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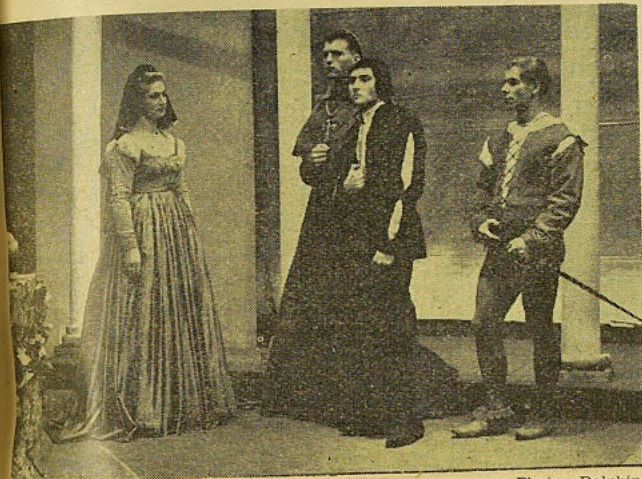


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'DUCHESS OF MALFI' G.T.G. autumn production

RARELY before have we seen such artistic excellence and technical polish as we did during the first night of this play.

Gone were the first night nerves and in their place a troupe of actors who were immediately at one with their characters, in spirit, deed and word, in an atmosphere which never flagged. Here we saw full, rounded human beings (not paper figures from a book of words) in a word life. These people had a life of their own. Their personalities, their hopes, their ambitions and faults could well have been our own. We felt with them and believed in them for they were above all human.

In a setting which was not of the

twentieth century, we saw and felt the whole field of human experience. We encountered whining fools open to flattery, wickedness at its worst—yet in true human fashion, even the most wicked and scheming characters showed pity and remorse. And what is more we felt it too. We pitied and sympathised with the Duchess in her dilemma. We suffered with her in the madhouse. We were moved by her love and her determination to keep it come what may. The path of true love never runs smooth. This applies equally well to the Duchess as it does in the twentieth century.

We realise that hopes and fears, love and hatred, are exactly the same to-day as they were in sixteenth century Rome. In this sense the play is universal. The social, moral and psychological dilemmas, the human situations, have not changed. Nor will they, for humanity does not alter.

Such was the achievement of G.T.G.—an achievement rarely attained by amateur performers. As regards individual performances, it is very hard to pick those which pleased most. For all, whether their parts were big or small, acted well. The scheming Duke schemed and planned with eloquence, the common soldier, was, well, a common soldier. Yet I would like to congratulate Paul Harman as Ferdinand, Geoff. Hutchings as Bosola, and Rosemary Kernan as the Duchess, for their extremely polished performances.

JACK FLETCHER.

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TIDE TURNS AT MARGATE

Anderson Committee Report eagerly awaited

CAREFUL navigation through negotiating channels has at last brought the good ship N.U.S. within sight of land at Margate. The indications are that the report of the Anderson Committee on student grants will be favourable to our request and that the Government will be guided by the report.

The Government, like King Canute, must give way before the continuous tide of information and criticism supplied by N.U.S. and other responsible bodies. The motions that were passed either enquired into the reasons behind N.U.S. policy or requested the abolition of certain anomalies in existence.

The motion from Birmingham requesting an increase in Medical and Dental Students' "Vacation" grants was well received.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Student welfare was well covered. The appalling situation, existing, particularly in Birmingham, with regard to halls of residence was attacked in two ways. The Birmingham motions set out firstly to encourage the setting up of more smaller University establishments to relieve the larger ones of the burden of increased size; secondly to encourage the setting up of special funds for halls of residence where needed.

The University Grants Committee has agreed that residence is essential for full education and yet the maxi-

mum hopes for Birmingham are 20 per cent. students in halls of residence in ten years time. The selection of students in existing halls seems to leave a lot to be desired. The present situation must be tackled realistically by this University.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Things are not so bad at home that we can forget the terrible situation that exists for some students overseas. This fact was admirably brought out by a speech by Denis Grennan, N.S.U. President. The situation existing in South Africa has been well publicised but the situations in Algeria, Spain,

Portugal, Nicaragua and the Sudan are not in general appreciated by the students of this country. Motions were passed deploring the plight of students in most of these countries. In some places, students are being imprisoned or killed because of their views. In Spain, a research commission ended by being expelled and its collaborators imprisoned and in Portugal no student body such as N.U.S. is allowed.

SOUTH AFRICAN BOYCOTT

The position in South Africa once again loomed large on the agenda. A motion deploring the lack of opportunity for students in areas governed by this country was passed. In South Africa the deplorable action of the Government towards staff and students of Fort Hare University was touched on by a motion from Birmingham. The *pièce de résistance* was reserved for an emergency motion on the boycott of South African goods. This provided perhaps the finest debating of the Council. A very large minority of those present felt that this was outside the scope of N.U.S. By using every known procedure attempts were made to keep this from being put to Council. In each case the attempt was narrowly defeated. Finally a motion was carried supporting the boycott of South African students on South African goods, and asking members to carry out an individual boycott on South African goods in protest against the South African Government's extension of the Education Bill.

CONCLUSIONS

As a result of several motions we hope that there will be even more discussion at Council in the future and that the period of preparation will be more efficiently organised. One fact stands out—your are the views that we wish to represent but it is at present impossible for the delegates to do this. Even Guild Council would not accept the responsibility of many of the mandates and the delegation was forced to represent only itself. The situation must be remedied.

Finally we were sorry to see our representatives on the Executive finish their term of office. Messrs. Stanley and Jarvis have set an example at Council that is proving well nigh impossible to keep up. We congratulate them on this and hope that in the near future the name of Birmingham will rise again to the heights to which they carried it.

F. B. BLADER,

Chairman External Affairs
Committee.

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Guild elections— --- a scandal

Guild elections last Thursday were characterised by an almost customary lack of support and interest, and the time has surely come to think about this matter fairly seriously. Even in the Presidential Election far fewer than half the members of the Guild bother to vote and not infrequently, according to figures made available on Guild Council, less than 20 per cent. of a constituency votes in a Guild Council election or Bye-election.

Too often this is dismissed cynically by the heads of the Guild as showing the "apathy" of the average student. For the first time in my life I have viewed these elections neither as a candidate nor member of Council nor Executive, but as an "average" student, and it seems that the onus cannot be cast aside as easily as that.

The publicity given by the Guild to elections is abysmal. A few uninspiring and formal notices on which the dates for nomination, withdrawal and election are stamped each year with monotonous regularity, are all that can be produced. A typed list of names is all that appears to remind us of the names of the candidates and even this did not appear in Guild Club last week. Is it any wonder that when I asked a Fresher last Thursday what constituency he was in and for whom he was going to vote, he replied "I haven't a clue" and eventually he did not vote at all!

Councillors, it is true, might try to organise a little enthusiasm among their department but are they going out of their way to encourage opposition at the end of the year and often endanger their own position? The game isn't as clean as all that, you know. Can one be surprised then at the general lack of student interest in elections? One physicist suggested the other day that in the Presidential elections at least, the number of SPOILT PAPERS should be declared as well as the votes cast. PERHAPS THE GUILD WOULD THEN SEE HOW POPULAR ITS ELECTED PRESIDENT WOULD REALLY BE. A VERY NEGATIVE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS SURELY A MOST UNHAPPY STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The most disgusting aspect of the recent Guild elections was the election to the University Court of Governors. EVERY STUDENT WAS ENTITLED TO VOTE. HOW MANY STUDENTS REALISED THIS? FEW HAVE ANY REAL IDEA WHAT THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF GOVERNORS IS. The fault here lies not with the student. Even when I took out my "reading spectacles" to examine closely the small print on the formal notice of election, I found that even if a student should read it he would be no wiser.

THE COURT OF GOVERNORS IS A BODY ON WHICH WE ARE HIGHLY PRIVILEGED TO BE REPRESENTED AND OUR ELECTION WAS A MOCKERY.

At first it seemed doubtful whether there would be an election. The first list of nominees published stated that there were three vacancies. This was later amended on at least one notice, in ink, to read "1 vacancy." When voting day came somebody had decided that after all there were two vacancies. WHY ALL THIS CONFUSION?

An absolute minimum of publicity was given to the election: nothing was said about the qualities of the candidates which would make them worthy of our vote. Is it any wonder that after nine hours of voting in Edmund Street only SEVEN votes had been cast by those who were not taking part in the simultaneous Guild elections. Thus only seven votes out of the large majority of Ed. St. would be a conservative estimate of the support for this election. I hear that the position was little better at Edgbaston.

The Guild of Undergraduates has made a mockery of this election, perhaps even more than is usual in its internal politics. As a face-saving device, the best thing that the Returning Officer could do would be to declare the election null and void. M. J. HESELTINE.

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Press Post

Mermaid

Dear Sir,
"If it's worth printing, it's worth reading twice," and "Make it simple" are mottos of the "Mermaid" this year.
With nearly 4,000 students in the University there should be no shortage of interests and no lack of essays, discussions and criticism of favourite room topics. We are aware that original literature is more likely to come from the Arts Faculty but "Edgbaston" is often extremely well-informed on the Fine Arts, Architecture and even Literature, not to mention what everyone has in common, Education, Philosophy, Religion and Politics.
There is room in the magazine for all these, for the "Mermaid" exists to give students the opportunity to get their ideas in order in putting them down. The copy date is December 9. Contributions should be put in "Guild News" or the "A.N." pigeon holes.
EDITOR OF "MERMAID"

Apology

Dear Sir,
I may I make use of your columns to apologise on behalf of G.T.G. Stace Staff to any members of the Guild who have been inconvenienced by our preparations for the coming production of the "Duchess of Malfi". This is the most lavish production we have staged for some time and we have been forced to spread the work around somewhat. I can only suggest that those members who have "suffered" capitalise their inconvenience by coming to see the production.
Yours, etc.,
B. F. DAVY.

Barred

Dear Sir,
I would like to enquire why it is that feminine members of the Union are not allowed to enter the bar during the lunch time session.
As a post graduate from a University where such a ban does not exist I find this difficult to accept. Is it, I wonder considered not quite nice for a girl to have a glass of sherry before lunch, while she may drink herself into a drunken stupor from 6 p.m. onwards?
If this ruling exists because of the male members distaste for the feminine company in their reading room—a worthy sentiment—might I suggest that the bar be placed where it can be used freely by all members.
Yours, etc.,
ROWENA PLEMING.

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SAM WANAMAKER said last year that 80 per cent. of the cinemas in this country reminded him of public lavatories. He explained no further; it might be assumed that he was referring to the films, since a cinema is judged in part by its programme. This statement might be extended by saying that while some of the films shown in cinemas are worthwhile, of the rest, those that ought to be seen on the walls of Mr. Wanamaker's public lavatories are only slightly different from those fit to be flushed away.
This past week your correspondent visited a cinema where on view was a film which was suitable of the last two categories, "The Return of the Fly".
Once upon a time, there used to be some point to horror, formerly called Science Fiction. It has produced some wonderful stories from H. G. Wells and Conan Doyle, and lately from Ray Bradbury. That thought they could take a characteristic of modern society, put it in an environment of their own construction, not subject to the aberrations of modern society, and reveal this characteristic in its true light by taking it to its logical conclusion.
It is doubtful whether the manufacturers of "The Return of the Fly" had any such pretensions in mind when they made this film. The plot moves from episode to episode by a series of horrifying visions. At the same time, one is confused by the numbers of people who are just like you and me except that they appear to have lost their capacity to think and to speak, though they usually manage to scream convincingly. The monsters, half-men, half-fies, half-alligators, are, I hear, far more convincing than the people; I'm not sure, since I hid when they prowled about.
It used to be said that the aim of the cinema was to entertain by introducing the audience to new ideas, new people and new surroundings. The merits of "The Return of the Fly" seems to lie in the fact that some extension of nuclear science is being given the soft sell: the attitude of the general public may be summed up in one gentleman who snored his way through the film to wake up in time for the trailers. Thankfully, fewer horror films are being made; maybe the film-makers will now go back to the true business, presenting you and me on the screen.
K.R.C.

Guild reform

Dear Sir,
READERS may be aware that there is in existence a movement for Guild Reform with which hitherto I have been connected. I have now withdrawn from this movement since I consider that it has now got out of hand, and it will bring nothing but chaos. Whereas many of its members are, in my opinion, sincere in their desire for reform, it seems to me that other irresponsible elements are using this movement for their own amusement.
In dissociating myself completely from this movement I should like to state that I have reached this decision without pressure from executive or any other body. I am now persuaded that genuine grievances should be settled by constitutional methods. At the same time it is my conviction that members of the Guild should take a more active interest in the workings of Guild Council, and could do worse than take an active part in one of the many Guild societies.
Yours, etc.,
VINCENT POWELL-SMITH.

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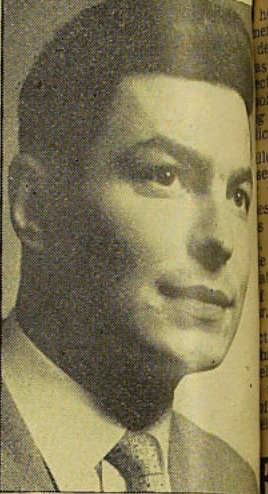
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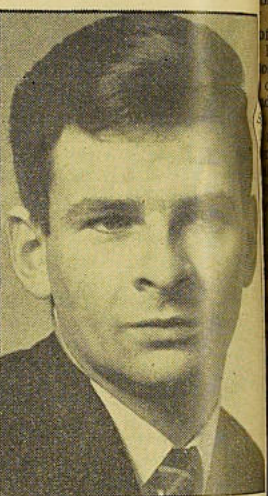
Political line-up
Apart from this initial three subjects for the mention of their work something of the men and three main political positions (Socialist and Liberal respectively) of the Guild.

M^r. BRIAN STACEY was stayed there for two weeks to the right of the Union in Birmingham is also remarkable played ever since in the windows of Bristol Street for 75 hours during Carnival year too, but has since given



Brian Stacey

It is doubtful whether anyone as Mr. Andy Bennett. The person in the above photograph and he are usually reserved for entertaining speakers at social for his woman, to whom he is "nearly married." These are ago given up rock-climbing and



Andy Bennett

Brian King was born "on Monday 23," so he says, which makes him about 46 now. From a School, Romford, he went in to the Commander's private secretary. Before turning to politics Brian years, preaching "conversion" in chapels and on beaches. On the of the Liberal Party, of which



Brian King

Rugby Football

MIDLAND U.A.U. CHAMPIONS

THE University played inspired Rugby last Wednesday before an excited and vociferous crowd to beat the "invincible" Loughborough team. This was followed on Saturday by an 8-0 victory over Leicester, thus making Birmingham the area champions.

Birmingham 14pts., Loughborough 6

No one seems to remember when Loughborough College have not won the Midland U.A.U. title, yet last Wednesday Reynolds' orders to his team were that they should go out and win by playing open football. This they did in quite convincing style.
In spite of wet conditions the University handled well. Garrett and Murray in the half-back positions combined to give the threequarters good service from the scrum. This would not have been possible, however, had the forwards not excelled themselves with a fiery display that knocked Loughborough right out of their stride. The visitors were not allowed to play the streamlined game one has come to expect from them.
Loughborough scored first from a penalty goal, but the Birmingham forwards soon replied through a try by Atherton, a deceptive and hard running wing forward. The visitors went into the lead once more when Dackers finally got a hand to the ball after a great deal of scrambling on the University goal-line. Quinn led the next scoring movement that ended with Jarvis streaking round his opponents to score in the corner. The Women's Hockey Club found themselves 2-3 in arrears at Nottingham, but fought back to win 5-3, and if the rumours that Leicester have been beaten by North Staffs. are true, then this win puts Brum, through to the W.I.V.A.B. semi-finals next week.
The Weight-Lifting Club rounded off a most successful week by beating Leeds in both their matches; the margin of victory being 288lbs. All due credit to the "Bar-man" and his other muscle men, who have to train in cramped conditions and with the minimum of equipment.

Association Football

THROSTLES LOSE THEIR CHIRP!

LAST Wednesday, the University First XI continued to show improved form with a convincing win over a West Bromwich Albion side containing nine professionals. Five of these had played at one time or another in the "Throstles" First Division team... a fact which particularly enhances the University performance.

University 4, West Bromwich Albion 1

A brilliant display was given by the University against a very experienced Albion side. All the side played at their best and it is a long time since the forward line played so well together.
During the first few minutes the University were bewildered by the professionals' pace but then proceeded to settle down remarkably quickly. Play was fairly even, but it was not surprising when the University took the lead, Westwood converting a McIntosh pass after a brilliant run by the latter. West Brom. went close on several occasions, but apart from the odd hurried clearance the University defence was more than adequate. It was the forwards that stole the show in the second half. Westwood increased the University lead after another grand McIntosh run. The third goal was perhaps the best I have seen in four years of University soccer: McIntosh ran half the length of the field beating several Albion players before crossing to Westwood, whose spectacular header rocketed into the net. Within a minute Westwood scored again bringing his personal tally to four. West Brom. fought back and their centre-forward scored towards the end, but the University finished strongly and fully merited their win.
The general display was excellent, with McIntosh superlative, and on this form he fully deserves the International honours he has won. The defence had a busy afternoon against the lively West Brom. forwards, and their covering and tackling were of the highest order. Roper, and Fleming, the inside forwards, got through a terrific amount of work, but it was the superb prompting of Sandford and Youles at wing-half which enabled the University to get the upper hand.

Badminton Championships

GREAT EFFORT BY BARBARA PARISH

THE U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. Individual Badminton Championships were once more held in the Great Hall last week-end. There was a large entry from an increased number of Universities. Cambridge, who had dominated the Tournament in the previous two years, were regrettably absent. Although the standard of play was consequently a little lower, it also meant a more open and more interesting tournament. London brought their usual strong team and produced most of the finalists. Their Malayan Junior Champion, Lee, beat club mate Parmar 15-13, 15-9 in the men's singles final.
Parish, 11-7, 11-6, in the Ladies' Singles Final. This was the best ladies' singles for some years. Both are formidable players with hard smashes and deep clears, but Miss Charles proved the stronger, and in fact, pulled back from 0-6 down in the final set. Oxford broke the almost monotonous run of London successes when Tonkin and Woolhouse beat Lee and Parmar in the Men's Doubles, 15-11, 16-17, 15-2.
Birmingham have a better all round team than for some years and they did correspondingly better in the Tournament. Apart from the singles, she also reached the semi-final in the doubles, partnered by Lesley Roberts. Gordon Laurie and Dave Hartshorne overcame strong opposition to reach the semi-final of the men's doubles.

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WEDNESDAY LEAGUE									
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Editorial

THE number of pages in this issue speaks for itself; sport once again finds itself occupying totally inadequate space, and this in a week when most of the teams have been on top of their form and stirring things up more than somewhat.

The Football Team travelled to Reading on Saturday and registered another win, this time by 3-1, in what appears to have been a rather disappointing game. Whilst the Rugby Club were completing their U.A.U. triumph at Leicester, the 2nd XV took on the 1st XV fixture at home, and beat the Old Edwardsians 12-6—a great display indeed.
Nottingham University had an unhappy time against Birmingham this week-end. Our Lacrosse team, without Susan Andrews, beat them decisively 10-6, six of the goals being shared by G. Griffiths and D. Stanton, the others going to C. Folland (2) and S. Ward (2). The Netball team—apparently recovered from their harrowing experience at North Staffs.—swamped Notts. 32-8, with Christine Dunn playing an outstanding part as shooter. Christine, along with Mo Mannall and Margaret Silcock, has been selected for the Southern Universities' side. Congrats, girls!
Piling on the agony, the Cross-Country team pulled out a steam-roller performance to win their match at Bournbrook. They scored 25 points to Worcester Harriers 103, and Nottingham were third with 126 points; followed by Birmingham 11 (139), St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (145), and North Staffs. (215). Your Editor came first in the individual race, being followed home by Dave Spence and Dai "Iron Man" Davies.
The Men's Hockey hit a lean patch last week. On Wednesday, poor finishing resulted in a 1-1 draw with Loughborough instead of a comfortable win, and on Saturday they were down 1-2 at Harborne. The Women's Hockey Club found themselves 2-3 in arrears at Nottingham, but fought back to win 5-3, and if the rumours that Leicester have been beaten by North Staffs. are true, then this win puts Brum, through to the W.I.V.A.B. semi-finals next week.
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ATHLETIC UNION HONOURS LIST—1958-59

At the recent A.G.M. of the Athletic U.A.U. Union, the following list was included in the secretary's report. It is indeed a fine reflection of Birmingham's standing in the world of University sport.
W.I.V.A.B. TEAM CHAMPIONS:
Lacrosse: Netball.
W.I.V.A.B. RUNNERS-UP:
Hockey: Cricket.
U.A.U. RUNNERS-UP:
Table Tennis: Squash Rackets.
BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION:
R. A. Jowle (Golf); D. Shaw (Cross-country).
W.I.V.A.B. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION:
P. Drew (Squash Rackets).
REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
ENGLAND:
R. Thompson (Women's Hockey).
S. Thompson (Hockey); S. Andrews, P. GT. BRITAIN:
A. McIntosh (Association Football).
H. Hewis (Law Tennis); J. Spencer N. MIDLANDS:
R. Reynolds (Rugby Football).
A. W. Fay, R. J. Sandford, A. McIntosh (Association Football); H. Payne (Athletics); D. Shaw (Athletics and Cross-country); C. R. B. Neame (Cricket); J. N. Haworth, J. M. Hoffman; C. M. Warner (Fencing); R. A. Jowle (Golf); S. V. Sood (Hockey); D. Price, M. Rouse (Law Tennis); J. Ranson, J. Quinn, B. Russell (Rugby Football); P. Coultas (Swimming).
BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION:
A. W. Fay (Association Football); H. Payne (Athletics); A. Edgington (Women's Athletics); J. Spencer (Women's Swimming); P. Coultas (Swimming).
MIDLAND U.A.U.:
K. Tipples (Association Football).
ENGLAND:
R. Thompson (Women's Hockey).
S. Thompson (Hockey); S. Andrews, P. GT. BRITAIN:
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H. Hewis (Law Tennis); J. Spencer N. MIDLANDS:
R. Reynolds (Rugby Football).

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My Goodness, what a Marathon!

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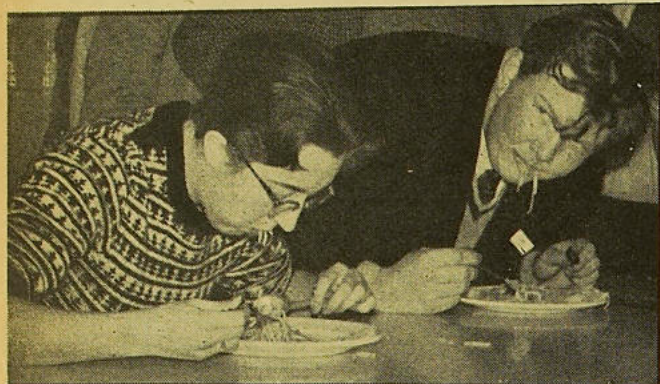


Photo: John Gunn.

Miss Norma Collins and Mr. Matthew England get down to a sixpenny lunch.

W.U.S. International Students' Week has certainly been quite a success. On Tuesday the collections alone nearly doubled last year's rather pathetic total; every flag and nearly all the follies were sold.

The spaghetti-eating contest proved hilarious, each day some 250 students watched the departmental teams perform and many a happy scene like the one above was the outcome. The final was a close run affair last Thursday with Chemists and Chem. Eng. fighting it out to the last string of spaghetti. The former, represented by Rodney Watts, David Capey, and Colin Boyne, won by a couple of inches. We should like to thank all the competitors, who took their spaghetti and punishment manfully, especially the ladies of the Social Science department who ate through to the final.

The Knees Competition, was not so successful financially as from the publicity angle; it certainly was not helped by the vandalism of a neighbouring college, who stole the original photographs on Wednesday evening. However, you chose the

knees of the Vice-President, Miss Jane Gilding, as the most lovable among Exec., even R.T.J. had to give way to Miss Gilding. W. G. Rastall and E. Blader were placed second and third.

The final total for the week's efforts was £53 8s. 7d. The broken into individual items; was as follows:
Flag Day collections
Edebaston £21 9s. 6d.; Edmund Street £13 17s.; Medic. School £3 4s. 10d.; Spaghetti Tournament £9 18s. 3d.; Knees competition £2 4s. 7d.; Sundries £2 14s. 4d.—Total £53 8s. 7d.

This is a far better effort than last year, and gives a good total to beat next session. Finally, our thanks to all who participated, collected, and not least gave throughout the week.
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M.R.D.S. AND ME

"YOU know," said my friend, M.R.D.S. speculatively wiping some gravy from his graduate's tie, "the results of sugar in one's petrol are interesting."

I switched on my ear plugs and told him to proceed.

"For example," he went on, "it can land you in the General Hospital... and not," he added, cutting out B.L.'s comment which died on his lips and was sucked into the juice that flowed from his pipe stem, "from accidents. Take last week, for example. I went along to a party given by my old mate S.J., at the 'Dun Cow and Contented Bull' in honour of the passing out of two of his companions. Well, the evening wore on in splendour, and so did my guts, being niftily pickled in the best that M. and B. could provide. Music rent the air... and it was my own little voice that, in defiance of all the rules of pitch, tone, and Honeydew's Law (vid. 'Du gaspillage des ans dans le département de l'Enseignement de l'Université de Birmingham', Nodder and Caughton, 1958) gave most rending."

"Aha!" breezed my truculent musical pal, M.E., fresh from trading in another bride, "and what, pray, was the burden of this chaunt... as Rabbie said?"

With a if-you-don't-shut-up-the-cake-hole-I'll-fill-same-with-puff-pastry look, my friend M.R.D.S. proceeded: "I believe the words were—'Give me a lift to Stoney Lane... and my old mate R.B. offered his vehicle, but the damned thing wouldn't go. Sugar in the petrol! So what could we do but accept an invitation to the General Hospital party? I wonder who did it?'"

So did I... till I opened the wardrobe, and a packet of Tate and Lyle fell on my head. Trust my friend M.R.D.S.!

CINEMAS

WEST END: "South Pacific," (U), 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 2.30 p.m., Sunday 5.30 p.m.

A.B.C. BRISTOL: "The Treasure of San Teresa" and "Friends and Neighbours."

GAUMONT: "The Night We Dropped a Clanger," starring Brian Rix.

ODEON: "Ask Any Girl" and "The Man Who Liked Funerals," November 29, "Killers of Kilimanjaro."

CINEPHONE: "Prison de Femmes" and "The Most Wonderful Moment," (X), November 29, "Lesson in Love," (X).

FORUM: "Jack the Ripper," also "Temptation Island." Last complete performance 7.5 p.m.

FUTURIST: "The Return of the Fly," and "The Alligator People," (X).

SCALA: "Upstairs and Downstairs," Michael Craig, Ann Heywood and Sidney James.

Concert diary

ONE of the merits of having Sir Adrian Boult with us is that we are assured a season of good and authentic performances of English works. Thus, last Thursday, Beethoven's 4th Symphony was completely equipped by the magnificent performance of Elgar's "Introduction and Allegro" and Vaughan Williams' "Job." In any case the performance, though uniformly played, lacked Promethean Fire, a fault ever present in Sir Adrian's Beethoven.

The Elgar, which had its beat firmly pointed by the conductor, produced the best string tone we have heard this season. There was a fullness which rounded off the technical and emotional excellences, and the development was clear yet fluent.

"Job," however, was the crown of the evening.

Personal Column

ROGER FRY AND RUTH BURDEN. Paintings by these artists are on exhibition in the Barling Room, University House, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings until December 3.

INAUGURAL LECTURE by Professor J. C. TATLOW, entitled "Fluorine Chemistry," at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, in the large lecture theatre, Hill Chemistry building.

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WALL invites anyone interested to present themselves on the steps of the National Gallery on New Year Eve at 11.30 p.m. to see the New Year in.

RESTRICTION OF UNION FACILITIES. On Saturday, November 28, the Union Bar will be closed because of the G.T.G. production. Normal bar facilities will be available in the University Refectory, the entrance arrangements being the same as the Hop in the Union.

SHOWING G.T.G. HOW KEN PARROT, of the Birmingham Rep. is giving a production course in the Barber Institute on Thursday, December 3, at 5 p.m. Everyone invited.

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