



After exams — let yourself go!

CARNIVAL'S COMING

by Pat Whitehead

(Carnival Chairman)

AFTER nearly two years the University's first summer Carnival is fast approaching. The one time in the year, possibly in your life, when you can really let yourself go and do all those crazy things which you will never be able to do again once you have left University.

Furthermore, this is not only an opportunity to enjoy yourself but, by selling car tickets, magazines and collecting money in tins, you can also help very many unfortunate children and old people in Birmingham.

PYJAMA HOP

On Saturday, June 17th, the first big stunts will let the people of Birmingham know that Carnival time is here again. The same evening at the Union, there will be the Carnival Pyjama Hop, when the rule will be pyjamas or fancy dress. As far as we can recall this will be the Union's first fancy dress dance, ever and should be well worth attending.

Pyjama Hop will be just the first of a week packed with exciting and, we hope, unusual entertainments. Everything from Beauty Queen Contests, Jazz, Barbecues and even a Baby Show will be included.

GAY CITY

The City of Birmingham, despite the new buildings, can hardly be called a "gay city." Just for one week in the year you can change all that and quite literally go to town. Give the citizens entertainment. It doesn't matter how much you make a fool of yourself as long as you amuse but please do not antagonise the public—and sell them a car ticket. Don't be afraid of coming up to Carnival Office to give us a hand there.

Don't forget the ability to take part in a University Rag is a privilege which you will never again be able to enjoy once you enter the staid and relatively sober world outside.

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Carnival Secretary, Ray Roderick, and other members of Carnival Committee are dressed (?) well in advance for the Pyjama Hop. (Photo: Arthur Burgess)

THE GUARDS!

Main attraction of the Carnival procession will be the Band of the Coldstream Guards.

CAR-RY ON AS USUAL

CONTRARY to rumour the Car Raffle will be held again this year in aid of the University Carnival Fund for Birmingham Charities. A new Ford Anglia is first prize and for second prize the Carnival Committee have procured a B.S.A. Dandy Scooter. Other prizes include silk dressing-

gowns, cuff-links and one year's supply of baked beans.

Portable radios and cash prizes are offered as incentives to individual ticket sellers and these tickets and carnival magazines may be obtained from the General Office and the Entrance Hall of the Union from June 5th. Most important of all there is a free firkin for the society selling most tickets.

Holier than we thought?

ONE IN THREE A CHURCHGOER

ONE in three of the students of this University attend Church or Chapel once a week. Such is the finding of a survey of the religious life of the University carried out by St. Francis Hall.

	PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS ATTENDING A PLACE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP			
	Once a week	Once a month	Twice a year	Never
COM. & SOC. SC.	56	6	19	19
ARTS	44	20	14	31
LAW	39	4	26	31
PURE SCIENCE	34	22	17	27
ENGINEERS	28	21	31	20
AVERAGE	36.0	17.9	21.9	25.2

	PERCENTAGE OF THOSE BELIEVING IN GOD		
	Believers	Uncertain	Non-believers
COM. & SOC. SC.	77	10	13
ENGINEERS	74	12	16
LAW	73	9	18
PURE SCIENCE	69	11	20
ARTS	67	10	23
AVERAGE	71.2	10.4	18.4

	PERCENTAGE OF THOSE CALLING THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS		
	Christians	Uncertain	Not calling themselves Christian
COM. & SOC. SC.	69	12	19
PURE SCIENCE	57	9	34
ENGINEERS	56	8	36
ARTS	53	30	17
LAW	39	13	48
AVERAGE	56.5	10.9	32.6

Commerce & Social Science appear to be most concerned with their religion. Whilst Scientists and Engineers are least regular in their attendance it is strange that the number stating their belief in God and Christianity was higher than that in the Arts Faculty.

Several "occasional attenders"

called themselves Christians: several regular attenders (usually Anglican) claimed to be Christians without a belief in God. Of the various denominations the percentage represented was as follows:—

Roman Catholics 9, Anglicans 63, Methodist 16, Baptist 5; other Non-Conformists 5; 'Sects'

2. By Sects is meant those churches not belonging to the World Council of Churches, e.g. Mormons and Christian Science.

Almost 20 per cent. of the Arts students are Catholics; 36 per cent. of the Commerce & Soc. Sc. are Nonconformist—this Department also contains the most Christians.

THE "PEN"ANCE OF SAMUEL

There in Great Hall for his final exam,
Sat a young chemist whose name it was Sam
In acid-stained coat, he had worked very hard,
But in that exam, our Sam was off guard.
He'd forgot that his pen leaked like a pipette
And all over his papers it started to jet—
Great spurts of blue ink—like the fountains at Zen!
With alchemic oaths, how Sam cursed that pen!
It made his thoughts falter—his mind went as blank
As the papers before him—how Sammy's heart sank!
"Too late!" boomed old Joe like a prophet of doom
And, degree-less, old Sam, with a sob, left the room.
So when your exam comes in May or in June,
Make sure that yourself and your pen are in tune
If your pen's temperamental—don't be like old Sam

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RITE OF SPRING?

Women protest about the Bar . . .
MADAM.—We wish to bring to the notice of members of the Guild the behaviour of certain sports team in the Bar on Wednesday evenings.

We have recently been present at what appeared to be "mystic rights" in which a "gentleman" performed a strip-tease. We were amazed at the interest shown by the all-male onlookers.

At any place outside the University their behaviour would have been considered to show homosexual tendencies, and the participants themselves would have been the first to object.

The reputation of the University as a collection of supposedly either intelligent or intellectual individuals is in jeopardy as is the licence of the Union.

As members of the Guild, women have every right to use the Bar at any time, and if this practice is going to continue, it makes it virtually impossible for us to use the Bar on Wednesday evenings.

We feel these men should be made to find somewhere else to hold their squalid entertainment, which appears to be so vital to their existence, thus showing a little more thought and respect for other members of the Guild.

Yours etc.,

TWO ANGRY YOUNG WOMEN.

. . . and about the Cloakrooms

MADAM.—As one of the many who have suffered as a result of the petty stealing that unfortunately goes on in this University, I would like to suggest some changes which might improve the present situation.

For instance, more cloakroom attendants might deter the thieves. The attendant in the Ladies' Cloakroom in the Union is not there all the time, which means that there is no one with whom to leave handbags, etc. The Stewards Office is not supposed to take care of possessions, which makes it difficult for those who have no lockers.

It would certainly help to have more and stronger lockers, especially in the Union.

I wish to make a very strong protest over the rule about not taking cases and overcoats into the Library. I know this

is intended to prevent the loss of books, but it does not appear to be successful. The Library Cloakrooms are unattended, and all too frequently, possessions are "lost" there.

It is possible that some thefts are due to careless people leaving their possessions around, but they can hardly be blamed when the facilities in the cloakrooms are so inadequate. I am sure that others agree with me that as much as possible should be done to solve this problem.

Yours faithfully,

GABRIELLE MAGGS.

LESSON 1



Lord's Cricket Ground

The British have to be good at Sports because if they aren't it isn't cricket.

GUINNESS

Sports & Pastimes

CRICKET is a sport that is played only by the British Empire. You cannot have a fowl at cricket, only a duck.

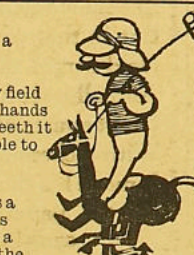
SOCCER & RUGGER are played in a muddy field or football pool. In Rugger you use your hands as well as your feet, but if you use your teeth it causes a scrimmage. It is always advisable to kick off with a Guinness.



Down in one at the 19th

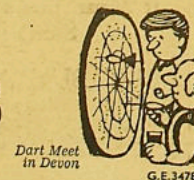
THE ETON WALL GAME is a Public School sport, it is played with a pancake in a muddy field. **DARTS**, on the other hand, is a Public House sport. You always finish on a double Guinness.

HOCKEY is played in a muddy field. Often by girls. You are not allowed to raise your elbow at Hockey so Guinness drinkers have to do this after the game is over.



Polo is only played by chukka sahib

Wherever you go you get
GUINNESS
It's a wonderful country!



Dart Meet in Devon

Law Column

PANE IN THE NECK

WITHOUT prejudice to your integrity there has never yet been and perhaps never will be, a self-confessed victim of circumstance who will mount the witness box and exhort the judge to take careful note of his misguided activities.

Of course it was a "genuine accident," of course it was a "stiff door," of course it could not be described as "vandalistic"; nevertheless, with respect, the window did not fall out of its own accord.

All such circumstances surrounding the calamity are questions of fact and would not, as such, warrant legal advice.

The very fact that the guard was at hand and showed anxiety for the railway carriage window would suggest some deliberate act on your part—(you do not state whether the guard witnessed the event "in toto").

It would appear that, like yourself, the guard has set himself up as judge in his own case, for he has already reviewed the circumstances and decided in his wisdom to dispense with a court in the obviously imminent event of a dispute.

As you state reasonably, it is not your duty to replace British Railways' "faulty" or "weak" windows, but if their claim were taken to court they would attempt to prove negligence on your part, i.e. a problem of facts to be adduced in evidence from witnesses.

NO BETTING

CAMBRIDGE University undergraduates, long renowned for their punting, will not be benefiting from the new gaming laws if the Protectors get their wishes. A university regulation stating that no undergraduate may take part in a gaming transaction is causing the trouble. However it is likely that the authorities will turn a blind eye and trust that the students will obey the rule.

Bristol is preparing itself for the post-examination period by providing nine beers on draught in their much improved union. A general improvement in union catering is planned.

NATIONALISM

With typical Nationalistic fervour the University of Edinburgh is expanding all its courses in Scottish Law. Unless combated, English Law will swamp the Scots variety by the end of the century, they protest.

At an S.G.M. the Leeds undergraduate body has expressed dissatisfaction at the way the union is run. It is ridiculous for a committee of 22 to decide union policy for 5,000 students. A new constitution is planned to give more power to the student body as a whole.

ON THE BROADS

"ITS those daft students again!" This remark was made by an amused Norfolk native as he watched yet another boat-load of bobble-headed "Bummies" run aground.

The invasion of the Broads had begun! As in previous years, hoards of students from nearly all the Universities arrived to shatter the dreams of the cabin-cruiser owners during the vac. No longer would they be able to steer straight downriver—instead they must now avoid every yacht like the plague.

Even the small mishaps (two boats sunk, several rammed, and innumerable broken masts) only added to the enjoyment. When it is all over the memories provide enough talking-matter to keep the Coffee Room busy for the rest of the Session.

FOR SALE

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DEAR BOZ.—Last December I broke a railway carriage window. It was a genuine accident which occurred when I was opening a stiff door and it could not possibly have been described as vandalistic.

With the honesty of a typical university student, when seized upon by the guard, I freely volunteered my name and address. I was faithfully assured that such was mere formality and that no further action would be taken.

A few days later I received a letter exhorting me to travel by rail and demanding 19/6 for the replacement of one window. Not unnaturally, this rather "riled" me and I failed to reply. Despite further correspondence from the B.T.C., I have still not replied, for I rather fear that refusal to pay, in writing, could involve me in court action.

I maintain that it is not up to me to reimburse British Railways for the replacement of their faulty or weak windows, but that they themselves should foot the bill as part of their running costs or incidental repairs.

Please would you advise me on my legal position in this case and inform me of the likely proceedings should I send them a definite refusal to pay?

C. J. SMITH (Chem.)

As the dispute is for 19/6d, it would be unlikely for the Railway Authorities to bring an action for its recovery unless they were certain of its success as it would cost over £1 to initiate and conduct their claim in a County Court. In this event you would be liable for the 19/6d in addition to their costs which might run to £5 if the plaintiffs were successful.

So the decision rests with you, either

- (1) pay the 19/6d, or
- (2) forget the matter and risk a legal action which in the worst run might leave you out of pocket "to the tune" (as they say) of pounds . . . on the other hand, of course, it might not.

(A gambling background would be of use in your time of trouble).



'News from the Universities'

A first for The Observer

THE OBSERVER is running a new feature—a whole page every week devoted to news and views from twenty-seven Universities in the British Isles. The Observer is the first National Newspaper to devote a feature of such size and scope to University matters.

Stories will be chosen for "the interest they would arouse equally in the Department of Eastern Religions at Oxford and in the Department of Building Science at Liverpool and at All Souls and among graduates everywhere". An exacting standard.

The page reports up-to-date news of University happenings of all kinds—advances in learning, domestic and financial affairs, relations between universities, and student doings (but another chamber-pot on top of the Radcliffe will not qualify). It may not support the campaign for a multiparty boat race on the Welsh Harp; it might easily advocate passionately (and more seriously) a standardization of university entrance qualifications. What is certain is that it will go far towards breaking down University insularity—both extra and intramural. Above all this feature will provide a national forum for University opinions, problems and news.

One more good reason for reading
THE OBSERVER

Vice-Presidential election today

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Linda Baglin

IN October 1959, LINDA BAGLIN walked into our lives. For the benefit of those members of the Guild who do not know this delightful young lady we would humbly submit the following information.



Equally important, but perhaps less obvious is the ability she must have to cope with the problems of each and every member of the Guild. Linda's subtle combination of confidence, intelligence and social grace will enable her to respond sympathetically, and with understanding, to any situation that may arise and is ample proof of her suitability for the role of first lady of the Guild.

M. J. Berry (Mech. Eng.)
B. M. Faulkner (Genetics)

Maureen Jones

WE believe that the functions of the Vice-President can be classified under two main headings. She is the first lady of the Guild, and she is the President's deputy. This latter duty is too often underestimated when considering the candidates for this office. It requires a strong personality, knowledge of Guild affairs, capacity for hard work, and the ability to assume presidential responsibilities.

predominantly male company, without feeling subordinate. We believe MAUREEN JONES combines these essential qualities.

Big impression
It is rare indeed that a woman makes a big impression on Guild affairs during her first two years, but Maureen has done just this. As a Fresher she represented the English Department on Guild Council and held the post of News Editor on "Guild News". She gave valuable assistance in an unofficial capacity to Carnival Committee, and her general all-round Guild activities and her academic work won her the Fresher of the Year award last session.

This year she again represented the English Department on Guild Council, and was elected Editor of "Guild News". This is one of the most difficult, thankless and responsible jobs

To be the first lady of the Guild the Vice-President must be attractive, capable, cheerful, a good mixer, and able to put over female points of view to a

CARNIVAL PYJAMA HOP, Sat., June 17th
Pyjamas or fancy dress will be worn!

MIDNIGHT MATINEE, Monday, June 19th, in Bingley Hall, Broad St. Tickets 4/- single.

CARNIVAL JAZZ BAND BALL in the Town Hall, Tuesday, June 20th.

Mr. Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band and Cy Laurie and his Band (Leader: Terry Pitts).

Semi-Finals of Carnival Beauty Queen Contest.

Tickets 12/6 single from Town Hall Booking Office or the Union.

CARNIVAL INTERNATIONAL EVENING Thursday, June 23rd at the Union.

CARNIVAL MIDSUMMER BALL, Friday, June 23rd, at the Union. Tickets 30/- double.

CARNIVAL DAY: June 24th.

Josephine Jump

MISS JOSEPHINE JUMP, of the English Department (36-24-36) is a vivacious, attractive, yet unassuming brunette who, we believe, possesses the poise and plays so essential to one whose job, if elected, will consist mainly in acting as official Hostess of the Guild.

Josephine has wide-ranging interests and has taken an active part in all sides of University life, including the seamy side; as Wardrobe Mistress of G.T.G. she has more than once (when dresses were short) shown her abilities, and as a result has dealt calmly and efficiently with all kinds of troublesome situations and every contingency. The sound common-sense, mental alertness, and relaxed

friendliness that she has shown in this capacity would stand her in good stead if elected.

At the Hop

During the last year she has also been a prominent and active member of Entertainments Committee; and in Committee discussions her administrative ability and hard work have been self-evident.

In all five Faculties, and the



the Guild has to offer, but she has tackled it enthusiastically, efficiently, and cheerfully and has gained a wide knowledge of how the Guild and University are run.

It is generally agreed that she has improved the paper considerably during the year, putting it high on the list of student papers.

That Maureen is physically attractive no-one can deny. This, combined with her lively personality and her ability to mix easily, makes her the obvious choice for V-P.

Sam Hiron (Chem.)
Ian Ellis (Commerce).

Bar, her natural modesty and pleasing manner have won her many friends; all who know her like her because of her buoyant good humour and controlled exuberance. Both at formal and informal gatherings she has always shown the knack of getting on with people, and is never too busy to give a helping hand.

By her performance both as a debater and as M.C. at Hops, she has shown she would be equally at home chairing a stormy Council Meeting, as chatting with her constituents in the Bar or Coffee Room.

Terry Staples (English)
Peter Plant (Law)

Doreen Hall

DESPITE the fact that the Arts Faculty has only just moved to Edgbaston, DOREEN HALL has taken an active part in Guild affairs for the past three years. During this time she has been studying French and next year will be taking a Dip. Ed. here at Birmingham.

She is Chairman of the Cercle Français, and has done much to further the interests of this society. She has served as a Guild Councillor Modern Languages for two years and used to write for "Guild News" in her first year.



Double Blue

She has also been very active in the field of sport, gaining the rare award of a Double Blue. She has been elected captain of Women's Hockey team for next year. However, we completely deny the rumour that she has also been elected captain of Women's Wrestling.

All these activities have enabled her to mix freely with members of most departments, and this she has done. All this success has not turned her head and she still retains the same likeable, unaffected personality. She is rarely to be seen without a smile on her face and has an infectious sense of humour, well-suited to making and retaining personal contacts.

Vivacious personality

She believes that the evident gap between the administrative side of the Guild and the ordinary student could be decreased and this would be one of her main aims if elected. One of her main worries is that, despite the Arts Faculty's move to Edgbaston, Arts and Science students are still reluctant to try mixing.

We believe that she can work well with the new President, whilst still retaining her own vivacious personality.

G. L. Jones.
J. A. Siebert.



—Photos by Dolphin

Science Column

RESEARCH ON THE ROOF

DURING the Easter Vacation the installation of meteorological instruments on the roof of the Geography Dept. came near completion. These instruments serve two purposes—firstly, they will give undergraduates a chance to gain practical experience in weather observation and secondly, they will allow research to be carried out in conjunction with other meteorological stations at Elmdon and Edgbaston.

The observations to be made include temperature, humidity, radiation and evaporation measurements and also vertical

wind profiles. Vertical soundings will be made using balloons up to nine feet diameter. Radio telephone equipment has been installed to pick up information from all over the world. All students will make use of these new facilities during their courses.

Another interesting piece of research in the Geography Dept. is being carried out by Dr. E. T. Stringer. He is studying the incidence of ice on the Birmingham roads. The areas most affected by ice can be forecast by wind observation. This information is going to be used in the study of the causes and rate of accidents in the district.

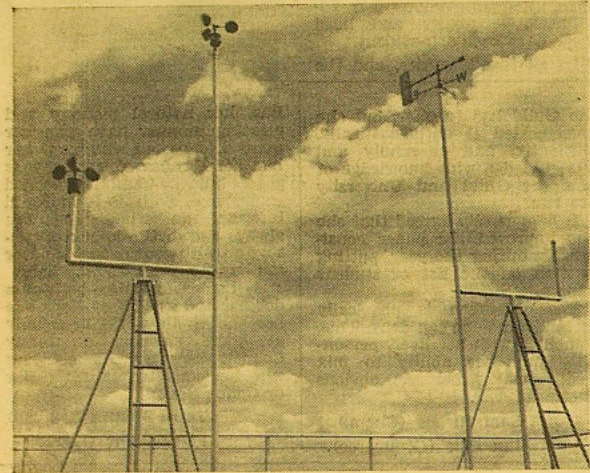
Prof. D. L. Linton of the Geography Dept. gave his inaugural lecture on Tuesday, May 9th in the large lecture theatre of the Arts Block. Entitled "This Tropical World," it

dealt with population growth and the problem of underdeveloped countries within this tropical world. He explained how disease control had so raised the birthrate in these areas that food, employment and education were becoming increasingly difficult. He stated that a University community should address itself to these problems. Recently there have been discussions as to the possibility of setting up a School of West African studies at this University. Prof. Linton sincerely wished that this would materialise and contribute to the solution of this ever-present problem.

Reds Recognised

IT was not quite a case of nemine contradicente when Communist Society's application for recognition came up before Guild Council last week. After the proposed constitution had been read out, Mr. I. R. T. Ellis pointed out that the proposed society had already printed and distributed a manifesto under the name of "The Communist Society of the University of Birmingham," and suggested that this was unconstitutional.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Society should be recognised and that the President should communicate to the Society's officials Council's displeasure at this action.

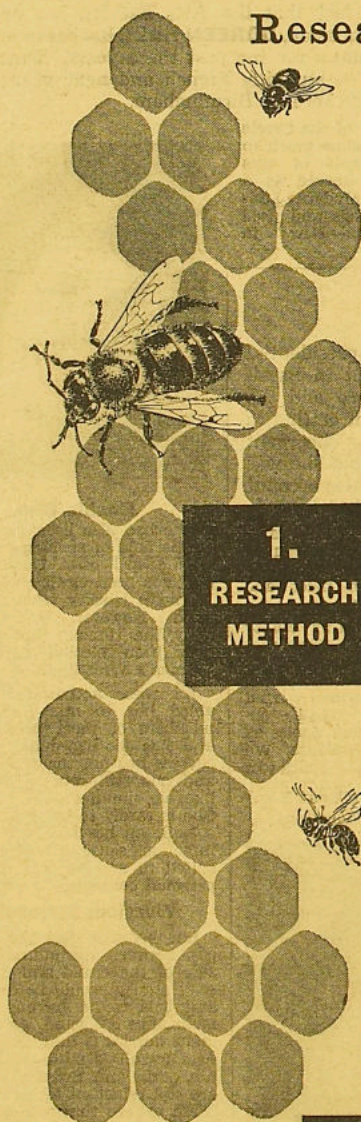


Research in Industry

Research in its broadest sense involves both an original discovery, and the development and exploitation of it. The discovery may come by accident, or from probing experiments; but when it comes the original problem may be broken down to smaller, more compact problems, complete in themselves but wholly significant only in the context of the original problem.

Although the accidental approach—of which polymers, penicillin and medical X-rays provide neat examples—is attractive, and has the right sort of public glamour, the probability of accident is not high enough for all research to be so approached. The probing experiment, which some may consider inspired guesswork, aims to increase the probability of accidental discovery. Rutherford used it effectively in his initial work on the atomic nucleus. Either way, successful discovery depends on good background knowledge and experience to assess the significance of the evidence. So the embryo research worker—full of knowledge but lacking experience—is presented initially with a compact problem, a chip off a larger problem; for which he may retire to the library and search the literature diligently, hoping thus to determine a useful experimental approach. It may give him cause at first to think this the whole method of research, but curiosity will lead him—sooner or later—to recognise the limited nature of his own problem and relate it to the larger problem of which it is part.

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UNILEVER RESEARCH
MEANS INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Not so notorious

BRITISH comedies have earned their share of notoriety in the past. In spite, perhaps because, of this, they have proved immensely popular in America during the past year and if "Very Important Person" (Odeon, New St.) is an indication of the present trend, deservedly so.

The film begins as it ends, with Sir Ernest Pease (James Robertson Justice), Director of Applied Aeronautical Science, as the victim of the programme, "This is Your Life." As the usual shower of well-wishers, perhaps not as well-wishing as usual, say their piece, we form an impression, from his completely indifferent manner and cruel asides, of the character which is to prove so consistent throughout the film, the V.I.P. whose bark and bite result from a complete mastery of his subject and a natural contempt for his inferiors.

War-time experience

A bureaucratic foreign office official sparks off the film's treatment of Pease's war-time experience in a German prison camp. Among his hut companions, who include two wasps, amusingly played by Leslie Phillips and Jeremy Lloyd, and a dour Scotsman, played by Stanley Baxter, he proves not only unpopular but highly suspicious. When they learn, however, from the Chairman of the Escape Committee, that Winston Pease's immediate escape, all except the Chairman of the Escape Committee, fall in willingly with Pease's highly irregular plan, which, superfluous to add, succeeds to the amazement of all but Pease.

James Robertson Justice is admirably suited to a well-contrived role. Stanley Baxter's hat trick as Everett, the Scot, the German Commander Stampfel, and Everett's impersonation of the latter, augur well for his bank balance. Despite a certain amount of the usual corn, enthusiastic support from the rest of a good cast under its director, Ken Linabin puts this film well up in the list of British Comedies.

In all its moods it holds attention because throughout the evening the cast plays together in one of the finest examples of group acting that I have seen. No-one acts in a vacuum but with and in reaction to everyone else on the stage. It is mainly this quality in the production that makes it such a satisfying theatrical experience. Exams notwithstanding, I would recommend it to everyone.

T.A.S.

RHINELAND REVELS

THIS Easter, for the tenth year in succession, Dr. Joseph Horne of the Science German Dept., led a party of 50 students for a two-week visit to the university city of Mainz in the heart of the Rhineland. The party was composed mainly of first-year science students studying German as a compulsory subsidiary.

Apart from the traditional tourist trips to Heidelberg, the Moselle Valley, Frankfurt etc., several novel events served to make the trip memorable. The party was entertained to a wine tasting by a family of well known wine merchants at Nierstein in the centre of the Rhineland wine country. The official reception in Frankfurt was overwhelmingly friendly. "You are ambassadors," they were told "strengthening the relationship between Birmingham

and Frankfurt." Projects attempted by various groups of students included transport, sport—and beer drinking.

Singing the University Anthem for some of the civic authorities; doing the Conga round a Rhineland steamer; observing the roulette tables and testing the waters in the Wiesbaden casino; these many and varied experiences gave all who went vivid recollections of an unforgettable holiday.



It's



IN THE CAGE

"NAKED ISLAND," now running at the Repertory Theatre in Station Street, is in many ways the finest production that has been staged there during the last two seasons.

The play has been adapted by Russell Braddon from his best-selling book of the same name, and belongs to that rare class of dramatic works which hinges not at all on the man/woman relationship. It is concerned with the all-male community in a Japanese P.O.W. camp during the closing stages of the last war.

The actual story of the play is tenuous in the extreme; what there is of it tells the way a group of five prisoners get the B.B.C. news from a concealed radio set, pass on the word to the other 7,000 prisoners, and how they avoid detection.

Under duress

The play is, however, mainly a study of men under extreme duress—of the tensions, hopes and fears that spring from four years of interdependence and familiarity. The study is at times amusing, exciting, moving, and sentimental in the best sense of that word.

BIRCHFIELD MAKE THE RUNNING

Many personal bests—Payne outstanding

THE match between the University Athletics Club and Birchfield Harriers, Lozells Harriers, and Small Heath Harriers, proved an exciting curtain-raiser to the Sports Day celebrations on Wednesday.

In front of a fair-sized crowd, the University athletes rose to the occasion and met the high standard opposition with determination. Many personal best performances resulted. As expected, Birchfield won the event but there were only 10 points in it after an excellent hard-fought match. Consolation was gained in defeating Lozells and Small Heath by a comfortable margin.

Top marks must go to international hammer-thrower Howard Payne, who achieved a fine treble in the shot, discus and hammer, with throws of 43ft. 3in., 132ft. 6in. and 177ft. 9in. respectively.

Other good performances in the field were given by Curnock, who won the pole vault with 10ft. 6in., and Frenchman Alain Bodet, who cleared 5ft. 7in. to tie in the high jump with Robin Herron, a lecturer in the Phys. Ed. Department, who was representing Birchfield. Herron, incidentally also won the javelin with 168ft. In fact, if Herron

had represented the University he would have swung the match in the Club's favour.

Fine showing

On the track there were many fine performances. Perhaps outstanding was Dai Davies, the captain, who, though second in his race to Orton of Birchfield, by achieving a personal best time of 8mins. 30.8secs. in the steeplechase, was inside the Welsh national record for the distance. Of course, he may repeat this performance on Welsh soil to claim the record, and

he is clearly capable of doing so.

There was also some very good competition in the sprint. Jim Jarvis, not quite up to his best due to a leg injury which will keep him off the track for a couple of weeks, could not match the pace of a young Olympic star, Barry Jackson, a Lozell, who won both the 100 and 220 yards in 10.3 and 22.2 seconds. Dick Walker, as consistent as ever, finished second in both hurdle races. A fast quarter saw Cole of Lozells get home a few

Chemistry by a corner

COMPETITION for the Inter-Faculty Sports Trophy was brought to a close for another year at Sports Day last Wednesday, and, as usual, Chemistry retained the Trophy, but this time not until after a protracted struggle.

This is the bare fact, but what a change of fortunes it hides. For the past three years the result has been a foregone conclusion by Easter. This year it was undecided until 3.15 p.m. on Sports Day when Chem. Eng.

failed, by a corner in the six-a-side soccer final to win the competition. A comparison with last year's final placing speaks for itself:—

1959-60	
Chemistry	59.5
Physics	16.0
Chem. Eng.	13.0

1960-61	
Chemistry	20.3
Chem. Eng.	19.0
Civ. Eng.	14.8

I make no comment other than to hope this will stimulate greater interest and enthusiasm for inter-departmental sport as a friendly, but real, competition to find the "top dog," than has been generally shown during the past year.

FINAL RESULT:

Soccer
I—League: 23 teams took part; the first six were: Geol. & Mining; Classics; Physics; Geography; Law; History.
II—Six-a-side Knockout: 33 entered; winners Phys. Ed., finalists Chem. Eng.

Rugby
I—League: 20 teams took part; the first six were: Chan. Hall; Elec. Eng.; Law; Geog. & Hist.; Physics; Mech. Eng.
II—Sevens knockout: Winners Chemistry; finalists Metallurgy.

Basketball
I—League: Div. 1—11 teams; the first three were: Chem. Eng. "A"; Chemistry "A"; Mining.
Div. 2—12 teams; the first three were: Medicine; Elec. Eng.; Biochemistry.
II—Knockout: 22 teams entered. Winners, Civ. Eng.; finalists, Chem. Eng. "A".

Badminton
I—League, Div. 1: 8 teams; first three were: Maths; Law; Metallurgy.

Div. 2: 8 teams. First two were: Physics; Chemistry.
II—Knockout: Doubles, winners Commerce, finalists, Commerce; singles, winners Commerce, finalists Chem. Eng.

Table Tennis
I—No Leagues ran this year since the Table Tennis room was not open until March.
II—Knockout: 18 teams entered. Winners, Iranians; finalists, Commerce.

Weightlifting
Knockout: 10 teams entered. Winners, Civ. Eng. "A"; second, Chem. "A"; third, Civ. Eng. "B".

Athletics
Sports Day: 13 departments took part; the first four were: Law; Chemistry; Civil Eng.; Metallurgy.

Ladies' Netball
Six teams took part; the winners were French.



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SPORTS DAY OVERHAUL

AS anticipated last week, Sports Day was, to say the least, not all it might have been.

The Athletics were a failure and most of the small crowd that had gathered, dispersed after the six-a-side soccer final. The Club exhibitions in the Great Hall were well received, but regrettably by only a few people. But perhaps worst of all was the mere handful of people that assembled in the Great Hall for the finale—the prize-giving. Mr. Peter McIntosh, who presented the prizes, must have been most embarrassed by the situation.

Apart from those mentioned last week, the main failure was clearly the lack of centralisation. This problem was given full airing at the Athletic Union meeting last Friday. It is generally agreed that something must be done to improve Sports Day, and a new committee is to be set up to deal with the problem, at the head of which will be Geoff Tildesley.

Geoff outlined some of his plans to me and it is clear that the whole pattern of Sports Day is in for a complete overhaul. Among ideas put forward are the use of the track for all the events. This would include an outdoor exhibition in the centre of the track with perhaps the finals of the six-a-side soccer and seven-a-side rugby. The exhibitions could be fitted in during the tea interval or at appropriate times during the afternoon. If raining, these could easily be transferred to the Great Hall.

A good idea

Personally, I feel it would be best to run, if not the whole, at least most of these competitions on the day itself. For if the Rugby competition is anything to go by, the closing rounds of the competition are usually big crowd-pullers. Bill Slater suggested it might be a good idea to run it on lines like this with, perhaps, track events fitted in at half-time or between the matches; as is often done on the Continent. He agreed with me that one or two invitation events might also prove successful.

I am still doubtful whether the Athletic events held as University championships, open to all members, as Geoff suggests, will be completely successful. Though held as mere Athletic Club championships, there are certainly not enough competitors to make the events interesting. This is why I am still inclined to favour the idea of a first-class Athletics match, such as last Tuesday's, against Birchfield, Lozells and Small Heath Harriers.

Sports Day can be a success, and the Athletic Union is really determined to make it so next year.

ROWING

THE U.A.U. Championship IVs and a second crew climber IV invitation event were held over a one mile course upstream on the Trent on Saturday. The first crew beat Manchester by the narrow margin of 6 feet after a hard race in which they overtook their opponents in the last quarter mile.

In the second round they met Bangor who had a bye in the first round, and lost to the fresher crew by three lengths.

yards in front of Birchfield's international Mike Rawson in 49.5. Humphreys of the University ran well to record 50.6 in third place.

Brilliant

Brilliant junior Bob Ison of Lozells, won the half-mile in 1-58.8 easing up, while a close-fought mile saw Simpson and Cliff of Small Heath finish ahead of Pete Roy, whose 4-26.8 was a personal best.

The three miles was the highlight of the evening and saw five runners inside 15 minutes with several others only just outside. Paddy Killeen, Birchfield's Irish international, was soon in the lead and though Bill Gray of Small Heath, a former English cross-country runner, held on for a time, Killeen forged ahead in 14-11.8 to win a new track record. It is believed. Behind him Dave Spence set up yet another personal best time of 14-36 while Jim Feast, who has only just started training after a suspected thrombosis, finished fourth in 14-51—only eight seconds outside his best!

Altogether a memorable evening's athletics.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Weight-lifting

IN the West Midlands Olympic set championships, Birmingham's Universities' champion, Keith Wylie, produced a best total of 540 lbs. to finish second. Bill Forshaw went one better to win the mid-heavyweight class, although he was the only competitor. His total—575 lbs.

Skiing

BETTER late than never! In the Easter vacation, Aberdeen University won the first British University ski championships in the Cairngorms. The Birmingham University ski course happened to be taking place at the same time, and, just for fun, the best skiers on the course entered. They surpassed their own expectations, finishing fifth of the 11 teams competing, after each of the 35 entrants had negotiated two runs on the giant slalom courses. Aberdeen are the first champions; Manchester the first English university in third position.

Canoeing

THE University seems to have worthy representatives in every sport; canoeing is no exception. Richard James, who has to do most of his training on his own, last week finished second in the Midland Canoeing Club's 18-mile race. The race was unfortunately marred by the death of one of the competitors who capsized and was drowned. This shows the hazardous conditions which must be faced in this adventurous sport. James was disappointed with his performance, and is hoping for even better results in the next few weeks. He hopes to compete in the Devizes-Westminster race next year.

Women's Athletics

LAST Tuesday night, the Women's Athletic Club were easily beaten by Birchfield and Lozells Harriers. Apart from Carol Thomas, a Welsh international, and Janet Macaulay, this year's team is not very strong, and lack of training was only too obvious. Carol Thomas, however, must be excepted from this. After a dedicated winter's preparation, she is now facing a hard season on the track. She showed her paces and clean hurdling style in winning the 80-metres hurdles in 12.4 secs., and also finished third in the 100 yards and long jump.

WIDE RANGE FOR FESTIVAL

Entertainment and education after examinations

ON 13th June the June Academic Festival of 1961 will be officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of this University, Sir Robert Aitken. From this time forward the success of the venture lies completely in student hands, and it is to be hoped that somewhere in its wide and varied programme each student will find an event to attract and interest him.

Most of the topics covered by this Festival are outside the normal range of academic study, and rightly so. Formal lectures are reduced to a minimum while discussion groups, a brains trust, a recital and a debate hold possibilities of high entertainment quite apart from their intrinsic educational value.

Lively encounter

The opening lecture on "The Law of Astronautics" is of unexpected topical interest and

will surely draw a large audience. On Tuesday comes Kenneth Harris of the "Observer," one of the best debaters and after-dinner speakers in the country, and when we have such a man arrayed against the person of the University Orator, Professor Hood Phillips, then the prospects of a lively encounter must be great.

Gill Scribley and Peter Plant complete a fascinating foursome.

and doubtless the ordinary members of the debating society will also have their say in a motion which gives plenty of scope to anyone who may wish to speak from the floor.

The discussion on Architecture which completes the first week's programme is of considerable local interest in the sense of both the City and the University.

The second week's programme is just as varied as the first. Tuesday, June 20th, is the day

for the literary man, with Walter Allen speaking on Satire in the Novel, and Arnold Kettle later leading a discussion on aspects of the novel. The afternoon session will take place in the Men's Lounge with the audience sipping tea from the depths of armchairs, which is in itself a somewhat satirical situation.

Pièce de resistance

The Wednesday programme promises to be the pièce de resistance of the Festival. Here six Professors (and one lonely lecturer) of this University undertake to answer students' questions on their home ground. Questions for this brains trust should be sent to me beforehand (c/o Physics Department); any question within reason and some perhaps only bordering thereon will be considered for inclusion in the lists of this tournament. Students will be expected to be present to ask their questions in person.

in character, it is hoped here again to depart from a purely formal lecture routine.

Open rehearsal

The June Festival is brought to a close on Thursday, June 29th by Bernard Hepton, who is Director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. He is a man of progressive ideas and his talk on "The Progressive Theatre" should be of interest to anyone who appreciates or condemns contemporary trends in drama.

The co-operation of the Guild Theatre Group in staging an Open Rehearsal of their summer production on the afternoon of this day is greatly appreciated, and it is encouraging to those that have devised this programme to know that from the inception of the idea of such a Festival, student co-operation has been enthusiastic.

The programme of events as presented above is completed by an Exhibition of Foundry Art in the Great Hall, which has been planned in great detail and will take place from June 20th to 22nd. It is perhaps a pity that Carnival itself is not included in the Festival Programme, for I believe that Festival and Carnival can live happily side by side and lend support to one another.

Cramming institution

It has been suggested that the University tends each year to become more of a cramming institution, and less of an educational establishment, where views can be exchanged by interested people upon all subjects under the sun. It is therefore to be hoped that during June the University may blossom, that ideas may be exchanged without urgency, and that lectures may be attended not in order to pass an examination in the subject but rather for interest's sake alone. If the students give this programme their full support as I hope they will, then the Festival will have a chance to find a permanent niche in the life of the University.

A large tradition

A NEW University tradition "Ducking the President," was instituted last Friday when Mr. Arthur Large, the President-elect, was immersed in the muddy waters of the courtyard fountain by those who, only a few moments before, had been shaking the Presidential hand and drinking the Presidential beer.

Speaking to our reporter in the bar a few seconds after receiving the good news, Mr. Large said, "Thank heavens it's all over, I was never so frightened in all my life as I was at the hustings. I was certain Rodney had got it."

During his year of office Mr. Large intends to try to be a President about the Guild rather than a remote committee man wielding his power behind closed doors as some Presidents have done in the past. He believes this is the only way to keep the spirit of the Guild alive and hopes to continue frequenting debates.

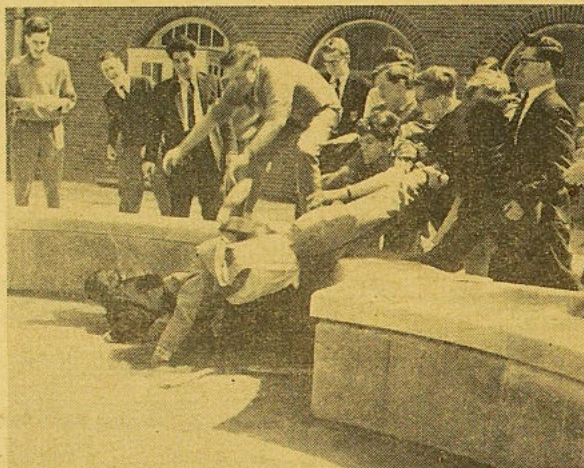
Congratulations

Two of the defeated candidates, Rodney Klevan and Sam Hiron were in the Union to congratulate the victor. "I don't think you were disgraced," said Mr. Large, shaking Mr. Hiron's hand. Both Mr. Hiron and Mr. Klevan agreed in approving the efficient way in which the elections were run, though "I think there should be constituency hustings," said Mr. Klevan.

At this point Mr. Large was borne off in the direction of the fountain and a sharp battle ensued between the human beings and the Chemical Engineers present, in the course of which Mr. Large and Mr. Wreford got very wet. The new President's happiness was made complete by the appearance of his mother (all the way from Merthyr Tydfil) smiling broadly at the sight of her offspring surrounded by fellow Chemical Engineers toasting his success.

The results, for those who missed them,

ARTHUR LARGE	521
RODNEY KLEVAN	325
SAM HIRON	344
SADRU JIVANI	181



The President-elect, Arthur Large, christened the Union fountain seconds after the result was announced, aided by G.N. staff, Carnival Committee and odd engineers. (Photo: Arthur Burgess).

SURFEIT SICK

RESULTS of a recent survey of University religion are printed in this week's paper. The Medical School was left out of this. Was it a fit of pique by some disgruntled Christian Scientist or, more likely, because no one knew how to get there?

Whatever the reason, one feels that the result in the Medical School would have been interesting. From one's own experience the proportion of atheists and agnostics would have been quite high; the canteen intellectuals usually agree that the peculiar atmosphere of medicine and the objective attitude it forces tends to promote—in the student anyway—a lack of faith.

LACK OF FAITH

This lack of faith is mostly disillusion: there seems such little real difference between life and death that life becomes unimportant, and this attitude influences religion.

At first this seems startling, and should not be misunderstood. It does not mean that one

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regards a human being as unimportant—that would mean getting out of medicine—but our own life, our own living is.

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