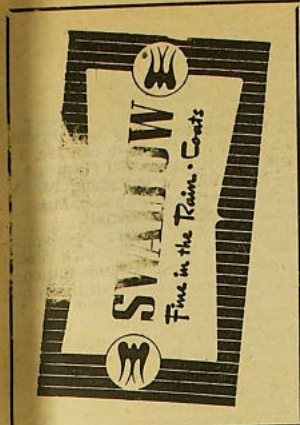


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"A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE"

A MARATHON Council Meeting—it lasted five hours—was the best, in every sense of the word, that I have witnessed for four years. Discussion was full and searching; no decisions were taken lightly, and, above all, the chair handled the proceedings wittily, sensibly, and democratically.

The major issue came after the interval when the final decision had to be taken as regards Refectory eating. In a long and lucid speech, Mr. Luby reiterated his comments previously made in *Guild News*, and was able to add to them. A letter had been received from Professor Shrewsbury, Chairman of the Refectories Committee which showed that our claims were at last being pressed forward. The President had called for improvements, and we were promised an extension, in the form of the present staff dining-room for Session 1960-61, re-decoration for this autumn, and new hot-plates. The University had acknowledged its duty, and we should take advantage of it.

Mr. Luby asked Council to consider three factors: the needs of the societies, the proper function of the Guild in our education, and the future when expanding numbers would make for a crisis unless checked now. This speech earned Council's applause.

In discussion Mr. Lunn voiced a general opinion in saying that he was heartily sick of the whole business. He made the point that perhaps society activities are not as important as social activities. Mr. Collins said that the University should provide meals but were not as yet capable, which led Mr. Williams to suggest that we should use the Union until the University had had time to raise its standards.

Much high-falutin' talk was handed about students having to cut from their spiritual home at present to obtain an evening meal, but this was answered by Mr. Rowney who, in a sensible appeal, asked Council to remember that they were making decisions for people not yet at University, and, to cheers, demanded that the Union be allowed to fulfil its proper function as a part of the educational system. Finally, the matter was settled in the minds of all by an excellent, witty and pointed speech from Mr. Betteridge who encouraged the President and Mr. Luby "to keep kicking for improvements," and put the motion that we stay as we are in Refec. The motion was carried by 48-4. Therefore we shall stay in Refec. with the prospect of improvements.

The President then stepped down from the chair to thank Council for what he considered the right decision, and the latter responded with a vote of total confidence in the President and Exec.

Carnival dispute

The date of Carnival once more came into play. The Deans and Principles' Committee had suggested (and not directed) that the date might be changed to June. Mr. Symons pointed out that the Technical College would be holding a Carnival at that time, but it was added that they had not yet approached the Watch Committee.

Mr. Sutton, this year's Chairman elect of Carnival Committee, felt we should have to change one day, so why not now. June would enable Carnival to get out of its rut, and outdoor activities could be added.

Mr. Stroud questioned the need to change at all, while Mr. Lunn proposed that Carnival be dropped altogether (this was defeated). Mr. Betteridge once more brought life to the meeting, and urged Council to fight hard for the present date. He quoted an article in the "Listener" as saying "A good Union man is a good student"—Carnival activities need not interfere with academic studies. He said that the purpose of Carnival varies with students, but mainly it was to give the student fun, to raise money for charity, and above all, to make healthy contact with the city. His proposal that we tell the Senate that we wish the status quo to remain was carried.

South Africa Fund

Other, more minor matters were discussed, but the one which stood out was the formation of a society for the President's South Africa Fund. Already 20 signatures had been found, and a constitution was accepted by Council. Membership will be at a minimum of 2s. 6d., and will be paid direct into the Scholarship Fund. The President hopes that every member will find it in his or her conscience to join this society.

DEMOCRITAS

PASSIVE DEMONSTRATION

The South African "Extension of University Education Bill" which seeks to segregate University Education in the remaining "open" universities of South Africa has been brought forward by three months and is to come before the South African Parliament on Monday.

It is felt that a passive demonstration outside the High Commissioner's office in London is one way for students to show their disapproval.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2 P.M. THURSDAY (TO-DAY) IN THE DEBATING HALL.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear Sir,
The question of Mr. Heseltine's resignation regrettably does not resolve itself into a consideration on who was right or wrong in the matter of evening catering. Mr. Heseltine has resigned for the reason that he has broken the responsibilities which he had to the Council, to the Executive, to the Catering Committee, and to the Finance Committee.

In a letter to your newspaper, a fortnight ago, Mr. Heseltine saw fit to accuse the President and Executive of deliberately misleading and hoodwinking the Council. An accusation of this kind, from one who is a member of all the relevant committees is not one to be ignored, since at any time Mr. Heseltine had the right and duty to make his personal opinions known. The fact that he has never done so is not so much a reflection on his colleagues as upon himself.

Nowhere in the minutes of these committees will any reference be found to Mr. Heseltine's opposition, and at no time is there any attempt to impart information on the catering situation. Mr. Heseltine claims that even he did not have the information. His first duty as a member of these committees was to seek it. It is strange, to say the least, that after six months of having seen the catering question through ALL its stages, Mr. Heseltine should suddenly and LIBELOUSLY accuse his colleagues of deception.

The Executive has no alternative but to express unanimously a vote of no confidence in Mr. Heseltine, and in the circumstances I had no alternative but to ask him either to retract his allegations or to resign, or to take the matter to Council. These were the alternatives with which Mr. Heseltine was faced. He chose to resign.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. JARVIS.

P.S.—Mr. Heseltine may be interested to learn that the Council have decided, after a full discussion, pro and contra, lasting one and a quarter hours, by a vote of 48-4, that evening catering should remain in the Refectory. Furthermore, a unanimous vote of confidence in both the President and Executive for their handling of the catering consideration was passed.

Mike Heseltine issues statement

AT the Council meeting on Monday, it was announced that Mr. M. J. Heseltine, popular Guild Club Secretary, has resigned his position. Mr. Heseltine has issued the following statement on the reasons why he made the decision to resign.

THE resignation of a member of the Guild Executive over a matter of policy is an event which calls for an explanation to the Guild.

A fortnight ago, I published a letter in this newspaper, in reply to an article of the previous week and it is as a result of this that I have tendered my resignation. Certain criticisms of the workings of the Executive over its handling of the catering issue had been made; these I supported, and then went on to consider the possibility of the return of evening meals to the Union. None of this can I possibly withdraw.

The first of my reasons for withdrawing from the Guild Executive is that I feel that it has failed abysmally in the handling of the catering problem. Far too little time was initially given to a decision of such great importance. Far too little attempt has been given to explaining the reason for steps taken, if justifiable reasons have always existed. Guild Council, which should be the supreme and final policy making body in the Guild, has been shamefully treated. Even as a member of Catering Committee, I have been unable to explain to members, changes in the new evening meals service, for usually these have been made without the consideration of the committee and without such information being passed on to its members.

Secondly, the Executive as a whole has ignored a large proportion of student opinion in this Guild. I have no axe to grind over the question of evening meals in the Refectory or the Union; I have only tried to see that a fair representation of views pro and contra has been represented, and that student opinion would, at least, be considered.

The function of the Executive is to carry out the policy of the Guild, as directed by Guild Council. This should never be forgotten.

My third reason is that it is impossible to sit on an Executive which will not even consider that it might have made a mistake and which is unable to face what is intended to be healthy and constructive criticism. It is incredible that graduates and undergraduates in such a position of responsibility should react by conspiring together in little more than a combined attempt to force one of their fellows out of existence. It reminds one of Russia and the proverbial Siberian policy.

It is regrettable that a matter of policy has been turned and allowed to degenerate into a war of personalities. I had hoped to put my case before Guild Council in a reasonable way and, I would have hoped, with success. It is sad that when a member of the Executive dares to criticise Guild policy publicly, there is a violent reaction from his colleagues to hound him out of existence.

It is well-known that the nearer one hits the target the more dramatic is the reaction. The conclusion here is self explicit.

In my capacity as a member of the Executive I have had certain responsibilities to the student body. I have always felt myself to have the duty to represent what I have considered to be the views of the students, and to criticise a policy whenever I felt it justified. DEMOCRACY WITHIN THE GUILD HAS CEASED NOW THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

As regards the catering policy itself, I am convinced that a fair consideration of the possibilities of having evening meals in the Union, in both Vernon and Priestley Halls, has not to date been made. It is possible, without in any way hindering the special meals facilities. We also hear a great deal of the Faculty of Arts (NOT the whole of Edmund Street) moving to Edgbaston, but how many of these have evening meals? And is it not likely that when the new refectory is opened, in 1961, the whole catering situation will have to be reconsidered by the then University and Guild authorities. After all, we have been led to believe that both sides agreed that the present situation was only initiated for an EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD.

It is indeed unfortunate that the situation could not have been solved in an amicable and more satisfactory way. For me it is an easy way out which I have been loathe to take. My aim throughout has been constructive, but criticism, it seems, cannot be tolerated.



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MISCONCEPTIONS about official bodies seem rife in this University, and "Guild News" has been no exception. In our census, we discovered that, as we ourselves already consider, there is room for improvement in the paper. We are not by any means satisfied with it, but we have sufficient hope and interest to realise that it is emerging out of its former moribund state, and is beginning, in the eyes of other Universities at least, to look something different from a news-sheet or literary magazine. What we have strived for is to produce something mid-way between a magazine and a newspaper; neither one aspect nor the other can ever dominate in "Guild News." Those people who have criticised us for not being "newspaper-like" are totally misinterpreting the purpose of "Guild News." Pure news is impossible, because we come out but once a week; pure entertainment can be found in non-university journals, and so we must report the activities of the Guild as a record, and to inform members who cannot find time to go to everything. Facts are provided to stimulate further comment and informed discussion, and opinions are stated in order to try and channel discussion either for or against.

THESE columns made a significant remark last week, when, in the profile of next year's Editor, "Guild News" was described as the paper of the 200-odd students who form the Guild of Undergraduates. This was no forensic statement, but fact. Little more than that number are really concerned in Guild affairs, and thus it is that duplication forces them to be seen in several different fields of activity. Active members are accused of being a clique. At Council the President has to try all he can to persuade members to sit on committees, and the burden falls on the same willing few. Yet many are accused of committee-hunting to further their own careers.

INDEED the Guild is a clique, or should be... for 4,000 students. The 200 active members at present are a clique, but it is the other 3,800 who have made them into one. This very week we were approached diffidently by a reader who said he had not previously written for "Guild News" because he thought it was a closed shop. This type of thinking must be stopped at all cost. Of course "Guild News" needs improving. You, the contributors, must come forward and do it. We are merely the executors and reporters, to a limited extent. You must come forward and join committees of the Guild which needs you. You do not have to be a member of Council to do so. Lift the burden from the over-burdened few, and instead of criticising, come and help us to set things aright where you feel that they need it.

UNION CLOSING

Dear Sir,
IN protesting about the summary closing of the Union at five p.m. last Friday, for Guild Ball, I am, I know, not merely expressing a personal complaint, but reflecting the views of many ordinary members of the Guild. It has become increasingly clear over the past session, that when some members of the present Executive refer to ordinary members of the Guild as "plebs" or "the mob," they are not indulging in some perverted sense of humour, but are in deadly earnest. They finally proved this with the decision to close the entire Union for a function attended chiefly by Council and the Executive. I appreciate the necessity to close off part of the Union in order to make final preparations for this function, but it is clearly both unnecessary and undemocratic to deprive the many of their rights to this extent, in order to cater for the few. It is self-evident that it should be possible to make preparations for a function taking place entirely on the upper floor of the Union without closing the ground floor rooms, thus occasioning much inconvenience to us plebs. Proles we may be sir, but without our subscriptions the aristocrats would have to pay to go to their dinners and conferences.

Yours, etc.,

B. J. B. WOOD.

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S.F.H. ABUSED

Dear Sir,
We should like to take up some of your space to protest against what seems to be misuse of the Guild's chapel, St. Francis Hall. We realise that facilities in the Union are so inadequate as to make it inevitable that an occasional meeting be transferred there, yet we feel that more care should be exercised in deciding what meetings are to be held, and that people involved in such meetings should have some respect for the building and its primary function as a place of worship.

Several times this term meetings have been held in S.F.H. at which smoking has been allowed; apart from any other considerations there are no ash-trays and little attempt has been made to clear up cigarette-ends and matchsticks afterwards. More recently a function was held in S.F.H. which left the building in a state reminiscent of the aftermath of a Bacchanalian orgy.

May we plead that more care and respect be forthcoming in the future use of the centre of the Guild's religious life? It would be a sad comment on our student body if we were unable to keep this one place sacred.

Yours, etc.,

RONALD F. TURNER-SMITH,
ROBERT J. WREFOUD.

SOLOMON RETORT

Dear Sir,
In the course of last week's tirade, Solomon pointed out that Guild Dinner and Ball was buckshee for Guild Councillors. Now, being aware of Solomon's identity, I notice that last week he stood for Guild Council. But if he is elected I am afraid that all he will get next year (if the arrangements are the same as this year) is one free dinner ticket.

If Solomon wishes to cavort with the same lady (or any other for that matter), as he accompanied this year, it will still cost him 47s. 6d., even as a Guild Councillor.

Free Soloma?
GUILD COUNCILLOR.

Dear Sir,

While sharing your readers' disgust at the state in which St. Francis Hall was left after the Inter-Varsity Modern Jazz Contest, I must take full responsibility for the fact that the Hall was used for this purpose at all. The following facts should be born in mind:

St. Francis Hall was originally built as the "Quiet Room" for all members of the Guild, and for meetings of all religious societies. It has never been formally consecrated, and is not technically a "chapel," although it is often known as "The Chapel." It is used for private prayer and religious services, but it was also designed to be used for secular meetings, and the chance can be curtailed off on such occasions.

Responsibility for its use rests with the S.F.H. Committee, but is normally exercised by myself or by the Chairman. Priority is always given to religious meetings, and meetings of

DEB. SOC.

The retiring Debating Society officers photographed at last week's A.G.M. At the meeting next year's officers were elected. Debating Society will be under the chairmanship of Jack Betteridge; three members of the committee to serve under him will be Miss Jenny Steerwood, Julian Levy and Robert Wreford.

The cup in the picture is the new Chairman Cup to be presented to the debater who, in the estimation of the chairman, has shown some special aptitude. The first holder of the cup will be Mr. Edward Ash. In awarding



The chairman's table

it to Mr. Ash the chairman recalled his inimitable style, refreshing humour and constant references to "Mr. Chairman, Sir."

Debating Society is fortunate in having such capable Freshers as Ted Ash and Mike Freeman, the Freshers' debating prizewinner, C.C.

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the religious societies. In view of the overcrowding of the Union, occasional requests for its use by other societies have been made, and have usually been granted. This is the first occasion on which such permission has been seriously abused.

On this occasion, I was assured by the Rhythm Club representative that the Hall would be used for "Modern Jazz," which would mean a quiet meeting. Such evidence as I saw afterwards did not lead me to think that those who attended had done anything other than quietly listen to music, smoke their cigarettes and drink their beer. I must admit that I had not envisaged that they would be drinking beer, nor that the organisers would have left the Hall littered with fag-ends and glasses. Members of the S.C.M. had to clear these up next morning when they arrived for their morning prayers.

As a result of this experience, I shall propose to the Committee that "No Smoking" be the rule in the Hall itself, but that otherwise, discretion to use the Hall for secular purposes shall remain as before. However, the references of those applying for such use will be more carefully scrutinised in future.

Yours, etc.,

JACK NEWPORT,
(Secretary,
St. Francis Hall Committee).

PROFILE PILLORIED

Dear Sir,

We have been reviewing this session's issues of *Guild News* and have discovered some interesting facts about the "Profile" feature. In

previous years this has been a regular weekly feature of your paper. This year it has had a spasmodic existence. However, its policy remains unaltered: the adulation of G.T.G. members. There have been only nine profiles this session as far as we can see, of which were about G.T.G. members—to wit Miss Y. Dennison, Miss Wilton, Miss J. Graham, Miss Collins and Mr. I. Marshall.

Although some of the above-named people are worthy of a profile in their own right, and although G.T.G. is a major society of the Guild, such emphasis is completely unwarranted. Furthermore, we are convinced that there are enough interesting characters in the University to keep you supplied with an excellent weekly profile, e.g., Chairman Societies, prominent Guild Councillors, leading sportsmen and women, etc.

We appreciate the difficulties involved in collecting such material, and feel strongly that the net must be cast further from Guild Office than its immediate backwash. A revived Profile feature would fill your spaces and provide inclusion of such irrelevant graphic material as "A Happy Day," in your issue of February day."

Yours, etc.,
FRANCIS E. BERR,
DAVE MALLIN.

ANGLING SOCIETY CATCHES ON

The final trip of the season, eight members of the Angling Society in action by the St. Francis canal at Acton Trussard Saturday.

Catches were fair, considering appalling weather conditions. Dan Swindon and Robinson found a few excellent pike, which were produced a small number of fish and perch.

Other trips this term have been the Severn at Bewdley, and to Arrow at Alcester. On both occasions John Sykes landed the fish, a half-pound roach, and a fine 1lb. bream.

This week in The Listener

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AFRICA PHOENIX

BRITISH students have keenly taken up the fight for the right to higher education for Africans in South Africa. The stand of the N.U.S. in this matter is to be welcomed; we must all work for the eradication of racial discrimination in the world to-day.

The latest news from Africa has caused deep concern at even wider problems. The struggle against racialisation in Nyasaland, against violence and death, also calls for the attention of British students.

The African peoples of Nyasaland, threatened since 1953 with inclusion in the Central African Federation, fear the domination of the Europeans of Southern Rhodesia. The Rhodesian settlers are in the main supporters of racial discrimination of the same class as Apartheid.

Since the Accra Conference, political feeling against federation has rapidly grown. Led by the Nyasaland African Congress, constant protests have been made, only to be ignored by the Colonial Government. As a result of demonstrations, white S. Rhodesian troops, representatives of the diehard racist settler Government, were sent into Nyasaland.

The Colonial Government has faked a story of a mass murder plot as an excuse for the declaration of a state of emergency. However, proof of such a plot has not been forthcoming, and the conclusion must be that only by reverting to lies, can the Government find an excuse for repressive and violent actions against the justified demands of the native population.

Under the emergency regulations, the leaders of the Nyasaland African Congress have been arrested, and consequent demonstrations have resulted in the death of 36 Africans, the injury of 65 others, and the arrest of 500.

THE POSITION

In Nyasaland there are 400 Africans to every one European, but there are 18 Europeans in the Legislative Council as against only five Africans. For eighteen months now the Tory Government had held up promised constitutional talks to change this deplorable situation. So far the Government has been at one with Welensky—Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia and a staunch supporter of South Africa's Dr. Verwoerd—who hopes to destroy the Nyasaland-Africa Congress and the nationalist movement in order to

May these reasonable demands be taken up by all British students. We protest against racialism in South Africa. We must even more protest against racist policies implemented in a British possession in our name.

COLIN YARDLEY.

Guilty

WILL we never learn? This was the thought utmost in my mind as I read the news of trouble in Central Africa and in Malta, this week. No sooner is the problem of Cyprus solved for us than another one occurs. For years we have attacked the policy of Apartheid in South Africa, yet time and time again in the last few years we have failed to take a stand against the same policies as they have been introduced to our own Colonial Territories by the white settlers. Now the African is making it very clear that South Africa is not the only country with racial problems.

What a tragedy it is that it takes violence and bloodshed to make us take notice. The situation in Nyasaland did not occur overnight. It has grown up slowly since 1951, when we forced Nyasaland to join the Central African Federation to meet the demands of the white settlers in Southern Rhodesia. But against the wishes of the Africans in Nyasaland, the situation has been made worse by the Colonial Office's delay in producing a Constitution for Nyasaland in which the fundamental principles of racial equality are laid down. So quite naturally the African feels that the racialism of Southern Rhodesia may spread to Nyasaland. Even now the trouble has started it could be solved if only the Colonial Office would publish the constitution, but in fact they have put this off once more.

TURNING to Southern Rhodesia we see an even more tragic picture. Even before any trouble has occurred here, the white minority finds it necessary to declare a state of emergency and to imprison all the African leaders. Such actions are not likely to convince the African that democracy and freedom are worth anything. So I could go on and describe country after country in Central and East Africa where the economic aspirations of the African are being thwarted by a white minority because of fear.

IF we in Britain are to avoid mass murder and wholesale slaughter in Africa we must act now in our own Colonial Territories. We must make it clear to every one that we are working for self government, but only on the principles of racial equality. And further that we will not tolerate any action by white minorities to stop these actions. Only by doing this now can we regain the confidence of the African and in the long run avoid violence. A.F.B.

"Guild News" Survey on Student Opinion

DURING the past week, members of the "Guild News" staff have been carrying out a survey on student opinion, especially in regard to publications and Guild affairs. Polls on a similar line to those held in many of the other British Universities showed on the whole similar results.

Sixty per cent. of Guild members felt that *Guild News* was passable, as opposed to three per cent. who thought it was very good, and 17 per cent. who thought it bad. As to the quality of the paper, 75 per cent. preferred shiny paper, and only 25 per cent. newsprint. Sports page was read by 61 per cent. of the readers, while 39 per cent. never gave it a thought. As regards the Guild affairs, it was surprising to note that 51 per cent. of undergraduates knew the name of the vice-president, and 85 per cent. knew the name of the President (which has slipped the memory of the editorial staff for the moment!).

Culture seems to play a very small part in the life of many students, since 16 per cent. had never been inside the Barber Institute (some did not even know what went on inside!) and only 27 per cent. were regular attenders. Sixty-four per cent. of the undergraduate population are following the course of their choice, and 28 per cent. wished they were doing something else. Conservatives seemed cent. of undergraduates knew the name of the vice-president, and 85 per cent. knew the name of the President (which has slipped the memory of the editorial staff for the moment!).

RESULTS

1. Your religion?
(a) Christian—63 per cent.
(b) Jew—4.
(c) Other—4.
(d) None—29.
2. Will you vote?
(a) Labour—12.
(b) Conservative—48.
(c) Liberal—14.
(d) Communist—2.
(e) Abstain—24.
3. Are you following the course you really want?
(a) Yes—64.
(b) No—28.
(c) Don't know—8.
4. How do you spend Saturday nights?
(a) Hops—men 21—women 32.
(b) Picturres—men 16—women 6.
(c) Parties—men 4—women 8.
(d) Drinking—men 9—women 4.
(e) Other ways—men 50—women 50.
5. Do you know the President of the Guild's name?
(a) Yes—85.
(b) No—15.
6. Do you know the Vice-President's name?
(a) Yes—51.
(b) No—49.
7. What is your opinion on eating in the Refectory?
(a) For—15.
(b) Against—45.
(c) Don't care—40.
8. Have you been into the Barber Institute?
(a) Once or twice—57.
(b) Often—27.
(c) Never—16.
9. What do you think of "Guild News"?
(a) Very good—3.
(b) Good—20.
(c) Passable—60.
(d) Bad—17.
10. Do you prefer it on
(a) Cotine (shiny paper)?—75 per cent.
(b) Newsprint?—25 per cent.
11. Do you prefer:
(a) Jazz—21.
(b) Classical music—63.
(c) Pop music—16.
12. Do you read our sports page?
(a) Yes—61.
(b) No—39.

★—NUCLEAR MANIA—★

HYSTERICIS may be the foibles of fools or schoolgirls, but they are unbecoming in university students. As a social student, David Chandler may amuse himself learning about concentration camps, torture and Nazi methods, but he certainly knows nothing of Aldermaston. Of disarmament, Dame Kathleen Lonsdale said: "What is needed if deeds are to follow or replace words is a world public opinion that is informed rather than inflamed." Learn this off by heart, David; at least they make sense.

Of cancer and politics

The nuclearmania with which we are too familiar is diseased with ignorance, politics and prejudice, that I feel a piece of rational thinking is called for. No one bar a political extremist, will deny that thermo-nuclear tests have increased the world's radioactive level, we know that radiation can cause both cancer and genetic mutations, and anyone who talks in terms of "safe doses" is talking rubbish. There is no such thing as a safe dose.

However, let us put these unimpressive facts into perspective. You may remember the general stir in 1955 which resulted in the British Medical Council setting up an investigation committee. At the time I read such rubbish as: "We are leaving our children a dreaded legacy of imbecility, mutation and death." The utterances of a small town pseudo-politician. Another comedian now expresses himself with: "Yesterday the first deaths occurred at the University of mass murder, Aldermaston." The B.M.C. came up with some surprising findings, the quietest being that since the advent of the Welfare State, our sober citizens have received X-radiation which makes the combined effect of

all other sources a mere pittance. On further investigation I found there are potent cancer producers in common rubbers, dyes, stuffs, sea fish and coal smoke, to mention a few of the already discovered sources. I remember worrying at the number of ways a human body can fail, but I found consolation in the world's high population.

The big bad bogey

Of nuclear war, the hackneyed old tale is that some very small nation will be of nuclear power, and that a Suez situation would mean global war. Hackneyed tales are often very true, and so is this one. France, Czech-Slovakia, Israel, Italy, India, China, these are all potential nuclear powers, and they will carry out their potentiality whatever we do in Britain. Only a world nuclear abandonment is any use. The United States and Russia will go their own ways, and nuclear disarmament would do no more than make Britain the complete shadow of Uncle Sam, or the farce of a second India.

What makes the '—ist'?

Maybe it is a mistake to even regard pacifists seriously, especially amongst students. In 1937 Oxford Union declared they would not fight

for King or Country. A few years later many of them died for it. There is an energy surplus we must recognise. In youth it makes Communists, Pacifists, etc., in adults it makes "cranks," Collins type. The actual choice of which dogma is the product of a whim and a circumstance, and need not be taken seriously. A twenty-plus-year-old who thinks he is sure he has found the ultimate truth is a genius or a fool, and geni are very rare. Marching from Aldermaston to London (with the naughty secret hope of getting into the national Press), is one pastime, I suppose. The marcher will suddenly say to him or herself: "So this is student agitation, of which I have heard so much. Now I have a real cause! Better learn something about it."

The —ists of to-day are like the men of whom Pope wrote: "You'll find, if once the monarch asks the monk, Or, cobbler-like the parson will be drunk, Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow; The rest is all but leather or prunella." A. OSBORNE.

"Room at the top"

"Room at the Top" has been excitedly hailed by critics as an innovation in the art of British film making. Indeed, it is made with honesty and vigour, and a naturalness of characterisation and script hitherto unknown to our cinema.

The story is common enough, the themes of class consciousness in a supposedly democratic society, and the uselessness of allowing oneself to be guided by one's ambitions rather than by one's emotions, are well-known. The surprising thing is that a film built on such trite foundations should succeed, but thanks to skilful and straightforward direction, succeed it does.

It was noteworthy that the audience seemed embarrassed by many situations in this film; shocked laughter on several occasions showed that the middle-class prudery which made Joe Lampton quarrel with his mistress for having once worked as an artist's model is obviously fairly widespread. Perhaps as a concession to this characteristic, the main woman

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character, Alice (magnificently played by Simone Signoret), has been made a native of France in the film edition; one receives the impression that the producers felt that their public would not tolerate such behaviour from fellow countrymen. The studied naïveté of Heather Sears, about whom all that can truthfully be said is that she looked pretty, was more in their line.

Laurence Harvey gave a convincing and carefully-considered performance as the hero, though he never gave sufficient emphasis to his motivation by external show. His facial expression could have been interpreted in several ways, and at the end one was never quite sure whether one was meant to understand his motives and excuse them or not.

Although we still have much leeway to make up before we catch, for example, Russia ("The Cranes are Flying"), in treating the cinema as an art form, this was a real step in the right direction.

M.A.B.

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A Christian view of Marxist Communism

AT the meeting of Newman Catholic Society on February 3, Mr. Neil Middleton, himself a former Communist and now a Roman Catholic, began by saying that relations between Catholics and Communists are very difficult, since they both hold different ideas on life. However, they are probably the only two groups which do have an aim for the human race as a whole. Conflict arises between them partly because of ignorance on both sides concerning the others' ideas. Communists see Catholics as a hierarchy dominated by avaricious priests, whereas Catholics see Communists as part of a vast international tyranny. Both these views are misconceptions.

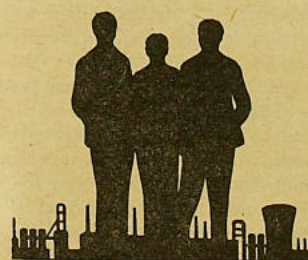
misconceptions. Mr. Middleton went on to give us a resume of Marxist views. Marx saw society divided into the bourgeoisie and the proletariat which made a class struggle between the exploiting and the exploited inevitable. Marx was probably the first to see through-out history a connecting link. Philosophy in the Cominternistic view is the provision of historic acts in place of. When any new society emerges it has to formulate an ideology to rationalise its own ideas, namely a system of law and government. If the ideal State is formed where the proletariat controls the economy, the need for a justifying rationalisation need not arise. This moving towards a perfect society, continued Mr. Middleton, has dignity, since the betterment of society is behind it. In working towards the perfect society one finds none of the self-interest on which Capitalism is based. Marx said that "Man is left no other nexus with self-interest than man other than man." Mr. Middleton maintained that neither Communism nor Catholicism can fit in with the picture of self-interest. One important point that was stressed was that man as an individual is non-existent in the Communist view. He only exists as the part of the whole. But from the Christian point of view man is important as an individual. It rests with every individual to determine his own destiny and the Church's interpretation of this absolute destiny is union with God. It also provides a rational code for existence. This does not prevent "Grapes of Wrath" whole salvation depends on it. The Church sees man as an individual, but at the same time as an integral part of society, of the Mystical Body. The link between man and the Mystical Body is a much clearer one than that between man and the Perfect State.

Mr. Middleton concluded by saying that what a great help his former experience as a Communist is in helping him understand about life in general. P.M.E.

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REBIRTH OF A SOCIETY

THE cinema, overburdened as it is with inferior material in an attempt to satisfy mass appeal, reflects exploitation of a medium which is an art in its own right. Any society, therefore, which provides examples of this art, as well as examples of the most welcome return of the film society under the presidency of Dr. Horne, is to be commended. The chairmanship of Geoff Harrison is a popular one was demonstrated by the large and intelligently appreciative audience at the first meeting since its unfortunate disintegration last year.

The film show was "The Grapes of Wrath" (Twentieth Century Fox, 1939, director John Ford) adapted from Steinbeck's novel of the same title. The historical background of the subject is preserved in the film although the gigantic proportions of the novel are severely condensed. This is the saga of the Joads, who are driven from their dusty, dust-bowl region of Oklahoma who set out for California in a dilapidated

CHRISTIAN UNITY

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At the annual general meeting of the Congregational Society held on March 5, the most important items on the agenda were those concerned with Christian unity in the University. The first of these dealt with the connection between Congregational Society and the S.C.M. It was proposed, and the proposition was unanimously carried, that the Society should co-operate with the S.C.M. in encouraging members to attend their club meetings and to take part in their activities. But, in order that there should be a society catering for Congregationalists who were, as yet, not interdenominationally minded, Congregational Society did not wish to amalgamate with the

of time and space, but directors tend to supply too much material, leaving less to the imagination of the individual and thus handicapping the power of the theme. Ford does not use impedimenta; the mind itself must function to gain a true appreciation of this film. Occasionally, however, a lack of continuity is experienced, and some of the isolated incidents is dropped. This does not prevent "Grapes of Wrath" from being a great film with intense emotional power, enhanced

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INTER-VARSITY JAZZ CONTEST

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY won both the Traditional-Mainstream and Modern sections of the contest, held in the University a week ago, with virtually the same group. This was the first occasion that the contest has catered for modernists, and the experiment proved successful.

The modern idiom requires a very high standard of musicianship, musical theory, and instrumental technique. Consequently, for much of the time the playing was pretentious and solos were limited, but for amateurs the standard was remarkably high. There were too many piano-guitar-bass-drums groups sounding very much alike (especially the amplified guitars) and a few of the drummers seemed incapable of differentiating between the on and off beat. But these teething troubles will soon disappear. The faults were more than compensated by good scoring, efficient ensemble playing, and a number of outstanding soloists, and the judges had no easy task in fixing their standard and then choosing the winners.

The Gerry Brindley Dectet from Cambridge, won because of its neat, crisp, in fact almost professional playing, and its clever arrangements which were written by the tuba player, voted musician of the evening on this account. The previous band was also a large group, a fifteen-piece from London University, the like of which has unfortunately never been seen or heard at the contest before. Playing numbers such as "How High the Moon" and "Swinging the Blues," they showed drive and enthusiasm. Tony Stone (alto) and Derek Horsfield (tenor) soloing well; but due to its rough edges in the ensemble work, this group was unplaced.

The rhythm section of Bangor's traditional band were placed second. Their second number, "Experiments with a Lunar Body," was an alternation of rhythms in "How High the Moon." The Liverpool group came third, due to some fine bass playing. Among the other highlights of the evening were a quintet from Cambridge featuring Andre Beeson on alto and a Miles Davies-inspired trumpet, the baritone horn (euphonium) of John Rubin, of Manchester, some Latin-American rhythms from the Oxford group, and the solo by one of the Bristol guitarists which used all possible quotations from "Peter and the Wolf" to "King Creole."

In his letter, the president of the Inter-Varsity Jazz Federation, John Lumsden, said that the show was intended to be more of a festive than competitive nature. However, instead of making people trudge between the St. Francis and Debating Halls in support of their bands, the organisers could in future bring the two sections together, not only would this create a festive atmosphere and a more varied programme, but it might help to bridge the gap between the traditionalists and the modernists, a rift which for long has harmed jazz appreciation in this country.

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J.A.K. has 'one hour' with the great Satch

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"Hello," I managed to splutter, taken aback at the ease with which I gained admittance to this, the holy of holies—Mr. Louis Armstrong's room, as the label on the door informed me.

"Why Honey you need a pill—have one of these," a huge grin and a handful of pills was extended to me and I accepted the proffered pink pill with thanks and a feeling of trepidation and started to interview the greatest jazz entertainer in the world, the most loved, criticised and controversial and colourful character in the chaotic history of jazz.

The topic of rock and roll cropped



Our correspondent and Satch

up and, in between gulps of pale tan gargle, Louis told me that rock was no new thing, indeed it was basically the same as the music that had been played and sung in the Negro churches in New Orleans at the beginning of the century—but somewhere, he hastened to assure me, it had taken the wrong turning—for now it was far too exhilarating and provoked youngsters to actions they were not fully aware of and cared little about—in fact, it had the same effect as a stupefying drug and could almost be regarded as one.

After this Louis was in very high spirits and grabbed his horn and serenaded me with "I Love You—Samantha," which he considered a great tune and only wished it had been he to sing it in "High Society" instead of Poppa Bing.

It was getting close to the time for the curtain to rise and Satch tied his tie, popped on his jacket, grinned in the mirror two or three times, smeared his "chops" with cream and went into battle.

The concert was disappointing. If this had been any less a person playing I would have been wildly enthusiastic that he had reached such heights of technique and jazz feeling, but from Satch one expects the ultimate and the ultimate in any form of jazz is very rarely realised on the concert platform.

★ Concert Diary

LAST Thursday's concert, which held so much attraction in its programme and soloist, proved to be one of the drabdest heard in the Town Hall for ages. The reasons escaped even the more discerning members of the audience, but the fact remained that the usually sound and musically Meredith Davies proved to be sadly out of touch with the works on the stand before him.

The C.B.S.O. began with a stirring National Anthem—none of your Baroque ensembles for Mr. Davies—but why on earth did he suddenly whip up the pace in the second half of it? All credit to the orchestra for following. The first item was John Blow's "Prelude and Canzona," which had nothing out of the ordinary to recommend it, and one was tempted to say, with Hamlet, "Is this the Prologue, or the posy of a ring?" Its brevity hardly warranted its presence.

The Piano Concerto, Mozart's rarely heard 9th in Eb (K.271), was the dulcetest yet heard, and none of the blame could be laid at Mozart's feet. Although the first movement had all the characteristics of the 18th century concerto (trills before the

orchestral entry, and a whole succession of tonic-dominant-sevenths), the second was a gem of writing. The Andantino here was exclusively heavy with sentiment, and punctuated by recitative, but the orchestra made heavy weather of it, and left Denis Matthews sounding like an anvil rising above the hiss of bellows. The dynamic Rondo, one of the most attacking in all Mozart, was beautifully cut into by a minuet which could have so easily belonged to one of the Violin Concertos; certainly it seemed too fragile for the piano. The conductor and soloist sadly lost contact with each other, and Mr. Matthews inexplicably made mistakes, especially in his plunges from the soprano to the bass ranges.

Altogether this was not Mozart's modern best.

The second half of the concert most excitingly; the colour rose before us with the Kodaly, Dvorak, and Wagner, have made the Jersey Ballet Flowers seem dull in comparison. But, while colour is a requisite of the music listener, unaccompanied authenticity is not. As our reviewers tell us every day, we will never replace musicianship.

The Kodaly Dances of the brilliantly scored, and contrived as to out-list Liszt, seeming so trite, were made by conductor and orchestra rhythms were all wrong, and Davies had evidently no feeling for the Hungarian idiom. The one has come to expect, it was the "Big Beat Show," and going to persuade me to frenzied coda bore any resemblance to music.

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EXCITING MATCH v. BRISTOL

FORMER SOCCER RESULT REVERSED—BIRMINGHAM 2, BRISTOL 1

The University without Fay and McIntosh entertained Bristol at Bournbrook on Wednesday, with high hopes of reversing their earlier defeat away from home.

A stormy afternoon had made the pitch very greasy, and a heavy downpour at the kick-off made conditions rather unpleasant. Birmingham almost gained an early lead when centre-forward Openshaw raced down the middle and shot on the move from fully 30 yards. This fine shot had the goalkeeper well beaten but struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. University dominated the start of the game which was played at a cracking pace. Jobs hit the post with a good effort and Westwood's attempt to finish off a good move by Yailes and Roper went just wide.

It was inevitable that Birmingham would score, and almost as one has come to expect, it was Openshaw who rushed it into the net from short range. Bristol began to come more into the game and the Birmingham defence was tested. Corbitt was prominent at left-back with some neat interceptions and good distribution and Dalton was on hand to make several timely clearances.

Although Birmingham were perhaps having the better of the mid-field play, Bristol equalised with a well-taken goal. This was the score at half-time and the good number of hardy spectators had so far enjoyed a very exciting match.

Not surprisingly the pace slackened a little in the second half, but Birmingham on the whole remained on top, although one felt that they were beginning to regret they had not taken their chances in the first half.

However, it was Openshaw once more who regained the lead for Birmingham. Openshaw has easily established himself as the University's leading goalscorer and looks a very good prospect for next season.

There was no further scoring although Bristol went close in the last few minutes when only a fine save by Tipples averted a very dangerous position.

The club offers its congratulations to D. C. MOYES who has been chosen to referee the U.A.U. final between Loughborough and Cardiff on our pitch on Saturday, March 14.

NETBALL—SECOND HALF REVIVAL

The team that went to Cheltenham on Saturday was minus five of the players who won the W.I.V.A.B. Championship last week. This probably accounted for the fact that, during the first half, the University players found difficulty in checking the attack of their opponents. However, in the second half the Birmingham side played with much more determination and team awareness, and finally emerged victorious by 26 goals to 15. A. Leake, J. Samson and G. Walsham, all last minute substitutes, are to be commended.

The pattern of play continued as before, with both teams gaining no advantage from corners, until Valerie Catliffe scored for Birmingham with an angled shot that just went between the goalkeeper's pads and the far post.

A win for the men

On Saturday the men's swimming team defeated Manchester University by the narrowest of margins. The ladies were not so fortunate and lost by an even larger margin than at Manchester last term.

Birmingham took the lead in the first event when Coultas won the 200 yards freestyle, and Kerry came in at the last minute to gain a valuable point for fourth place. In the 100 freestyle which came next, King managed to split the Manchester swimmers. In the breaststroke and butterfly events, Coultas and Chown took first and third and first and second respectively, but Manchester took maximum points in the backstroke and we were therefore only one point up after the individual events. This meant that we had only to win one of the relays to take the match.

The medley team race was very close, but Humph King just managed to hold the Manchester challenge down the last length. The freestyle team was the last event, but here Manchester had the edge and we lost narrowly, though had we had a full strength team, there is no doubt that we would have won this also. The ladies were second without some of their regular swimmers, but even with these it is unlikely that they would have held the strong Manchester team, who will probably win the W.I.V.A.B. championships later on in the year.



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WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

As the season enters its close the women's hockey team seems to be recovering from the many malaises which have beset it. For the match against Bristol, Liz Robb returned to the half-back line after a knee injury which has kept her out of the game for four months. This most able player who was captain in the last season should soon recover her former speed and agility and it is hoped that next season will be one in which she can play her normally active part.

Following as it did the exciting match in the W.I.V.A.B. final at Cardiff last Saturday, Wednesday's match against Bristol University was rather an anti-climax; the weather was unpleasant, the pitch wet and slippery and the standard of play lower than that in the previous match. Perhaps the number of team changes made by both sides and the poor state of the ground, contributed to this disappointing game which ended in a draw 3-3.

Early in the first half Bristol attacked and with the Birmingham defence slow to tackle, the left inner had sufficient time to hit a hard shot. Bristol soon returned to the attack and after a melee in the circle the ball was deflected into the goal, past the goalkeeper and covering defence. After these two early setbacks Birmingham recovered and had rather more of the play, eventually drawing level with goals from Anne Edgington and Valerie Catliffe. There then followed some anxious moments during which time Bristol were awarded several corners, and it was from one of these that their third goal was scored.

The pattern of play continued as before, with both teams gaining no advantage from corners, until Valerie Catliffe scored for Birmingham with an angled shot that just went between the goalkeeper's pads and the far post.

Durham prove too much

THE University table tennis was faced with its most difficult match in four years when, on Saturday, March 7, they were confronted with the almost insurmountable task of playing Durham in the U.A.U. final at Sheffield. The strongest team available, of Cleal, Forsythe, Bolton, Saeed and Backhouse, could do no more than lose 5-10 to this powerful side. The score although a fair result does not entirely reflect the closeness of the struggle.

Backhouse retained his unbeaten record in U.A.U. matches by beating Durham's top three players in some fine games. The other two games were won by Bolton and Forsythe, who each defeated Durham's number five.

However, Birmingham can look back on the season as a whole with a great deal of satisfaction. Their successes have resulted in the selection of Backhouse for the U.A.U. representative side, with Bolton as a reserve, in a match against the R.A.F.

Judo wins at Manchester

The club travelled to Manchester on Saturday, by the dubious means of British Railways, for a triangular match with Leeds and Manchester. Unfortunately, when they arrived the team found that Leeds had not been able to come, due to financial considerations.

A depleted by '11 and British Railways' men's team played first and drew 2-2. The match was disappointing in the standard of play. Even though their brown belt was out of action due to injury, Davy Jones and Ernie Hobbell lost their matches to indeterminate throws, and Ken McFarlane drew his with someone who appeared to be harking back to our supposed ancestors.

Gordon Lawson then played their yellow belt in a contest that was a definite improvement on those that had gone before. Gordon quickly won with Tai-o-toshi (body drop). Then Barry Heyward took on their captain, a green belt. Barry was able to dispose of his opponent with Koshi Waza. With the women, Patsy Goodyear drew and Charis Folland found O-uchi-gari the obvious throw for her opponent's stance and proceeded to win with two half-points. The women therefore won 2-0, one draw.

We were accompanied on this expedition by our newly-acquired third, Dan Mr. Yoshio Tsuyu. He has promised to come to club nights to help us with style and technique, which should quickly raise the club's standard.

MEN'S HOCKEY University 6 Aldershot Services 1

On Wednesday the team played Aldershot Services at home. The game was even in the first half, and Aldershot were not allowed to get very far. Sood scored once to put the University one up at the interval. The second half saw some good thrusts from Draysey, Hurst and Birmingham Draysey (2), Sood (3), got the University goals. The defence was quicker than it has been for some time, and if this improvement continues, it should come in very useful for the remaining matches this term.

University 6 Coventry N.W. H.C. 1

The match, played at Coventry, started in heavy rain. Coventry had only ten men, but the University could not take advantage of this until after the interval. There were many missed chances, though mention must be made of the Coventry goalkeeper, who made some fine saves. In the second half the University kept up the pressure. There was a period when the defence slackened, and the Coventry team scored, but after this Birmingham really got going, and scored their goals. Eltringham (2), Sood (2) and Phillips (2) were the University scorers. Draysey was unlucky to have a shot deflected out after he had completed a fine run down the field.

Golfers victorious

Liverpool Univ. 3½
Birmingham Univ. 8½

THIS match was played over the beautiful and lengthy Royal Birkdale Course, Southport, and resulted in one of the largest University wins to date.

Of the foursomes, three were won and one lost. Lifton and Duff stormed to a great 6/5 victory, due to fine putting on the lightning fast greens. The Stockwell-Holland and Jones—Chapple combinations were also successful, but Tait and Jowle found the greens tricky and the rough thick.

In the singles, we obtained 5½ points for, and 2½ against. Lifton, Tait, Holland and Chapple all had good wins; the last two particularly deserve mention as they had come in as reserves. Duff, who had been promoted to second in the team order, had a hard fought battle, but managed to retain his unbeaten singles record with a halved game. Stockwell, with an infected throat, won by 3/1, but Jones and Jowle went down by 4/2 and 1 down respectively.

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Weight-lifting

THE scene was a disused slaughter-house somewhere in Selly Oak. The members of the Selly Oak strength-lifting team were not as humble as their surroundings, however, and defeated the University team by a margin of 157lbs. The lifts were the curl, the bench-press and the squat.

University: Staples, 125lbs., 200lbs., 220lbs.; Roche, 120lbs., 195lbs., 310lbs.—Total 1,180lbs. Selly Oak: Parker, 135lbs., 240lbs., 300lbs.; Green, 130lbs., 250lbs., 375lbs.—Total 1,430lbs. The University received an allowance of 93lbs.

On Saturday some of the club members held a light-hearted contest in some of the more unusual lifts. The final result was a tie between Howard Payne and Peter Staples.

Lacrosse

THE Lacrosse Team played its last official match of the season on Saturday, when it defeated Birmingham Ladies by 8-1.

It was raining and the pitch was under water, but even so, 20 players turned up, 11 of whom belonged to the University. We decided, therefore, to play a 10-a-side game. Birmingham Ladies were a little put out by the swamped conditions, but once soaked through, the players began to enjoy themselves. The only goal shot for Birmingham Ladies was scored by the player we had lent them. Of the University's goals, three were shot by Philida Sampson, whom we will certainly miss next season after depending on her for six years. Other goals were shot by S. Andrews 2, S. Ward 2 and R. Hillier 1.

Sailing

IN their match against Queen Mary College, London, at the Welsh Harp, the University lost by 35½ to 43½. D. Tipper, continuing on form, sailed well to win the second race. J. Welch has improved much and should do well in future matches.

The University was again handicapped by sailing away from home, and when we can hold matches in Birmingham we should avenge this and other defeats.

Next week-end club members will be competing for the Raymond Rastall Trophy, a memorial to the late R. Rastall, whose great enthusiasm was instrumental in the initial success of the Sailing Association.

Elec. Eng. sport

THE soccer team has been entered for the Inter-Faculty League for the first time this year. To date it has only lost one match, that, being against the Civil Engineers at the start of the season. In the last two games we have beaten Commerce (4-1) and History (7-4).

The rugby team has also been a credit to the department although few games have been played. The club record is even better than that of the soccer team for, at the time of writing, we are unbeaten. Last Wednesday the side visited Hall where they soundly beat their hosts by 19-0. This result was all the more pleasing as we had a soccer team playing on the same day.

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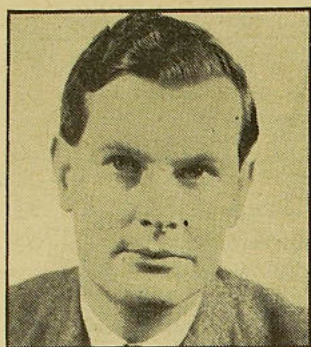
PROFILES

A GOOD President is a rare bird; in fact, the species is almost extinct. His qualities must be manifold, and it would be impossible to enumerate them all.

It can, however, be said that some of the essentials are selflessness towards the Guild (even in the face of ingratitude), unbounding energy, personal charm, a flair for handling Council and committees in an unruffled and democratic way, and not least, an ability to avoid antagonising members of the Guild. These very elusive qualities were seen last year when A. L. Revell, the darling of the Med. School and "Wall Newspaper," held office.

His selflessness was, and still is, never in doubt. As his successor said last Friday night in bestowing Honorary Life Membership of the Guild upon him, he will soon have completed four years of office on Exec. In his first year he was elected to Council and won the award of Fresher of the Year. In successive years he served the Guild as its Treasurer, Secretary, President, and is now ex-officio on Exec.

He has won universal respect for his devotion to Guild affairs, and for his tact and good sense, without his ever having ceded to the present cult of the personality. Perhaps the primary example of this is when he has quietly complained to me that



TONY REVELL

people are forever asking who he is. His charm goes without saying. His imposing height (no-one has ever quite reached the top to measure, so we must take his word for it that he is 6ft. 6ins) and dignity (could it be that his old vac. job as front-of-house manager in an Eastbourne theatre taught him to wear tails with such aplomb?) served him well as President, and his talent for entertaining brought the Guild many new friends, as well as consolidated the old. We hope to see him with us for some time yet, and perhaps may again be delighted by his revue act, "Why am I always the fairy?"

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JEAN BIRRELL

Not wishing to imply that Jean Birrell was type cast, she nonetheless shares with Henry VIII, whom she represented in the Valentine Debate, the good fortune of knowing what she wants and the ability to go out and get it. Even though she reads History, she combines subtlety and understanding with being completely down to earth and practical; she is indeed far more interested in Twentieth Century Urban Development than the spirit of the Medieval Church.

Jean has no desire to be in the limelight. Reluctantly she agreed to speak in the History Debating Society debate, but demonstrated, while arguing logically and historically about the resistance of national character, her national character, her spontaneous wit, precision, and complete mastery of the situation. The chairman, moreover, after she had given some facts and figures, pointed out to the Gentlemen of the Opposition that Miss Birrell had statistics on her side. That success was speedily followed by two more, and we urge Debating Society to give her no opportunity to slip through their fingers.

The horror of a photograph in "Guild News" would have been too much to bear, Jean thought, had it not been for the fact that she would herself be well away from Birmingham on a history course. A.N.F.

Ed. St. Column

AFTER five appeals to the Vice-Chancellor and 15 raids on the Women's Common Room our carpet has been returned to its usual habitat where it is once more absorbing coffee and rain (are we really equipped to survive the elements for another two years). We can only hope that next time an important occasion at the Union requires its presence, a swifter return will be guaranteed. For, as one Ed. Streeter remarked as he carefully prised his foot from between two floorboards, "I'm not used to living in squalor."

A sudden tendency towards academic exertion appears to have gripped the majority; authorities are most disturbed by the number of people finding it necessary to install themselves on a shelf in the library; the Mermaid, too, seems to have increased in popularity. There is a reason — "Eleven weeks to go," remarked one between two sips of cider. "Half an hour left," gasped another opening a book of French grammar. The wreckage cast up from the wreckage of a German prose has been silently descending the stairs. The tension will soon be over however, and with it the term—so there will unfortunately be no record of post-examination activity which might, at last, have provided an interesting report. We must not forget to mention those who, on Fridays, seek order out of chaos, muttering, as if in consolation "Non illigitimis carberendum."

We hear that necessity is compelling some to remain in the archives of knowledge over the vac. Others are bound for warmer climes; to these we wish prosperous journeying, increasing knowledge and the ability to return intact.

P.S.: Reply of chemist when analysing Pounders' Room coffee six years ago—"Your horse has diabetes, sir."—Mary, take note!

"Daily Mirror Cup"

Only 18 entries were received from the "Daily Mirror" student newspaper competition. Although this is less than last year it may be attributed to the exclusion of news sheets and magazines from entry for the competition. The present holder of the cup is "Gongster," of Nottingham.

JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE

The N.U.S. Student Journalists' Conference opens on April 13. The conference this year is based on the idea of giving the student journalist authoritative technical assistance in as many fields of newspaper production as is possible in the time available.

Discussion groups will be held on the business management of a newspaper and general problems of bringing out a student newspaper or magazine.

The conference will be addressed on April 15 by Mr. Aller Hutt, chief sub-editor of the "Daily Worker," and who also edits the National Union of Journalists' newspaper "The Journalist."

Other speakers at the conference will include the Foreign Editor of the "Observer," Mr. Ronald Harker, the co-editor of the "Encounter," Mr. Melvin J. Lasky, and Miss Sue Cooper, of the "Sunday Times."

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POYNTOR 1959

"POYNTOR," the magazine of the Poynting Physical Society, this term presents a varied selection of articles.

The annual social, held in December last, is reviewed and also the edition includes a post mortem on Carnival, 1958.

On the purely academic side, Dr. G. W. Hutchinson has contributed an article on Research in High Energy Physics. Gillian Gomerz's article on Science at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth in Israel, deals among other things with research into the distillation of oil.

M. J. Bainbridge Turner's report of 1958 Congress of the Ancient Order of Nine Men's Morris Exponents or an "Introduction to a Pastime of Our Forefathers" presents Chess in a new light.

"Poyntor" also includes an article on "Roses," by P. W. Cutts, and M. E. Bower describes a Musical Entente.

YOU AND THE N.U.S.

It occurred to me whilst writing the other articles in this series that you would like to know what the N.U.S. has to offer in the way of facilities. Those of you who know where the N.U.S. notices are placed in the Union at Guild Club will already be familiar with the notices about vacation work, but for those who don't know about our publicity, here is a resume of the facilities which membership of the N.U.S. gives you.

To start with there are the financial concessions made by certain national and local stores, discounts from 2½ to 15 per cent. are given by firms which specialise in sporting equipment, books, gramophone records, etc., etc. A full list is impossible here but if you look at the concessions notice you will find details. To avail yourself of this useful financial saving you have only to produce your N.U.S. International membership card at the store concerned and you get the discount. The N.U.S. card can be obtained at steward's office, Union or Guild Club, on production of the Guild Membership card.

Vacation work is something which occupies the minds of a large number of students and here again the N.U.S. offers a service. Twice a month notification is given in the form of

printed sheets of jobs which the central office has found for you. During the long vac., work is provided in farm camps organised by the N.U.S., and there is an agreement with certain canning factories to take students. You can use these facilities on the notice board but if you find your queries answered by the information played you can write to A. F. B. Vac. Work Sec., The Union, who help you in every way possible.

If you are going abroad, you can again be of assistance. You make use of the Cheap Travel arrangements of the charter etc., and a splendid publication, the "Long Vacation" is obtainable free from me. This booklet gives general information of special interest. Again, these details advertised on the notice board, further information can be obtained from R. E. Taylor, Travel Sec., The Union.

This concludes what I have written about the N.U.S., but as you realise, I have by no means covered every facet of the organisation, has not been room—but I have to give a general picture of what the N.U.S. is, what its policies are, what it offers to its members. It is anything which has not been with in sufficient detail for you will be pleased to fill in the gaps, he writes to me.

STAFF-STUDENT MEETING

Ed. Street was the scene of another successful attempt to strengthen staff-student relations when, on Monday, March 2, the Committee of the Cercle Francais organised a tea party between the staff and students of the French Department. This meeting, held in Founder's Room, was attended by some 70 students, including several members of the Education Department who are generally referred to as the Fourth Year.

In a very informal atmosphere, the French staff were able to meet the students to whom they lecture, but with whom they rarely come into contact socially. They readily took the opportunity afforded to them by this meeting. A friendly atmosphere prevailed and everyone welcomed the further strengthening of the friendly relations that already exist in the Department. Any move to strengthen staff-student relations is a good one, and other University Societies might well like to follow.

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