

GUILD NEWS

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The Guild of Undergraduates—University of Birmingham

GOSS TOPS THE POLL

THE Guild last week elected its first non-Executive President for nearly 10 years in Tony Goss, a second-year Chemical Engineer who was last year's Freshman of the Year. Another long-standing tradition was broken in the election as Tony Goss is the first undergraduate President to be elected since W. Bishop in 1954. If any of the other three candidates had been elected, the tradition of a post-graduate or research President would have been continued, but in this election tradition was swept aside by the "wind of change."

The poll of just over 1,200 was a slight increase on last year's, and represented approximately a third of the Guild membership.

Tony Goss almost polled 50 per cent. of the votes but did not quite achieve an overall majority.

The final figures were:—Goss 597, King 312, Rastall 187, Sutton 125.

It is noticeable that the only Executive candidate, Guy Rastall, polled relatively few votes while Brian King, an avowedly 'Radical' candidate was a clear second: further proof of the "wind of change" blowing through the Guild.

Tony Goss was the only Science candidate and of his three opponents, two "artists" and one lawyer, two came from the traditional graveyard of Guild politics—Ed. Street. The fact that the two Ed. St. candidates

received a total of 437 votes may prove that the proposed move to Edgbaston has shaken the Arts and Law Faculties out of their lethargy.



ROGER TILEY.
(Photo: Dolphin)

"PEN"-SIVE POETRY

Here's the sad tale of a miner named Black,
An appropriate name—but he never was "slack."
He'd delved so much—his degree was in sight,
But in his exam, just nothing went right.
The question in question said, 'State, and then draw,
The type of coal found at Raykitsum Moor.'
Now Black had a pen of doubtful repute
And just at this stage it decided to shoot
Great blobs of ink all over his page—
Poor Black! He sat there in demoralised rage!!
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COUNCIL CRUSHES CARNIVAL

Committee Resigns

NEXT Session's Carnival will be in June. This was finally decided at the meeting of Guild Council last week, at which, after a tense debate, it was decided to accept the "formal request" of the University Council to change the date of Carnival from October to the post-examination period. Immediately after the decision was announced, Mr. Roger Tiley, recently elected Carnival Chairman, announced the resignation of himself and his Committee.

Last term Guild Council discussed the Carnival issue at great length and in a memorandum to the University Senate outlined its objections to a summer Carnival and the points in favour of an autumn one. The Senate, however, passed a resolution in favour of a June Carnival and this has been endorsed by the University Council.

After the President had communicated the University's request to Guild Council, Mr. Andrew Bennett proposed a motion "That Council notes the request of the University Council to change the date of Carnival, but feels that the arguments in favour of changing it from October to June are not strong enough to warrant a change of date."

Motion defeated

IN proposing his motion Mr. Bennett stated that Guild Council had clearly expressed a wish to keep Carnival in October and that it should now do all it possibly could to make this clear. We should only accept the University's case under pressure.

In opposition Mr. W. G. Rastall said that Council had now done all it could and that the request was in fact "pressure." Mr. Brian Stacey then said that Council should wait for a clear directive and should make it plain that it is the University's decision and that we have had no part in it.

Council then went into closed session for the rest of the debate and Mr. Bennett's motion was defeated. Guild Council therefore formally accepted the request of the University Council.

Resignations

IMMEDIATELY after this decision Mr. Roger Tiley, Carnival Chairman 1960-1, announced the decision of his Committee to resign as they did not at present feel able to organise a June Carnival. During the last week Mr. Tiley has made the following statement on behalf of his Committee for publication in "Guild News":

"Members of Carnival Committee would like to record that we deplore the action of the University Council in recommending to Guild Council that the date of Carnival be changed from October to June. We believe that the University's arguments are not sufficient to warrant this change and that the advantages of an October Carnival far outweigh those of one in June. On these grounds we consider that Guild Council should have pressed far more strongly for the retention of an autumn Carnival and not acquiesced so readily to the request of the University Council.

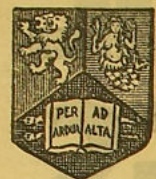
Closed Session

"FURTHERMORE, we deplore the action of the President, Mr. M. J. Stanley, in declaring Council in closed session while this subject was debated. Such a matter affects the student body as a whole, and, therefore, all the relevant arguments used to persuade Council to take the course it did should have been made known in open session.

In the circumstances we have resigned our positions, because the Committee as it stood could not have fulfilled its obligations and also because we wish to register our protest against this regrettable decision."

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:
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A June Carnival

WE have a June Carnival, whether we like it or not. How bad is it? Is it really such a tragedy? The answer is no. It sets a challenge, a chance to give Carnival a new look, brighten it up, set it alight, possibly even get us a record total.

During the last few years the Car Competition, and the processions have gone on bringing in the money, amusing few, and boring many. Each year fewer students have taken part. Slowly the entertainments have fallen off, or have been badly attended.

First to go was Carnival Review, then the Midnight Matinee, the Jazz Concert, The Dance at the Tower Ballrooms, and even the Old-Tyme Dance, while the two new functions, the Charity Concert, and The International Evening flopped. Even stunts appear in the same old fountain setting, with nothing really new, or startling about them.

With such a picture one might wonder why we have a Carnival at all. For any one who has seen where the money goes, and the good it does, this is a pointless question. We must go on raising the money and continuing the work, but let's make it entertaining.

A change to June may be just the thing. Within seconds, new ideas for entertainments come flashing to mind, and while many may prove impractical, some must surely be worth while. A Festival Cricket match, a Barbecue, an Open-Air Review, fireworks, etc. A little co-operation with the Civic Authorities, and we could make wonderful use of one of the city's parks (somewhat similar to the Tulip Festival, but original).

The final Carnival Procession could be torch-lit through the city and out into a park to end with dancing and fireworks. Small stunts could be put on outside pubs in the evenings, making the pub crawls for money a bit more amusing.

A boat or raft race on the Avon, at Stratford, the week-end before Carnival could be great entertainment, and another money spinner.

I need hardly go on, any student can in a few seconds dream up hundreds of new ideas. One hopes that stunts will also improve, since freshers will know their way around Birmingham better, and may thus have more idea how to amuse, or destroy it.

So far we have looked on the bright side; the dull side is the problem of organisation. One might think, since the University forced us to change, that parallel to the diploma course for Guild Presidents, they could run a diploma course in Carnival Organisation and Administration.

This is hardly likely, even though running Carnival is easily equal to running a small industrial firm. The difficulties can, however, be overcome. Most of the planning could be done six months in advance (long before exams) and provided one or two members of the committee don't have summer exams the last-minute arrangements can be handled.

Thus, as soon as the exams are over, the fun can begin. The only problem will be to make everyone think Carnival is going to be terrific, so that no one will slip off home after the exams. Finally a few faithfuls will have to stay up after term ends to clear up.

Having only put a few ideas forward to show that it may not be as bad as we first think, it appears to be no use trying to oppose the University (a few of us have tried for years and have never got anywhere); similarly neither pleas nor means have any effect, so let's turn all our efforts into making Carnival June 1961 a really successful one, a record. **A.F.B.**

PRESS POST

VOTES FOR ALL!

Sir.—Whilst wholeheartedly and without reservation congratulating the new President on his election, we, the Committee of the University Liberal Society, feel obliged to draw the attention of members to the shortcomings of an electoral system which, like that of the country, hardly reflects the wishes of the majority of the electors and which most frequently distorts them. The clauses in the Guild Constitution relating to the Presidential elections are in need of drastic and immediate amendment.

Liberals have always advocated a system of election by which the elector is able to cast an alternative vote, whereby it would be impossible to elect a President on a minority vote. Mr. Goss's election, on a vote of 597, is an anomaly when we consider the 647 votes cast against him.

Furthermore, it should be noted that: (1) A candidate from a well-integrated department starts with a formidable advantage; and (2) That a considerable number of students are, owing to their courses, abroad during the summer term and thereby disenfranchised in the Presidential elections in the absence of adequate provision for them to express their wishes. Thanks to the forthcoming move we have seen happily the last of the injustice of a system, hitherto grossly overbalanced in favour of candidates from Edgbaston.

We therefore take leave to urge an impartial and thorough revision of the Constitution in the interests of truly representative elections.

LIONEL A. KING
Chairman Elect Lib. Soc.

[Editor's Footnote: Mr. King's attention is drawn to Section 8 (7) of the Bye-Laws: "Members who, by reason of the demands of their University academic course, will be unable to attend a polling station on the Election day, may cast their votes by post under the conditions established in this Sub-section."]

CLARIFICATION POINT OF

Sir.—Though a more realistic reassessment of D. Vir's letter on Mr. Piper's articles must await a deeper understanding of it, we nevertheless venture the following comments.

It seems to us that the danger to be avoided is not so much that of metaphysical abstraction consequent on a static approximation to an essentially dynamic situation, but rather of a tautologous treatment of what is surely in esse heterogeneous.

The proposed panacea, sublimation of the libido by involvement in the herd activities of Union-sponsored sex, religion and politics—an echo, if you like, of Levy-Bruhl's "loi de participation," reveals itself as an emergence of a sadly outmoded Weltanschauung.

Treated from the standpoint of Hegelian dialectic we may see thesis in the antinomy between Laplace's mechanistic determinism and the anti-szygous Marx-Engels concept of the quantity-quality relationship, antithesis in Vir's psycho-socio-economic framework.

The key idea of our proposed synthesis is to see the problem as merely a confusion of the logical categories of the qualifiers of the object-language. Rather, we must talk in terms of Khornyakov's "Sobornost" or Berdyaev's creative ethics to be realised, with Heidegger, in the

"in-der-Welt-sein"—a truly existential scholasticism. This reformulation indicates, if you like, the pseudo-character of the problem. We haven't read Mr. Piper's article anyway.

J. J. PATON
J. S. DOWKER.

METAPHYSICAL EXERCISE

Sir.—I was unable to decide whether Mr. Vir's letter was all a joke or whether he was really one of those "intellectuals" we hear so much about.

According to him "the danger to be avoided is an abstract consideration—a metaphysical exercise, if you like to put it that way," but unfortunately he doesn't seem to regard this as applying to himself. I challenge Mr. Vir, or anyone else, to translate the following paragraph into English prose that makes more than a most trivially obvious assertion:

"Apathy is a vector characteristic; dialectically, its processes must possess its twin attributes of direction and degree. That fictitious and yet not so fictitious entity, the student community, is not apathetic towards each and everything, nor is it equally alive to all aspects of life it does care about."

Perhaps all this is due to Mr. Vir's being, as he says, "a foreigner, anyway."

Apart from Mr. Vir's metaphysics, I think that there is a weak point in the arguments so far put forward about apathy. Mr. Piper and Mr. Vir, alike assume that if students are not falling over each other to attend political meetings or pushing themselves on to committees or discussing the social sickness of our age, they are "apathetic."

I cannot myself see why these sorts of things are so enormously valuable. No doubt, for instance, Mr. Piper would take the traditionally laudatory attitude towards undergraduate "putting the world to rights" at 2 a.m. or so. I would regard it as mildly pleasant but pointless.

Perhaps Mr. Piper is right in supposing that students ought to be stimulated into clarifying their position. But this problem is quite unconnected with what

I take him to mean by the problem of "apathy."

The problem of apathy concerns social participation on the grand scale—i.e. in University Societies and what not. It does NOT concern these little things which he has mentioned. I fail to see how he can have the slightest evidence for his assertions whatever, since he cannot be acquainted with the behaviour of more than a tiny part of the university's community EXCEPT in university societies. We may consider Mr. Piper's views on how people OUGHT to behave in private, but we must dismiss any of his assertions about how they DO behave (apathetically or otherwise) as mere conjecture. With regard to how people OUGHT to behave in private, I have already mentioned my lack of sympathy with Mr. Piper. In the case of university society behaviour, we must grant Mr. Piper's title to generalise. But here again I am not sure that I agree with Mr. Piper's views on how students SHOULD behave. Is lack of enthusiasm for public affairs such an evil thing?

There are people, and I am almost one of them, who believe that University "affairs" are rather petty and that those who discuss them are, at best, a little naive. I do not believe that Mr. Piper is naive, but I wish he wouldn't take it to people like me are "dead from the neck up" just because we don't make a point of telling everyone we are not.

T. GOODRICH
Philosophy II.

ENDORSEMENT

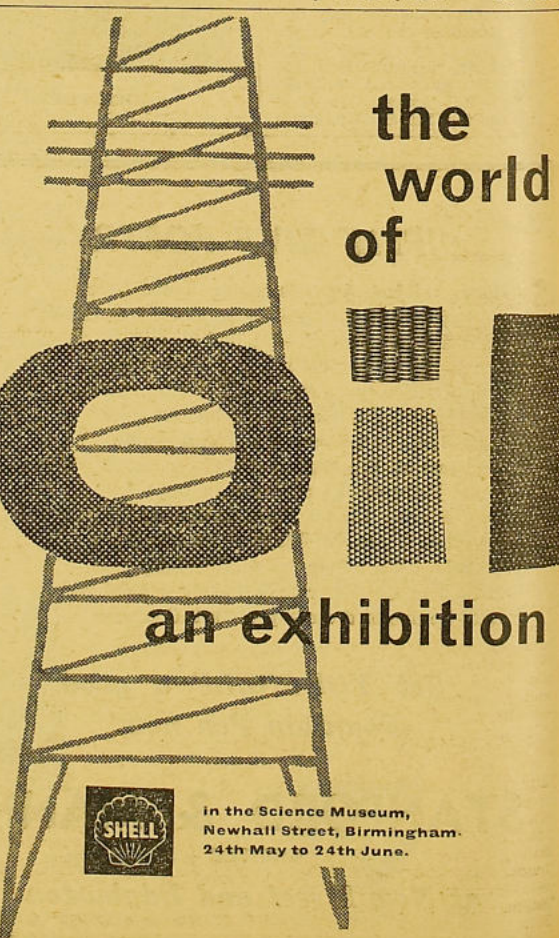
Sir.—I would like to endorse Andy Bennett's opinions with respect to the prospects of a June Carnival. Many people have thought that the time for a "Carnival Reappraisal" is due, and now the opportunity has been presented.

For many years, Carnival has been viewed as a time for student festivities and enjoyment rather than a concerted effort to collect money to aid people less fortunate than ourselves. I feel that if this latter objective is accepted by the student body, the enjoyment which is invariably present, may be accepted with a clear conscience, and greater effort given to the job of raising money.

I therefore trust that the new form of Carnival envisaged will receive full support and continue the good example set in previous years.

R. TILLY.

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OUR CURRENT DILEMMA

by Brian Piper

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

HAVING looked at the symptoms and tried to seek some of the causes within the University, let us now look at the University within the general social setting and see how far it influences and is influenced by its environment. Is the University still a remote ivory tower or is it vitally concerned with the issues in the market place, as Mr. David Eversley put it last term to The New Thinkers?

First a few obvious facts, this is an age of rapid technological development, unprecedented material well-being and greater equality of educational opportunity. It is also a time of what might be called "mass-thinking," when more and more we think and work in terms of large units and homogeneous components. Large industrial concerns and unions, large insurance companies, state ownership and large-scale welfare legislation, global military strategy and better communications and mass media, have combined to make this a world both smaller and more complex and with a growing concentration of power in the hands of a few.

Where does University fit into all this? Firstly in the most obvious way in that we are the inheritors of this state of affairs and will be expected to play our part in maintaining, building or re-shaping it (depending on how you regard it). Secondly the attitudes and developments which led to this have also affected the university.

To maintain our place as one of the top (sic) nations, we must keep up with technological progress, so everyone wants scientists and engineers and quickly. Research is essential so industry and Government supply the money and university once more responds to the tune. The educational system supplies an increasing number of able young people capable of benefiting from University education, so university expands yet more to meet the need as these youngsters are badly wanted in

industry. Thus we have a university heavily weighted on the scientific side (not altogether avoidable, admittedly), with learning being crammed in at top pressure and only lip-service paid to the broadening benefits of university education.

I referred to the educational system and material well-being. The combination of these two factors has given a great incentive to the ambitious, hitherto denied their opportunities, to climb up the social scale.

The "first generation grammar school children" are now well-established in university circles and this fact in itself could take a column to develop. They are the children of working-class parents who will be educated out of their environment, by-pass the social ladder and end up as middle-class professionals and senior executives.

They will leave a group of people being increasingly denuded of its leadership and intelligentsia and in danger of becoming the plaything of mass-advertising and petty bureaucrats. (Forgive me if I seem to exaggerate, but Vance Packard and trade union leaders will tell a similar tale).

The emancipated off-springs will dig themselves in in their new environment and set about carving themselves a good career. This career-mindedness has also affected their new neighbours and the lady of leisure is now a comparative rarity with a resultant fall in the number of enthusiastic charity bazaar organisers. Bit off the point? Not really, because what I'm saying is that at the same time that the working-classes are being deprived of those who would lead them in a fight for decency, security and dignity; those who in time past made it their business to take an interest in their needs, are also looking elsewhere.

Whatever the State may legislate, there will always be a need for people to spend time helping others, visiting the old and sick, helping to administer charitable trusts, running youth clubs and voluntary organisations like Red Cross, W.V.S., Cancer Relief, Infantile Paralysis Fellowship and hundreds more.

We are the inheritors of this torch of compassion, the Good Samaritans of the 1960's, for who else has the time and the ability to hold down a job and undertake something else in their spare time? But none of this is ever mentioned in University circles, except for the occasional still, small voice or the Social Studies Dept. (This may sound a bit pompous, but ponder possible alternatives).

Perhaps here again I am overstating a little, but in my own experience this has been only too true and it seems to me that having been given our opportunity here, we must make the most of it and give back as much as we can when we leave. Not only within the narrow confines of our job, which to an increasing extent is being found within one of the aforementioned large industrial concerns, but also in public service of the sort which has enriched the lives of our predecessors.

If done in a genuine spirit of

The Rhinoceros Man

NO contemporary dramatist has aroused more furious criticism or more unqualified enthusiasm than Eugene Ionesco, author of "Rhinoceros" and other plays. Donald Watson's talk on "The Anti-Meaning of Ionesco," delivered recently to the Cercle Francais, did a great deal to disperse prejudice and helped those present towards making a serious evaluation of the work of this highly original writer.

Surveying the plays in the order in which they appeared, Mr. Watson discerned three distinct phases of Ionesco's development. The earlier plays such as "The Bald Prima Donna" were primarily experimental, and Mr. Watson stressed that the revolution they effected was not of content but of form. They lacked conventional "meanings" because Ionesco stands for a renewal of dramatic techniques and not the expression of a philosophy. He writes plays, not political pamphlets.

Experiment and protest link these plays with the second group, such as "Victim of Duty," which express personal hopes and fears and are more concerned with content. This trend continues until finally, in "Rhinoceros," he treats society and Man in general in a conventional four-act framework.

Mr. Watson concluded his talk with an assessment of the significance of Ionesco's revolt. By numerous quotations Mr. Watson succeeded in conveying the flavour of a Ionesco play, and convinced the Cercle Francais that this author should not be summarily dismissed but has a serious contribution to make to the theatre.

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you are
probably witty,
charming, athletic,
large-minded,
learned, halfway
to a halo...

(Or, of course, you
may be just an ordinary,
perishable slob
who wants to know
what's going on.)

BLADER JOINS STANLEY ON N.U.S. EXEC.

FOR the Birmingham delegation, the most outstanding result of an uneventful Council dogged by cumbersome procedural motions, was the election to the Executive of Mike Stanley as Treasurer and Fred Blader as Vice-President. The tense, close elections were the culmination of hard work by both; by the former in enlivening proceedings; by the latter in keeping them moving and to the point.

Delegates arrived on Wednesday, April 6th, to a reception in the extra-ordinary Newcastle Hall of Residence, a bungalow housing 500 students. Some 200 motions were crowded into 3½ days with a dance and parties. Business was dealt with in eight sessions, one of which went on until 3 a.m.

Little real progress was made. Grants cannot be reconsidered until the long-awaited Anderson Report is published, and it is known what note has been taken of the N.U.S. suggestions. Debates on such subjects become congealed with petty individual grievances.

The attitude to South Africa was reiterated, but the idea of a selective boycott had to be abandoned on legal advice. It seems that firms involved would be able to sue for great sums, under a Restriction of Trades Act, if their name were publicly "black-listed". Individual boycotting, however, is still encouraged. Some delegates apparently inspected the refectory dustbins to ensure that the tinned fruit served was "clean".

Soon after this an awful silence was caused by the announcement of the Verwoerd shooting. This was during a motion on Drama, where we find that little financial help can be given to finalists for the Drama Trophy, as everything depends on the benevolence of the "Sunday Times". The list of vacation jobs continues under difficulties, due to firms discriminating as to whom they take. The Travel Department, on the other hand, flourishes, having this year turned years of deficit into profit.

A lighter note was struck by the



FRED BLADER.

(Photo: Dolphin)

customary speeches from invited foreign observers, ranging from Scotland to New Zealand; and Council ended on a happy note.

It is a pity that so much time is wasted on motions that could have been dispensed with by direct communication with the central office. It is a pity, too, that a strong delegation like Birmingham's, representing some four thousand students, feels that it is speaking for only a few hundred. All students are members of N.U.S., and it can be of great assistance in arranging cheap holidays, vacation jobs, grants, etc. Take an interest!

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BIRMINGHAM AT THE SUMMIT

ON the 16th May, the Chairman of the University Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Miss Barbara Allen, travelled to Paris to lobby the opening of the Four Powers Summit Conference.

She travelled with two other delegates from Birmingham, Mr. L. Harper, a prominent trade union official who is representing the Birmingham Peace Committee, and Max Wallis, a grammar school sixth-former representing the Birmingham Youth Peace Campaign.

At a Press Conference last week Miss Allen said that millions of people all over the world are hoping that at the Summit Conference definite steps will be taken towards disarmament.

The University Summit Appeal is addressed to Messrs. Eisenhower, Macmillan, de Gaulle and Khrushchev and was sponsored by Professor Lancelot Hogben, Professor George Thomson and Dr. J. R. Freeman. It has been circulating within the University during the last week for signatures and donations towards Miss Allen's expenses. It states "We believe that all international differences are secondary to the problem of disarmament. First and foremost the Conference must take decisions to stop all nuclear tests and the manufacture of nuclear weapons and to reduce all armed forces." The appeal makes clear that this should come before a discussion of such topics as Berlin, important as they are.

In Paris Miss Allen hopes to meet the four Heads of State in order to hand over the Appeal and make her views known on behalf of the University Societies and individuals which

BETTER ACTIVE NOW THAN RADIOACTIVE LATER...

THIS Easter witnessed the third anti-H-bomb march organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and as the Tory press was quick to point out, a high proportion of the marchers were students.

The University Branch of the Campaign was represented by about 20 undergraduates and some members of staff, most of whom walked every one of the 53 miles from Falcon's Field, Aldermaston to Trafalgar Square, London.

Among the banners and slogans being displayed were:—"Drink a pint of strontium-90 a day," "Peace or pieces?" "It's better to be active now than radioactive later," and a large drawing of a dinosaur with the caption "Too much armour, too little brain—now he's extinct."

A little over 9,000-strong when it passed the ugly symbols of nuclear insanity at Aldermaston, the March grew in size and heterogeneity every day.

Comments from spectators were profuse, and sometimes even profound. An old lady clipping her hedge looked up and said: "God bless them." A car-driver caught in a traffic congestion caused by the March was heard to remark: "Perhaps it's because they've got more life to lose that there are so many young people on this thing."

One of a group of young men lounging on a corner called out "Some of you look as if the bomb has hit you already." And a retired army officer stood silently at the alert and saluted as the whole March went by.

have given their support. These include the Iranian, Iraqi, Indian and Pakistani Student Societies, the Socialist Union and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

CHEAP SEATS

Four Birmingham Theatres and the Warwickshire County Cricket Club have agreed to make concessions in their prices to members of the Guild who produce a current membership card.

These concessions have been obtained by External Affairs Committee who ask members to use, but not to abuse them. Details vary according to the organisations concerned and the main points are listed below:

At the BIRMINGHAM REP. students can obtain 8s. 6d. seats for 6s.; 7s. 6d. seats for 5s.; and 3s. 6d. balcony seats for 2s., at any performance except Saturday night. Seats cannot be booked in advance and the reductions will only apply if the seats cannot be sold at their full price.

Students must therefore buy their tickets just before the performance begins at 7 p.m. For the Repertory Season only at the ALEXANDRA THEATRE students will receive a reduction of 1s. 6d. on seats from 5s. to 2s. 6d. on the first Monday of each production. On the second Monday and the first and second Tuesday there will be a reduction of 1s. on seats from 5s. to 2s. 6d., and of 6d. on the 2s. seats.

At the HIPPODROME the concession will be for any seat except in the Balcony, on any Monday or Tuesday except Bank Holidays. And at the CRESCENT THEATRE there will be a 2s. reduction on 4s. seats. As this is a private membership theatre tickets must be applied for at least 48 hours before the performance to be attended. Monday and Tuesday are the most suitable days, but productions usually open on a Saturday and run for two weeks.

University of Birmingham Air Squadron DE HAVILLAND FLYING TROPHY

ON the 23rd April, 1960, the Air Squadron flew to R.A.F. Woodvale to compete in the ninth Annual Flying Competition for the De Havilland Trophy. The opponents were the Squadrons from the Universities of Liverpool, Manchester and Queen's, Belfast.

In an extremely close fought competition, Birmingham were narrowly beaten by the small margin of 20 points in a total of 500. The members competing in the Spot Landing Competition were C. A. DAVIES and E. AYNLEY who, under adverse weather conditions and "playing away from home," put up a good show. A fine display of skilful formation flying was presented by J. S. SHEASBY and D. HODGKINSON, and the competition was rounded off by an excellent and precise display of aerobatics given by J. A. MORTON. Good show all of you!

ANNUAL DINNER

THE Squadron's Annual Dinner was held in the Priestley Hall on the 26th April. The speakers were The Rev. Professor G. W. H. Lampe, M.C., M.A., D.D.; Air Marshal Sir Patrick B. Lee Potter, K.B.E., M.D., Q.H.S., Director General of

Entertainment of a sort was provided by the League of Empire Loyalists, who drove up and down the side of the March with a loudspeaker and van forming us that we could not hope to defeat the Chinese hordes.

But nobody ignored us. Nobody could ignore a river of humanity that took over two hours to flow past one spot. And nearly everyone, except the Empire Loyalists, seemed to realise at least what was our main aim—Peace.

UNIVERSITIES POETRY

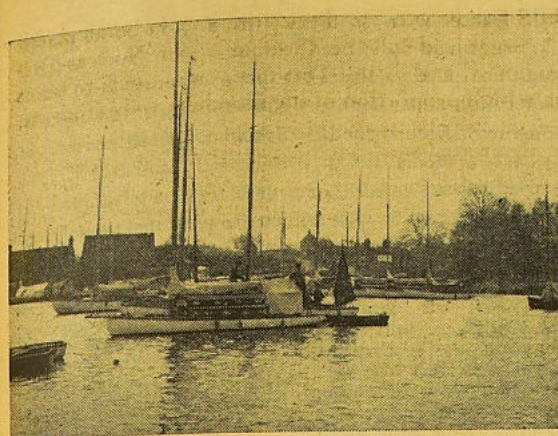
"UNIVERSITIES Poetry" is an attempt to bring together, annually, in one volume, a comprehensive selection of the poetry being written in the Universities of Great Britain by undergraduates.

The first volume was favourably received by the critics and earned for the second, published last October, a grant from the Arts Council of Great Britain. Poems from "Universities Poetry 2" were included in a review of recent poetry on the B.B.C. Third Programme last December; and the Arts Council has promised further support.

"Universities Poetry 3" will be published in October 1960. Poems submitted for consideration should be sent to the Editors of "Universities Poetry 3," Students' Union, University College, Keele, Staffs. Poems are eligible from all full-time students of British and Irish Universities. Manuscripts will be returned only if accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope; the closing date is June 15th, 1960.

A limited number of copies of the first two volumes of "Universities Poetry" are still available and can be obtained from the above address, price 2/- or 2/6 including postage.

WATERBORNE PUB-CRAWL



ONE of the highlights of the week's sailing on the Norfolk Broads this Easter was the gathering which took place on Thursday, 24th March, on Malthorn Broad.

No less than 40 boatloads of Birmingham students converged on to the Broad for a day's sailing followed by a very pleasant evening in the Maltsters' Pub.

This gathering is by way of becoming a tradition, since for the last three years a large number of Birmingham students have spent the first Thursday of the Easter Vacation in or around the Maltsters' Pub at Ranworth. In fact, the week on the Broads is fast becoming the largest Guild activity.



THE LONG HOT SUMMER

No. 2

Improving Public Relations

FINALLY released from the confines of a girls' High School and somewhat tersely awaiting the results of my advanced level examinations before coming to Birmingham, I spent last August in the efficient turmoil of a Public Relations Office.

Whatever the name of public relations may conjure up in the minds of Guild members, it is in fact a highly specified and subtle form of advertising. Its primary object is to promote the name and activities of various firms and organisations into the eyes of the public, mainly through newspapers and magazines. Hence on my first day as a very junior P.R.O., I sat down in front of a weird looking machine (this turned out to be a typewriter) and proceeded to WRITE.

Over the four weeks in which I was working my typing speed improved considerably—having written about a Fiat 600 which travelled to London from Malaya in six weeks, translated articles on Los Angeles harbour from native American into reasonable English, struggled to explain on paper how Rivington carpets should be laid, I then progressed from two fingers to four on the funny black contraption.

Apart from writing, which constitutes the backbone of Public Relations, the work takes diverse forms. For example, in connection with Fiat cars, we had to design their stand for the Motor Show last October, taking into account the number of cars to be on the

TORTOISE ON THE MOVE...

LIKE a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God, brothers we are treading where we've always trod," runs the old parody. Yet there are signs that the tortoise is beginning to stir in the Guild; religion is no longer taboo in the coffee room, and the Christian societies are expected to make the running in an increasing number of causes in the University. (World Refugee Year ends with Christian Aid Week).

Over in St. Francis Hall the dust has been disturbed with the rearrangement of the Chapel to be a collegiate place of worship in the University, and there have been rumblings about Christian Unity and structural alterations in the S.C.M.

Now that the need for a proper chapel in the University is being increasingly recognised, it is encouraging that St. Francis Hall can provide for that need and give the spiritual basis for the new Guild and University community which will develop next year.

Most people are beginning to recognise that liberal education and true humanism need roots in a full-blooded credal Christianity if they are to survive with integrity in our society, and you can't have a Universe or a University (by definition) without God, and the apparatus to acknowledge Him.

The theme of the Guild services this term, at 6.30 p.m. in the Guild Chapel, is "The Church's Mission," in which preachers of wide experience will be speaking of the Church's task in the world today. They include Dr. R. K. Orchard, London Secretary of the International Missionary Council, who is the author of several articles and books on Missionary Education and Strategy, and who has recently returned from a tour of the African continent; Canon Ralph Stevens, Industrial Chaplain in Birmingham, who is also engaged in translating a book by the Czechoslovakian theologian, Professor Hromadka as a sideline.

On May 22nd, Professor Lampe, the Vice-Principal, who will be preaching here for the last time before he goes to the Pews, will speak about the Church's task in the academic community.

On May 29th, the Director of Religious Broadcasting in the Midlands region of the B.B.C., Canon William Purcell, will be speaking about the Mission from his experience.

The Rev. John Mbiti, from Kenya and at present George Cadbury Fellow at Selby, Oak following theological studies in the United States will talk from the standpoint of one of the younger Churches, and the Rev. John Grimwade, Vicar of St. Marks, Smethwick, sometime on the staff of the University Church at Oxford, and at present gaining a growing reputation as a leader in parochial and pastoral reform in a thriving parish, will be here on June 12th and 19th respectively.

For those who want a change from ice-blocks and stimulants, a Seminar on "The Spirit of God" will take place in the Library on four Wednesdays at 5.30 p.m. The first was on May 4th. Daily prayers (at 9.30 a.m. and 5.5 p.m.) and celebrations of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 7.45 a.m. and Thursdays at 12.15 p.m. continue throughout the term.

J.M.J.

BRIDGE COLUMN

Last Week's Problem:—

North

S. A, 7, 2.
H. 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3.
D. A.
C. A, K, Q.

West

S.
H. A, J, 2.
D. 10, 8, 7, 6, 3, 2.
C. J, 7, 5, 3.

East

S. J, 9, 4, 3.
H. K, Q, 9, 7.
D. Q, J, 5.
C. 4.

South

S. K, Q, 10, 8, 6, 5.
H.
D. K, 4.
C. 10, 9, 8, 6, 2.

Declarer South, SIX SPADES to be made; Lead Ace of Hearts.

Before I played from dummy I quickly analysed the hand and saw that if the trumps and the Clubs split adversely I would be in trouble. I ruffed the Heart in hand and attacked the trumps, playing up to dummy's Ace. When West showed out my fears were confirmed. I decided to assume that the Clubs would also be adversely split. I knew that if I extracted the trumps and then played off dummy's top Clubs I would have to use my remaining trump to return to hand, which would mean going one down if the Jack of Clubs did not fall. My one hope was to unblock my Club suit. With this idea in mind I played off dummy's Ace of Diamonds and Ace of Clubs and returned to hand on a trump. I cleared East's two remaining trumps, discarding Queen of Clubs from dummy.

The position was then:—

North

S.
H. 10, 8, 6, 5, 4.
D.
C. K.

West

S.
H. J.
D. 10, 8.
C. J, 7, 5.

East

S.
H. K, Q, 9.
D. Q, J, 9.
C.

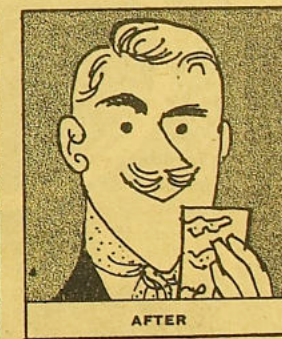
South

S. 8.
H.
D. K.
C. 10, 9, 8, 6.

King of Diamonds was played from South and dummy's King of Clubs discarded. I then played the Ten of Clubs which was taken by West's Jack. West returned a Heart which I ruffed. I was left with three boss Clubs, and the contract was made.

A. NURK-BID.

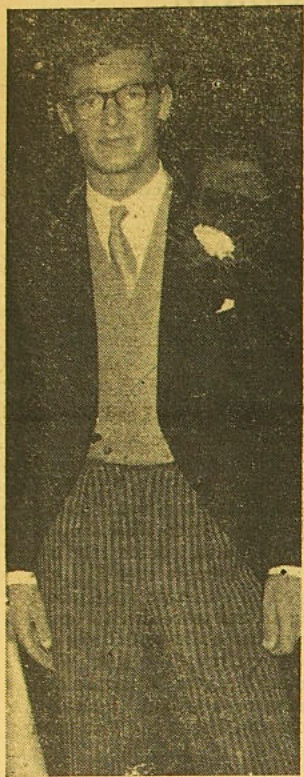
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PROFILE of an ORDINARY MEMBER . . .



By R. H. JAFFA

THE people who run this Guild tend to forget that there are 3,500 other members who are spending at least three years here and it is just as much their Guild as yours and mine. This may appear to verge on pure sentimentality but it is a fact we frequently forget.

His opinions are just as vital though he may often lack the impudence to express them. Our choice was completely random. You may sneer and say: "How can he be typical?" But who is typical? Are you? I asked this question of John Tregenna-Piggott. His reply was "Well, er, I dunno really."

JAFFA: Do you object to being called apathetic?

TREGENNA-PIGGOTT: Depends what the subject is and whether it concerns me personally.

R.H.J.: What does concern you personally?

J.T.P.: Eating, drinking, writing and dancing facilities.

R.H.J.: Then you have strong feelings at and about Hops?

J.T.P.: I think admission rules are too strict. They have been tightened up on account of a few undesirable and so there is a shortage of women, also the six o'clock rule stops you bringing friends in at short notice.

R.H.J.: Are you a sneerer or do you respect those who hold high office in the Guild?

J.T.P.: They've taken it upon themselves to do it and so providing they do it properly I've no particular feelings. It's just a case of not wanting to do it myself. But I do think that people like the Executive take themselves too seriously, which is something that very few ordinary students do. I prefer to do

things as they come up. You could call this sort of existence Bohemian, but that's how I like it.

R.H.J.: What are the outstanding experiences which have happened to you during your three years at Brum?

J.T.P.: The odd orgy, occasional difficulties with the police, usually over my car, but the car fell to pieces so I became a respectable citizen.

R.H.J.: Your final opinion on Birmingham?

J.T.P.: Fun, but you've got to look for it.

IMAGE: A NEW MAGAZINE

THE latest (and perhaps best) undergraduate magazine from Cambridge is "Image", a glossy quarto-sized thing of 36 pages containing five articles and some very good photographs, as well as a few very bad ones.

The Editors tell us it is a photographic magazine, and we are relieved when it turns out not to be one of those papers turning out a weekly re-hash of last week's Tips and Hints; but a magazine intent on giving the

photographer every chance to be an artist.

Teenagers, a profile of a scientist, King's College Chapel, acting, and a feature of "Night-Climbers of Cambridge", are, on the whole, five subjects sufficiently unpretentious to give the contributors a chance to feel their way into a new style.

The photographer has almost a unique opportunity of seeing and showing how life looks, if he can get over the illusion that his work is less arduous than that of the artist in paints. This

MED. SCHOOL COLUMN

SINCE the last edition of reading material reached Med School, a new Guild President has been somewhat noisily elected. The main requisites for this post appear to be a skin of rhinoceros dimensions and the moral courage to survive the Hustings. Around the Med School, we detect murmurs of "Why not a Medic for a Presidential candidate?" The answer of course lies with the grumblers themselves, perhaps next year they will be wise before the event and some future doctor will be resurrected from his textbooks and make the long walk to the Union.

The news has gradually seeped through our walls of the premature demise of Carnival. Yet hardly a voice has been raised amongst the Medics against the virtual and possibly active loss of an event of which we were the perpetrators. Are today's devotees of the vocation so steeped in their work that they have no time in which to consider the passing of a great

institution; or is their unprotesting silence only evidence of a general indifference? It is to be hoped not. Last summer a "funeral service" was held to mourn the transformation of the Union croquet lawn into a pile of bricks and mortar—yet Carnival goes unwept.

Those Medics (and Dentals) who while their days away in the centre of a sweltering Brum, may not be aware that they need not go hungry. Hot snacks are available throughout the day at Simplex House, although, in common with other sources of food which shall go unnamed, it appears that no-one is permitted to feed pangs of hunger after 5 p.m.

M.O.L.

is what the Experimental Film Unit is hoping to show here at Birmingham.

Anyone interested in life or photography and particularly members of or future members of the Film Unit will do well to spend half-an-hour on a copy of "Image". Next edition, June 4th, contact A. Stanley, Experimental Film Unit, E. Street.

E.F.U.

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM RISES TO THE OCCASION

U.A.U. Finalists

THE fine summer weather and the excellent condition of the Nottingham University track combined to help seven Birmingham athletes to achieve personal best performances, and the University to gain second place behind Loughborough in the Midland Area U.A.U. Championships on Saturday.

Dave Horwell continued his recent improvement and returned 2 mins. exactly for the half-mile, with Russ Phillips calling on reserves built up many moons ago to record 2 mins. 4 secs.

Joe Medhurst improved on his previous best in two events, being third in the shot with 42ft. 9ins. (behind Howard Payne, 91ins. with 44ft. 7ins.), and second in the second-string hurdles in 17.6, after Dick Walker had done 16.6 to come third in the premier race.

The University sprinters amassed a good tally of points during the afternoon. Jim Jarvis won the first string 100 and 220 in 10.1 and 21.9, with Terry Gibson first in the second string 100 (10.2), and Phil Eastwood second in the second string 220 (22.7). These three then combined with Humphries to win the relay (43.4).

Humphries ran faster than ever before when he did 50.2 to gain second place in the 440 and Oliff also managed a personal best with 51.9.

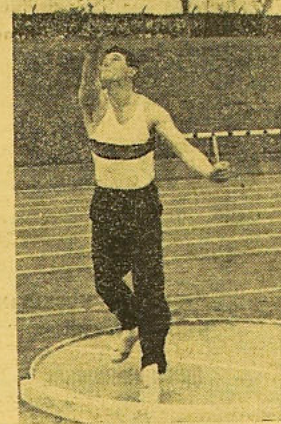
Dai Davies was an easy and impressive winner of the three miles in 15 min. 2.6 sec., while Mike Down, spurred on by ample vocal support and an abundance of vitamin C, beat his previous best by 30 seconds with 15 min. 21.4 secs.

Geoff Hutchings and Claude Williams, both making a welcome return to the team, each gained a second place—Hutchings in the pole vault (10ft. 6in.) and Williams in the high jump (5ft. 10in.).

Norsworthy (20ft. 10in. long jump) and Mendham (159ft. 1in. javelin) both performed above expectation. The match result was:—

1—Loughborough	101 pts.
2—Birmingham	87 pts.
3—Nottingham	65 pts.
4—Leicester	34 pts.
5—North Staffs.	7 pts.

J.J.



JOE MEDHURST, this season's Captain of Athletics, in action at the University Track.

(Photo: Brian Wigginton)

CARNIVAL MAGAZINE

1961

The Editor wishes to announce that contributions for Carnival Magazine should be submitted to him at contributors' earliest convenience via Carnival Pigeon Hole.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORT

CHEMISTRY STREETS AHEAD

A Winter round-up by Ray Heitzman

HAVING left the cold winter months behind and facing now the long warm summer days and stress of exams, it might be worthwhile looking back to see what happened in Inter-Departmental sport during the past two terms.

Chemistry, as always, are way ahead in the Inter-Dept. Cup competition. They were champions at soccer, squash, badminton and won the rugby sevens again. In the other sports they were always runners-up, except for basketball (3rd).

Elec. Eng. are to be congratulated on producing such a fine performance at rugby. Their strength lay in their pack and, thanks mainly to this fact, they beat everyone they played in the league.

Basketball provided the keenest competition and the Iranians, Maths, Chem. Eng. and Chemistry fought it out for the championship. Many of the key players were decided by as little as one point. In the knock-out competition, Chem. Eng., inspired by their pivot, won through by beating Chemistry in the final.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BASKETBALL

First Division—final placings

	P. W. L. Pts.
Iranians	7 6 1 12
Maths	7 5 2 10
Chemistry	7 4 3 8
Chem. Eng.	7 4 3 8
Phys. Ed.	7 3 4 6
Metallurgy	7 3 4 6
Staff	7 3 4 6
Civ. Eng.	0 7 0 0

The finals of the table-tennis and soccer knockouts will be held later this term. Also during this term several new sports will be handled by Inter-Departmental Sport—namely lawn tennis (men and women), volleyball (men) and a relay swimming match on Sports Day

(June 29th). A cup will be presented to the department that wins the swimming match.

With Sports Day not so far away it is hoped that as many people as possible will enter the Inter-Departmental athletic events. If you can run 100 yards in under 12 secs., 440 yards in a minute, high jump 4ft. 10in. or throw a javelin 100 feet, then you stand a good chance in any of these events. The athletic club members are not allowed to compete and so the standards will be within the reach of most students.

Inter-Departmental Positions—to date:

The following competitions have now been completed: The rugby, soccer, basketball, badminton and squash leagues, and the rugby, basketball and netball knockout tournaments. Chemistry 48; pts. Chem. Eng. 12, Elec. Eng. 11; Physics 9; Commerce 9, Dentistry 9, Iranians 7, Phys. Ed. 6, Chan. Hall 5; Maths 5, Civ. Eng. 5, Medics 4, Law 4, Mech. Eng. 3; Metallurgy 3, Arabs 2, Spanish 2, Biology 2, Manor House 1; Pre-Clin. 1; Mining 1. Biochemistry, Classics, English, Education, Geography, Geology, History, Staff, Music, French and Chad Hill have yet to score.

ROWING

TRIUMPH AT BURTON REGATTA

from our Rowing Correspondent

AS a result of a variety of diseases and breakages the first crew had to withdraw from the initial event of the season, the Head of the Trent race at Nottingham.

Only three crews were entered therefore instead of the usual four, and out of thirty crews the University finished 8th, 12th and 25th.

On May 7th, two crews were entered for the U.A.U. regatta, also held at Nottingham. The first IV beat Glasgow University easily in the first heat by an impressive piece of rowing, but they lost in the semi-final, after a very close race, to the University College of North Wales, who went on to win the final. The Second IV lost in the first heat to Manchester University by 1½ lengths and Manchester went on to win the final for Second IVs.

On May 14th, despite the illness of the Second IV's stroke, two crews were entered for Burton Regatta. The Second IV, rowing as a Maiden crew, beat Becket School but lost to Nottingham University by under half a length. The First IV, rowing as a Junior-Senior IV, beat Loughborough in the first heat by two lengths, Nottingham and Union in the semi-final by the same margin, and then defeated Trent Rowing Club in the final easily to win the Burman Trophy and Cooper's Plate. These were three rows of first-class standard.

Results have been very promising so far and the hopes of the Club are focused on the more important regattas on the Thames later on. It is hoped that a new boat-house will eventually be built for the Rowing Club, but this will not solve the two main problems: first, the difficulty of training properly on a relatively small reservoir, and second and more important, the absence of coaches.

The Rev. Keith Wilkes and David Gibb have coached on several occasions and it is hoped that Mr. B. U. Brooke of the Faculty of Medicine will be able to coach later on; but without regular coaching it is impossible

to achieve a full measure of success.

The crews for the rest of the season will be:—

First IV: Bow, B. G. Payne; I. C. Gardiner; A. N. F. Bellamy; Stroke, B. J. Vien; Cox, J. Sadler.

Second IV: Bow, W. D. Box; P. Davey; J. MacArtney-Floogate; Stroke, J. Firth; Cox, B. G. Beatty.

WEIGHT-LIFTING

Three-sided match

TAKING part in the rare phenomenon, a three-sided match last Saturday, the University team came second to Sheffield University with Liverpool in third place. All the teams lifted well, but a member of the Liverpool side unfortunately missed a lift completely and this prevented any strong challenge to the other teams.

Each of the University's lifters did well without being outstanding. The most impressive lifters were, without a doubt, those from Sheffield. Hickman, the captain, had a bench-press of 300 lbs., and Taylor and Lowes had squat totals of 350 lbs. Booth, the Liverpool captain, was their best lifter.

Sheffield University... 2,190lbs.
Birmingham University... 1,975lbs.
Liverpool University... 1,610lbs.

The effort of this lifting, however, combined with the heat of the day and a lengthy discussion after the match, produced, I am glad to report, a very pleasing thirst so, to end the day as befits all weightlifters, we adjourned to that place so dearly beloved by

THE BARMAN.

RACIALISM IN SPORT

SIR,—I was sorry to read in last week's Sports Editorial that those who are protesting about the visit of a white South African cricket team, claiming to represent their country, are classed as "unthinking and misguided."

It is not generally known that the multi-racial Cricket Association in South Africa wrote to members of the touring team before their final selection was announced pointing out the implications of going on the tour, and asking them to refuse to join it on its basis of all-white selection. In the light of this it would seem that the tourists are not as innocent as the Sports Editor imagines.

Perhaps one of the most effective ways of protest open to us at the moment is to boycott the matches of this so-called "Test" side. The white South African is as sensitive about his sport as his luxurious standard of life. I personally hope that there will not be noisy demonstrations outside the grounds where the touring team is playing; but I also hope that there will be arranged a multi-racial cricket match on the same day as the Edgbaston match opens, with a collection for the Treason Trial and Victims Fund, asked for by the Bishop of Johannesburg.

It would be appalling if we allowed our own pleasure to blind us to the principles at stake in South Africa today, and the opportunity of doing something positive, or to our particular responsibility for all races in another Commonwealth country.

By all means let us try to put racialism and politics out of sport (perhaps the Sports Editor will note that the South Africans have put them in), and therefore let us give no encouragement to this touring side, even though we may lose a few hours' entertainment ourselves. It is a small sacrifice for a vital principle.

Yours etc.,

KEITH WILKES.

[SPORTS EDITOR'S COMMENT: This letter represents most of the points made in the various letters I have received concerning the editorial in the last edition. Keith Wilkes has expressed in a very clear and fair way the other side of the picture but I am still sticking strongly to the points that I made. I was very glad to see that there was an excellent crowd at Ilford recently (10,000) to show their appreciation of the fine cricket the tourists are providing . . .]

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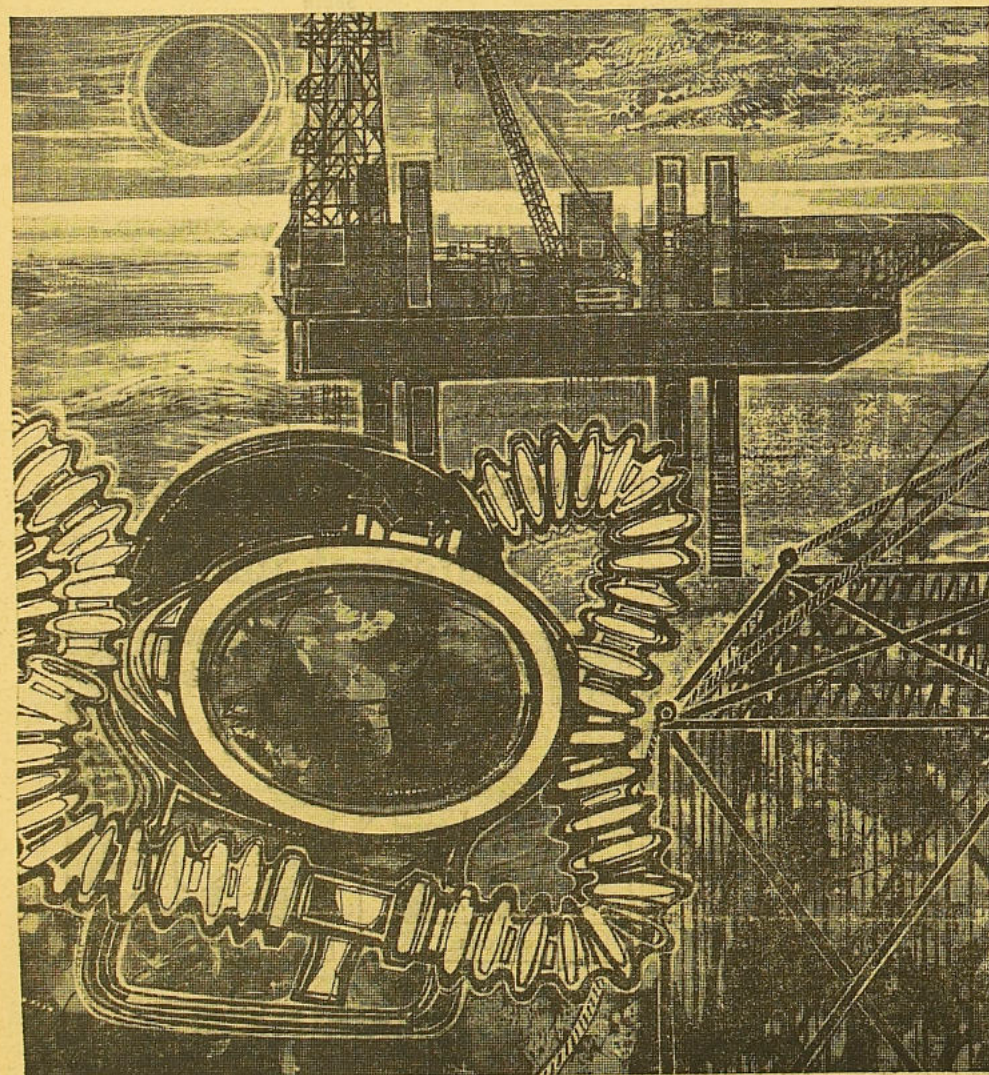
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This submarine operation is indeed a visible symbol of the fact that BP believes in 'hats off to tomorrow'.

BRITISH PETROLEUM



TWO FOR THE OAKS



Juliet Humphries

PROPOSITIONS for high office in the Guild often tend to read like epitaphs or extracts from "Who's Who?". Embarrassing as this may often be to the candidate, it has to be done and we are very pleased to print this extract, brief, but we hope, to the point.

What do we expect of a Vice-President? She must be essentially feminine, charming, capable and accessible.

As V.P. her attributes as a hostess to visiting guests from many spheres are obvious to the many people who know her. She is extremely charming and pleasant and has the valuable quality of putting people at their ease in conversation.

In the past Juliet Humphries has had more than an adequate amount of experience which would be of use to her as Vice-President.

She is Birmingham born and bred and before coming up to University widened her horizons with two years at the College of Commerce. Since arriving here she has always been active in Guild life. This year she has been on several committees, particularly concerned with External Affairs, with which she has been working for two years.

Her experience as Chairman of WUS Committee fits her well for one of the most exacting tasks of the V.P.—that of Chairing Union Committee (particularly next year).

Throughout she has shown that she cannot only do things

but, more important, she can get people to do them too.

At present, Juliet is studying for Finals (G.D. History and Geography Honours) and next year she will be doing a Dip. Ed.

Those who remember WUS International Week with its Spaghetti-eating and Knobbly-knees competitions will realise that Juliet has drive and imagination. At first glance she may appear rather shy and diffident—this is due less to her lack of confidence than to her under-estimation of her own capabilities.

At University she has always shown herself to be keen and likeable and eminently suited to be the first Lady of the Guild. It is therefore with great pleasure that we ask you to give her your vote.

**MICHAEL J. HESELTINE
BRIAN PIPER.**



(Photo: Dolphin)

LIFE'S GETTING SIMPLER EVERY DAY...

Every discovery makes life simpler for somebody. I.C.I.'s discovery of polythene, for example, has made life easier for housewives by providing them with light, strong, colourful 'Alkathene' kitchenware—from beakers and baby-baths to baskets and brooms. 'Alkathene' has also laid the bogey of the winter "freeze-up", for domestic cold-water pipes of 'Alkathene', instead of bursting, simply expand. In the form of packaging film, 'Alkathene' is protecting and preserving foodstuffs, keeping them field- or factory-fresh. Discovery—and development—are I.C.I.'s business. In spending £15 million a year on the search for and development of labour-saving materials like 'Alkathene', I.C.I. is doing its best to iron out some of life's complications.



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The above-mentioned is one of that remarkable abundance of fair young ladies in the Biology Department and, if you

were granted the rare pleasure of viewing this abundance collectively, you would be certain to notice Margaret first by the violent colour of her hair and the altitude at which it is worn.

It is not yet decided whether Maggie, who takes her Finals in a few weeks' time, will remain in the Zoology Department to do an M.Sc., or go to the Education Department as a prelude to teaching the kiddies the facts of life.

She comes from Harrogate, as may be detected in her accent in times of indignation; she is unmarried and apparently engaged, though given to making mysterious visits to Collogue each summer.

Talking about engagements reminds us to tell you that Margaret is a keen fencer, and Captain of the Ladies' Fencing Club. Like all good referees, givers we can say that she has been known to us for three years, during which time she has participated sufficiently in the affairs of the Guild to have become well-known and popular. At the same time, she has learned to distinguish one end of a committee from the other, and has observed the workings of an N.U.S. Council.

She is, of course, very honest—if we do not dispute the ownership of one of the books on her bookshelf, and is very reliable, never forgetting to post your letters.

We can even go further and say that we know of no trait of her character which might bar her from candidature for the Vice-Presidency. On the contrary, she has all the necessary attributes in fair measure.

Margaret is a friendly soul and we venture to say that there are very few indeed who feel disinclined to return to her friendship.

She may not have quite enough charm to cajole an October Carnival out of the University Council, but she has plenty, and just the right kind of understanding of situations and tact in handling them that a Vice-President needs.

Though an ardent talker, she is an unusually sympathetic listener, the kind of person one trusts with one's confidences. She can even speak in public, and string together the appropriate platitudes like pearls. And on the mention of this most important ability we shall close, hoping that what we have told you, as we are convinced, that a likelier lass for a Vice-President is not to be found.

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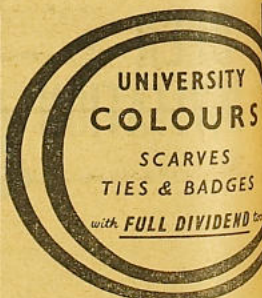
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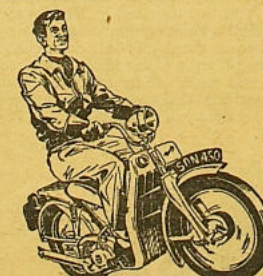
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