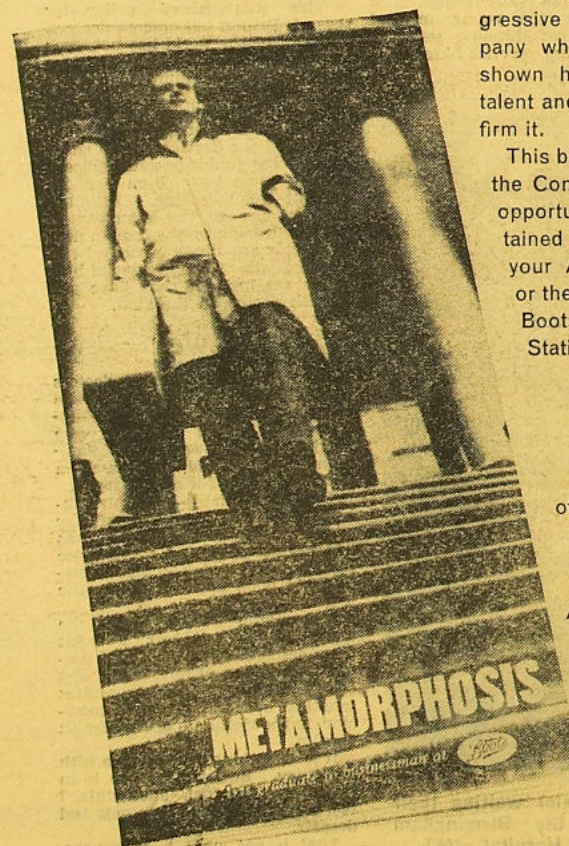
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WRITE TO: The Central Training Council in Child Care (P.10), Home Office, Horseferry House, Thorney Street, London, S.W.1.

AMONG the Newspeak now current are two unwieldy Orwell-type expressions from sociology which are relevant to this article. They are "the admass" and "mass media."

The mass media include radio, television and the press. They sway the admass, form its opinions and dictate its purchases by subtle, sometimes questionable methods.

Of these media it is the third which concerns us here; the National Press, a collection of newspapers sold through the country, each with its own creed and format and its own following of faithful readers.

Today when every commodity seems to have a brand image the newspaper gathers its custom by making a deliberate appeal to a certain section of the population both by its political angle on news and its choice and presentation of other material.

Quality

Some papers, notably those read by Top People with Lively Minds, have come to be known as Quality Papers from their preoccupation with serious items of news as opposed to sensational stories and the comparative sobriety with which they treat such news.

Students may form part of the admass, but the extent to which they are influenced by mass media is probably less than average. An irregular working programme and an active social life prevents them from becoming regular telly watchers, and even with grants getting higher and with society in a state of affluence, few can afford their own radios.

The most easily available of the mass media for them would appear to be the newspapers. Yet a glance at the accompanying chart will show that a

Eye on the Press

by

Myra Barrs

surprisingly small percentage of the students interviewed bought their own copies of newspapers, the majority preferring to read those they found lying around the Union; on the same principle of something for nothing which has baffled generations of "Guild News" sales staff.

If we acknowledge the truth of the claims of the Quality newspapers, that they present news without too violent a bias, then we might expect these papers to sell well to students (who, after years of training in making up their own minds, presumably don't want to be fed opinions).

On turning to the chart, it is seen that these expectations are not wholly fulfilled. True, the "Telegraph" tops the list, closely followed by the "Express," an indication of politi-

You read these papers: LEAGUE TABLE

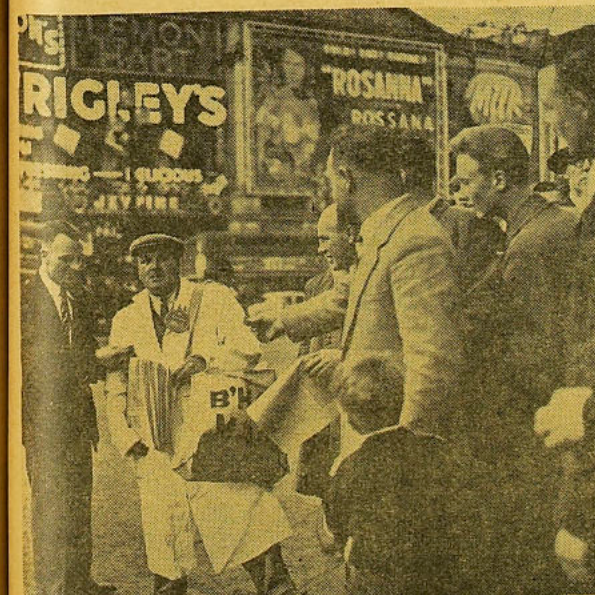
THE following papers were bought and read by the indicated percentage of students:

	Bought	Read
"Telegraph"	20	43
"Express"	16	30
"Guardian"	16	30
"Mail"	14	21
"Times"	9	23
"Herald"	8	11
"Mirror"	2	14
"Evening Despatch"	2	6

SUNDAY PAPERS

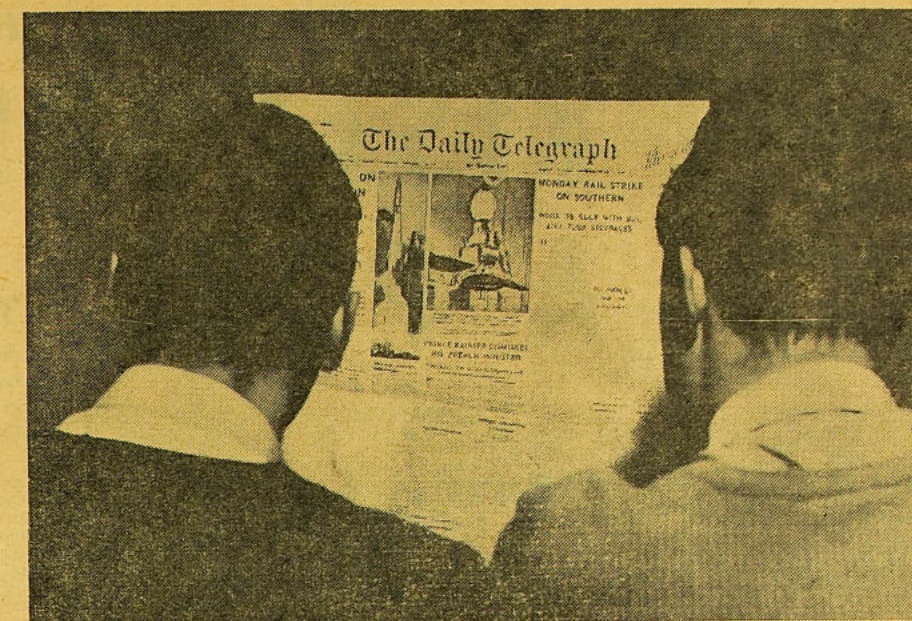
"Observer"	38	52
"Sunday Times"	23	27
"Sunday Telegraph"	7	7

Technical papers were bought by 60% of students.



"Late final results!"

(Photo: "B'ham Post & Mail").



Lively Minds looking over the students' Top Paper.

(Photo: Arthur Burgess).

cal colour which cannot be ignored.

Birmingham is known to be a stronghold of conservatism. Many theories have been produced to explain this, ranging from the idea that all students come from middle-class backgrounds, to the suggestion that the working-class student tries to dissociate himself from his origins by subscribing to established views.

Another explanation might of course be that there is no "quality" left-wing newspaper in print, the nearest being the Liberal "Guardian." Or that left-wing seems to be identified with intellectual, the mention of which word, it appears from the questionnaires, is to most scientists as red rag to a bull.

The Sunday papers, unlike the dailies, are bought widely (the Union doesn't stock them) and here "The Observer" is an easy winner.

Various

The reasons given are various, from the gentleman who gave a lengthy explanation as to why he preferred the "Sunday Times" in winter and "The Observer" in summer (on sporting grounds), to the student who commented briefly that "The Observer" was the only paper not full of war memoirs.

But buying motivation is not as nearly demystified or as subtle as one might think. The "Daily Mail" owes many of its sales to Flook, while one young lady based her choice on what Mummy and Daddy bought.

At the same time as the survey on national newspapers was held an enquiry was conducted into students' opinions on "Guild News," the people's weekly.

In the last two years, sales have risen by some 80 per cent.; some readers were kind enough to remark on a decided improvement in quality.

The enquiry produced some valuable results. Among the things which people liked in "Guild News" were the letters page, reviews, sport and news of other Universities. Among the things they disliked on the other hand were University news, sport, reviews and the letters page.

Two readers bitterly resented any allusion to Vincent Powell-Smith and one added "... and I mean it."

But the most fruitful section of the questionnaire was that

WERE WE SURPRISED?

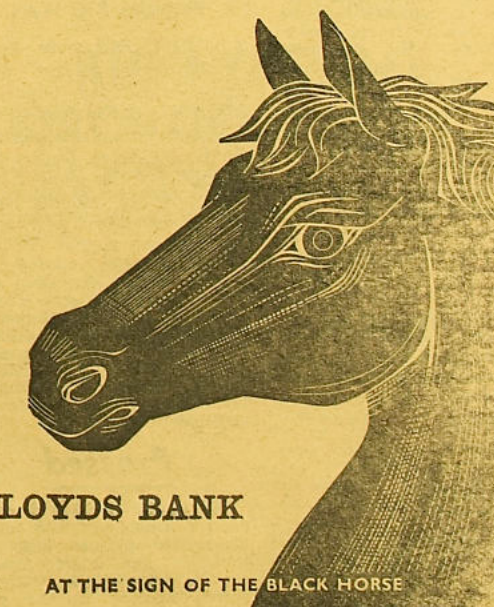
INVESTIGATION showed that of all the members of the Guild 50% always read "Guild News."

45% frequently read it, 5% rarely read it, and 1% never read it.

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VISITORS LEAVE A POOL

BIRMINGHAM 5, LIVERPOOL 1

THE soccer match played at Bournbrook last Wednesday should have been held at Liverpool, but the pitches there are all under water at present. Poor Liverpool, therefore, travelled down to Birmingham, only to find themselves in even deeper water, for they lost an entertaining game by four clear goals.

After a poor start to the season, Liverpool, prior to this match, had scored 20 goals in their last three games. They must have been confident of considerably increasing that tally when they started brightly, forcing Langley—deputising for 'flu victim Woods—to make a smart save in the first minute.

They continued to have slightly the better of the exchanges for the first 20 minutes, but two goals in a minute virtually decided the issue there and then. First Boddy from close in beat Roberts, the Welsh Amateur International goalkeeper, and before Liverpool had had a chance to retaliate, Davies scored from a similar position.

net during a goalmouth scramble, and the same player finished off some good work by Fleming and Flindall on the right.

Perhaps the Birmingham team have changed their breakfast cereal. Whatever the reason, they snapped, crackled and popped round the field as they have never done before. At inside-left, Davies, in particular, gave a zestful display against the men from his native city.

Excellent

The forwards, collectively and individually, had excellent games, although Rosser, on the left wing, has perhaps not quite settled into the side yet. A few more outings should see him making full use of his undoubted talents.

Mesmerised

For a while Liverpool seemed mesmerised, but just before half-time the inside-right, the best player on their side, ran on to a long through-ball to reduce the arrears.

However, Birmingham re-asserted their authority five minutes after the interval, when Flindall pounced on a loose ball in the area.

Midway through the second-half the result was put beyond doubt with another two goals in a minute. Rosser slammed the ball in to the roof of the

Roper was again the outstanding player on the field. Once a good but sometimes otiose inside-forward, this season he has become a first-class wing half. He seems happier when attacking, and he supplied his forwards with a constant stream of well-directed passes.

The defence played solidly and soundly. Full-backs Randall and Fletcher turned in their usual immaculate performances, while behind them, Langley guarded his goal vigilantly.

Yet another fine win, then, for the Football Club. What a pity they couldn't show this form in the U.A.U. matches!

Golf

CARDIFF CLUBBED

THE Golf Club continues its successful season with two more encouraging results to start the term. In their first match against Olton Park G.C., the team forced a creditable draw, two-and-a-half games each.

Bob Weston and Granville Camsey (who was playing his first match for the team) won quite comfortably, and with a victory from Michael Stone, and Brian Jones and Brian Gattward fighting back to halve their match on the last green, the team succeeded in maintaining its successful run.

Last Wednesday, the team travelled to Cardiff to defeat a strong University side. Bob Weston, at last swinging into form, again won his match quite easily, and Roy Swain also gained a good victory at the expense of the opposing captain.

The Birmingham University tail wagged very strongly this time, and Brian Chambers and David Reeve, playing at seven and eight respectively, tied up convincing wins, while John Bailey added the fifth victory to complete a notable 5-3 success.

inside the near post, despite a valiant effort by the Sheffield 'keeper.

Upper hand

Without ever reaching the heights attained in recent games, Birmingham held the upper hand after half-time but only found the net once. With 10 minutes to go they were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area, after the Sheffield centre-half had leapt, in true second row forward fashion, to catch a high ball. The Sheffield defenders and Birmingham forwards congregated by the far post, thus leaving a huge gap for Roper to hammer the ball past the helpless goalkeeper.

After this setback, Sheffield regained the initiative in the closing minutes, but were unable to score again, in spite of an injury to Johnson, who finished limping on the left wing.

This was Birmingham's fifth win in a row.

LATE SHOCK FOR SHEFFIELD

Sloping pitch decisive

SHEFFIELD 1, BIRMINGHAM 2

MISSING the target seemed to be in vogue last Saturday, and this match, played at Sheffield, was noteworthy for the number of shots which were sent wide of their intended mark.

Sheffield University should have had this game tied up by half-time. Had the three inside-forwards been on the same form as the rest of the team, they surely would have done.

The sloping pitch was the all-decisive factor in this match, for each side dominated when playing downfield.

Sheffield had this advantage for the first period, but could only manage one goal, and this was the result of a defensive mix-up by Birmingham after 25 minutes. In the second-half Sheffield were only prominent in the last 10 minutes, when they staged a desperate last-ditch attempt to salvage a draw.

Although Birmingham equalised shortly before the interval, their first-half performance did not merit the equality of the scores. The manner in which they scored was, to say the least, fortuitous. Roper launched a centre from the right corner flag and the ball curled

Boddy, Rosser and Davies of the University look on as Roberts, Liverpool's Welsh Amateur International, cuts off a high centre.

—Photo: Andrew Hornig

HERE AND THERE

Mixed fortunes in Mixed Sports

BIRMINGHAM'S final match in the Universities' Olympics Weight-Lifting League was lifted against Manchester University at Manchester on Saturday. The result was a win for Manchester, who now take first position in the league, with Birmingham second.

The University team of Brian Jones, Trevor Thomas and John Downing totalled 1,413 lbs., while the home team's score was 1,595 lbs.

Birmingham gave a better display last Wednesday in their West Midlands Olympics League match against Spur Gymnasium. Despite Spur's unexpected introduction of the British Junior record-holder, Nick Jarritt, the University managed to keep the margin of defeat to 76½ lbs. in a close and exciting match.

Women's Hockey

ON Wednesday, Birmingham travelled to Reading where they defeated the home team by eight goals to two. The game was marked by the overall domination of the Birmingham XI. The Birmingham forwards played with speed and skill; special mention must be made of the wings, Carol Thomas and Val Catliff, who constantly penetrated the Reading defence.

Swimming

THE swimming match between Birmingham Women's team and St. Mary's Training College, Cheltenham, was cancelled because of the smallpox scare.

MAIDS LOSE

Mermaids 5 pts., Potteries XV. 14 pts.

CONDITIONS were excellent for a fast, open game on Sunday, when the Mermaids entertained a side selected from various teams in the Potteries. Both teams opened out the game whenever possible, and the handful of spectators saw some entertaining rugby.

The Potteries opened the scoring with a fine drop goal from 35 yards, and shortly afterwards a converted penalty gave them a 6-0 lead. Just on half-time the ball travelled along the Maids' line to Moore, who scored a fine individual try, Bryn Jenkins adding the goal points.

Pressed

The Maids pressed throughout the second-half, and only a determined defence kept the Potteries' line intact. Against the run of play the Potteries scored another penalty goal, and then went on to complete the scoring with a pushover try in the corner.

Sport under a cloud

THE HANGOVER QUESTION

by Tim Austin

JANUARY is always rather like the morning after the night before, and certainly, in the world of sport at least, 1961 has left us with a fairly outsize hangover. A reflection on some of the current problems and controversies surrounding three of our major sports provides ample evidence, and leaves us groping gloomily for the liver salts.

In soccer, for instance, the picture is as confused and as apparently insoluble as ever. How is the much-publicised New Deal working out? Perhaps the increased financial rewards are making for greater effort from the players themselves, but, as yet, there is little evidence of more skill.

In the First Division there seems to be a general levelling of the standard, with the result that teams are very closely bunched, and there should be an exciting finish to the season.

Meanwhile, it would appear that Mr. Haynes is intent on proving to Mr. Trinder that no British footballer is worth £100-a-week, which is probably the only thing the New Deal has taught us so far.

Topical

Whether or not the football season should be extended to the middle of June is another topical question, and here the pathetic cries of the cricket legislators, who fear for the survival of the summer game, would seem misplaced.

If county cricket cannot stand on its own three stumps in face of perfectly legitimate competition, then it does not deserve to survive. Nevertheless, the real crux of the matter lies in the fact that this country is already soccer-saturated, and a summer

extension, unless it compensates for a mid-winter break, will do the game more harm than good.

The prime example of this soccer saturation is, of course, that daddy of all white elephants, the Football League Cup. Surely it is obvious that the public is not interested in this cumbersome and disorganised competition, and the sooner it is scrapped, the happier most football followers in this country will be.

Until then we must await the inevitable inauguration of the European League Cup Winners' Fairs League Cup.

Fees

Another source of wonder to all supporters is the fantastic inflation of present-day transfer fees. Leicester City have recently signed an inexperienced Fourth Division winger for £25,000; Newcastle United have paid £40,000 for a centre-forward who has the happy knack of scoring goals—in Second Division football; and West Bromwich Albion are reported to have asked a fee of £30,000 for a RESERVE full-back.

Compared even with last season, when, for example, Birmingham City paid out £28,500

Cricket is also suffering a deep depression, which is centred at the moment over India and Pakistan, where the present tour has probably done more damage to England's prestige than the last abysmal tour of Australia.

Nevertheless, the question remains, whether it is fair to call this current team "England," for it certainly does not represent the best that English

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HERE IT IS!

THIS is the 'Guild News' Snooker Trophy. It will go to the winner of the tournament advertised last week on this page. Eighty-six entries were received, and the early rounds will be played off this term, leaving the semi-finals and final to be contested in the first week of the summer term.

The draw has already been made, and it will be found in the Billiard Room tomorrow, together with the rules to be observed during the competition.



for one of England's top inside-forwards, these prices are absurd. And where will it finish? Even Mr. Trinder will be getting worried soon.

The final major problem which immediately confronts our soccer legislators is the World Cup in Chile. With a new centre-half and a completely new set of forwards the outlook would be rosy, at least until we played a game. But the current England front line, at the present rate of exchange, is worth approximately two tins of spaghetti.

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Debate

If spectators can be assured of a full day's brisk cricket with the near certainty of a result at the end of it, they will come to watch. But there is nothing more infuriating than watching the final ghastly overs of a draw draw in a three-day County game.

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Rugby Union, possibly the most carefree of the major sports, hustles on in its usual enthusiastically amateur way. France again look like walking

cricket can offer.

The remedy is fairly simple: either call the team "England A," or if that is not acceptable to the host country, the tour should be cancelled altogether. Anyway, why should the good reputation of English cricket be tarnished by the failings of a side just not up to Test Match standard?

The other big debate in the cricket field is the proposed knockout cup competition. This is perhaps the most welcome thing that has happened to County Cricket in the last few years, and it should prove to be an excellent shot in the over-arching monotonously into touch at the slightest provocation.

off with the International Championship, while an experimental England side does its best to overcome a transitional stage occasioned by the loss of such stalwarts as Marques and Robbins.

Richard Sharp, the Jimmy Greaves of the rugby world, remains an enigma—so brilliant at times, and yet so often temperamental.

Rugby, though to a lesser extent than soccer and cricket, needs a boost from the players themselves to maintain its popularity. Unfortunately, more and more of them seem to be living for kicks, the ball dropping monotonously into touch at the slightest provocation.

At club level, one of the big surprises of the season has been the decline of Coventry. Perhaps Mr. Jimmy Hill should make a short move across the city in order to straighten things out.

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This year promises to be a vital one for British sport, and if only some of these problems are resolved satisfactorily, it could be a profitable one, too. Except, of course, for Mr. Trinder.

Chance of appeal

RUNNERS IN BIRCHFIELD ROW

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS will not be able to include University runners Dave Spence and Dai Davies in their cross-country team for the Midland and National championships.

The application by the two runners for permission to compete for Birchfield at any time has been refused by the first claim committee of the Midland Counties A.A.A.

Mr. R. Cooling, chairman of the committee and also of Birchfield Harriers, said that the decision meant that they would not be able to compete for Birchfield in cross-country events for which the University, their first claim club, were also entered, or in races confined to first claim members.

Davies and Spence, who resigned from their previous clubs to join Birchfield, complain that there is no open

competition available to them at the University.

Appeal

There is a possibility that Birchfield will appeal against the first claim committee's decision.

One of the points that may be raised in support of such an appeal is whether Spence and Davies are in a position to resign from the University Club.

The case has been the subject of controversy since the pair ran for Birchfield in a Birmingham League race last November and were ruled "Out of Order."

NEWS DESK

MONOLITHIC ART FORM

THE only "commercial artists" with us today are the Royal Academicians, asserted George Him, the industrial designer, at last Thursday's '56 meeting.

It was wrong, he went on to point out, to consider designers mere second-rate artists: the distinction between artists and themselves was similar to that between poets and journalists — their function in society was fundamentally different.

For this reason he did not esteem the poster work of Toulouse-Lautrec too highly, for though technically good they were primarily the result of an artistic and not a designer's approach. The latter had to communicate something definite to his public as simply as possible; their ideal poster therefore should be essentially monolithic.

Lack

In contemporary advertising the obvious technical difficulties were increased many times by the lack of direct communication between the designer and his client.

It was often difficult to discover exactly what the latter wished to be expressed. To illustrate his point, he referred to his work for "The Times" and his well-known "Top people take 'The Times'" advertisements.

Plans go ahead for next Carnival

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

IN the past 12 years, the profit from Carnival has not been less than £10,000. Last year, a profit of only £4,000 was made. This was partly due to the fact that the date of Carnival was changed, and many students had to start their vac. courses immediately after exams.

Carnival Chairman, Glyn Allen, hopes, however, that this year, a profit of £10,000 will once again be achieved, now that the initial difficulties of the changeover have been overcome.

With the approval of the Birmingham Watch Committee and the Senate, therefore, several thousand students will descend upon the unsuspecting citizens of Birmingham during the week of June 16th-23rd.

The Baby Show will be held on the first Saturday. This will be followed in the evening by the popular Pyjama Hop.

Finalists for the Beauty Queen contest will be chosen on the Wednesday at the Jazz Band Ball, and the final selection will be made at the more formal Carnival Ball on the Friday. On the Thursday there will be an International Evening.

Last year, a Midnight Matinee was arranged, but this may not be repeated, as it proved a financial loss. Suggestions that it be replaced by a Tramps' Ball and/or Midnight Revue have been put forward, but the Committee

Students to be quizzed on education

The Robbins Committee descends in force

FOR the whole of this week and, if necessary, for part of next week as well, the Union is playing host to five ladies from the Government Social Survey Department. During their stay here they are virtually living in the Committee Rooms on the first floor, while they go about their task of interviewing more than two hundred students.

The detailed questionnaire, looking rather like an intelligence test paper, covers the whole of one's education from eleven-plus to the hypothetical date of graduation. A typical question asks for the number of exams taken each year at University in every subject, and an estimate of the total time which these take.

Rather easier, perhaps, is to list the number of "O" and "A" level subjects obtained, what they were, and when they were passed. The matter of one's parents' education may prove more difficult. What sort of school did they attend, and how old were they when they left?

Though many of the questions may seem trite and possibly foolish, the survey is in fact very carefully designed to elicit the maximum information from a minimum of questions. From its results the Robbins Committee hope to be able to judge such matters as the degree of co-ordination, necessary and achieved, between universities and schools,

and to find out whether, in fact, students get sufficient guidance and opportunity to follow the course of study best suited to their needs.

Many people may find the last part of the interview embarrassing. Included on behalf of the Hale Committee on University Teaching Methods, it concerns the delicate matter of work, requiring in fact full details of one's academic work of all kinds, public and private, during the week preceding the interview.

Those selected for interview are asked to be tolerant, patient and honest in their answers. Future generations of students may have reason to thank them.

ON THE RUN

THE Motor Club are again organising their annual Welsh rally, open to all members of the Association of Midland Motor Clubs. It will be held over February 10th-11th.

Last year the rally was especially tough, only 17 of the 75 entries qualifying as finishers. The rally included Monte-Carlo competitors and a large entry from the Army.

This year the starting point will be the Forge Garage, Hagley. The 270-mile course will take the competitors into the Welsh mountains and back to the Hagley Court Country Club for breakfast.

Members of the Motor Club will be required to marshal the course.

LAND-GRAB ENQUIRY

Green belt problem

THE vagaries of the printing industry are such that to the uninitiated no particular significance attaches to the name of Wythall. Coming as it did at a time when a printing strike was in progress, Birmingham's attempted "land grab" received little publicity.

An edited report of the proceedings of the subsequent enquiry has now been published by Dr. Joyce Long, of the Commerce Faculty. Included with this is a political essay by Dr. Eversley, also of the Commerce Faculty, criticising Governmental town planning policies. The favourable comment which this has aroused would seem indicative of a general dissatisfaction with the present situation.



Photo: Dolphin.

RECENT evidence provided by radio-astronomy has disproved the original form of the "continual creation" theory of the Universe, according to Professor Martin Ryle, of Cambridge University, at last week's open lecture. There is now little to choose between any of the popular theories, since the modified version of the "steady-state" hypothesis is almost as vague as its rivals.

Professor Ryle pointed out that, as opposed to other scientists, the astronomer is limited by his inability to experiment with his material. He can only observe, build models, and see whether they fit actuality.

Since the discovery that the galaxies are all moving away from each other, with velocities proportional to their distance the two theories which have received the most attention are that which thinks that the universe started as one vast heap of material, which ex-

ploded, and the continual creation theory, propounded by Hoyle in 1948, which says that matter, in the form of hydrogen, is being created in space all the time.

ALGERIA AGAIN

"ALGERIE FRANÇAISE" was the original title of the talk M. Jean-Pierre Garcia, an assistant at King Edward's Grammar School, was to give the Cercle Française on Tuesday night. However, as this is a political slogan of Right-wing extremists to whose opinions he would not subscribe, M. Garcia changed the title to "La Questionne Algerienne."

After a brief summary of French colonial problems since the war, he discussed the present situation, remarking that very few people in France knew what was actually happening in Algeria.

Having blamed the failure of previous negotiations on the intransigence of F.L.N. at critical moments in the talks, his own solution was a conference of all concerned, with representation according to the size of each group.

STOLEN OR STRAYED

A ONE-YEAR-OLD Austin A40, belonging to Chemical Engineering student Alwyn Manford. Doble, was stolen from the East Car Park last Saturday.

Leaving the hop just before 11 p.m., Manford Doble found that his car had been removed. Suspecting a prank, he searched the car-park before calling the police.

Selly Oak police stated that this was the fourth car stolen during the week. The other three had been recovered.

The Farina-styled Austin, registration FEY 645, was in excellent condition, and had stage 1 tuning.

OPENING TIME

UNIVERSITY HOUSE Junior Common Room has recently decided, at a special meeting, not to ask for an extension of visiting hours. "We want privacy," was the plea made by one member of House at the meeting.

The meeting arose out of motion put before Guild Council by Mr. David Huggill, calling on Executive to try to have the visiting hours of University House and Chancellor's Hall brought into line with the Manor House.

In a letter to Guild Council Miss Julie Barefoot, President of House J.C.R., reported the decision and expressed resentment of Council's interference in the internal affairs of House.

Vote

Chancellor's J.C.R., on the other hand, voted almost unanimously for extension. A letter from Mr. Reilly, the J.C.R. Secretary, thanked the Council for its interest, and asked that the motion lie on the table until the Common Room had pursued the matter through the usual channels.

Council, in fact, met this request, agreeing to abandon the motion until all other steps to obtain longer hours for Chancellor's had failed.

PRODUCED

AT a production course, which was organised last weekend by Mr. David William, there were viewed interpretations of excerpts from "Henry V" and "Look Back in Anger." After a run-through without interruption, they were repeated and progressively improved by Mr. William's advice and by general discussion.

Mr. William claimed to be impressed by the amount of effort and preparation the Group had devoted to the course.