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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 raffle 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.  
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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 . . .

**M**ADAM.—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.

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

**M**ADAM.—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



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

### GUINNESS Sports & Pastimes

**C**RICKET is a sport that is played only by the British Umpire. You cannot have a foul at cricket, only a duck.

**S**OCER & 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 scrummage. It is always advisable to kick off with a Guinness.

**T**HE 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.

**H**OCKEY is played in a muddy field. Often by girls. You are not allowed to raise your elbow this after the game is over.

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## 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 "gentleman," 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.

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 demand a legal action which in the long 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.)

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.

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.)

**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.

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As the dispute is for 19/6d, it would be unlikely for the Railways to bring 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, which might run to £5 if the plaintiff 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 long run might leave you out of pocket "to the tune" (as they say) of £ pounds . . . on the other hand, of course, it might not.

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# News from the Universities'

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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 multipartite 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.

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.

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## 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)**

Linda is a second year physics student. Apart from her beautiful blue eyes and other outstanding feminine attributes, she possesses considerable charm and grace. In her conversation and manner she proves her maturity which is, however, relieved at the appropriate moment by a keen sense of humour. These are all qualities essential in a person who must meet people and represent the Guild on public and social occasions.

She has had considerable experience of serving on the Standing Committees of the Guild. During the past year she has been a House Member on Union Committee—a Committee chaired by the Vice-President—and a member of Entertainments Committee. Her work with the latter Committee has demonstrated her capacity for hard work and provided scope for her exceptional creative talents.

**Subtle combination**  
Certain duties of the Vice-President can be clearly defined, e.g. the chairing of Council in the absence of the President.

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 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 Freshers 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 Freshers 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

in the Guild, to be the sort of warm personality who can help you relax on a formal occasion and whom everyone can meet and talk to in the Union.

Carolyn has just this ability. Even now it takes her half-hour to get from one side of the Union to the other. Her warmth and maturity, energy and enthusiasm make her our choice as Vice-Presidential candidate. We are sure that it will be yours too.

Her attitude to W.U.S. has typified her view of the University. She has broadened its activities from a fund-raising charity to an instrument of student international understanding, bringing overseas students on to the committee and involving more members of staff in order to draw Guild and University closer together. She has welded this assorted group into a team so well that anyone reading this who does not know what W.U.S. stands for cannot blame Carolyn.

Her independence and capacity for original thinking will be an invaluable asset on Executive, where she will be able to weigh up other people's opinions and bring a lively feminine mind to the administration. Administrative ability is not the only prerequisite of a Vice-President. What is required above all is the ability to be the first lady of the

Bar, her natural modesty and pleasing manner have won 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.

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

**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.

**C. L. Jones.**  
**J. A. Siebert.**



### Josephine Jump

**MISS JOSEPHINE JUMP**, of the English Department (36-24-36) is a vivacious, attractive, yet unassuming blonde who, we believe, possesses the poise and ploys 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)**



### Carolyn Biraben

**CAROLYN BIRABEN** follows the recent vice-presidential tradition of redheads. A second-year student in Physiology, she is a hybrid of the Faculty of Science and the Medical School. Carolyn has a delightful knack of getting to know people very quickly; maybe the four years she spent in America explain this. Coupled with the fact that she was head girl at a progressive co-ed school; this may also account for her recent successful debut in the Debating Society.

At 21, her maturity can be seen in her easy self-confidence and width of interests. As Secretary of World University Service which has given her experience of External Affairs Committee and N.U.S. Council, she has shown tremendous energy—so much so that she is now on W.U.S. National Executive—the only undergraduate member.

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## Science Column

## RESEARCH ON THE ROOF

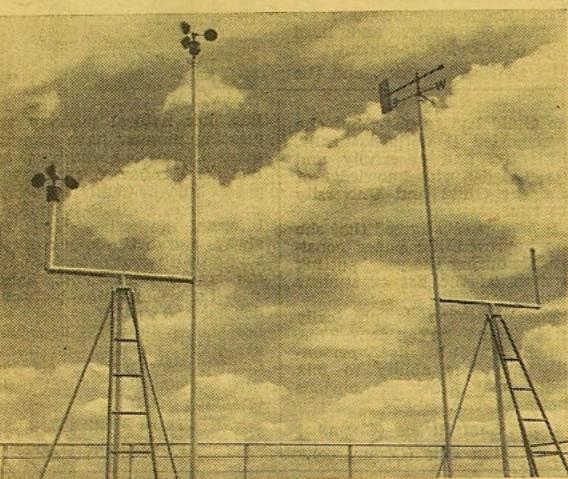
DURING the Easter Vacation the installation of meteorological instruments on the roof of the Geography Dept. came near completion. These instruments serve two purposes—firstly, they will give undergraduates a chance to gain practical experience in weather observation and secondly, they will allow research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

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

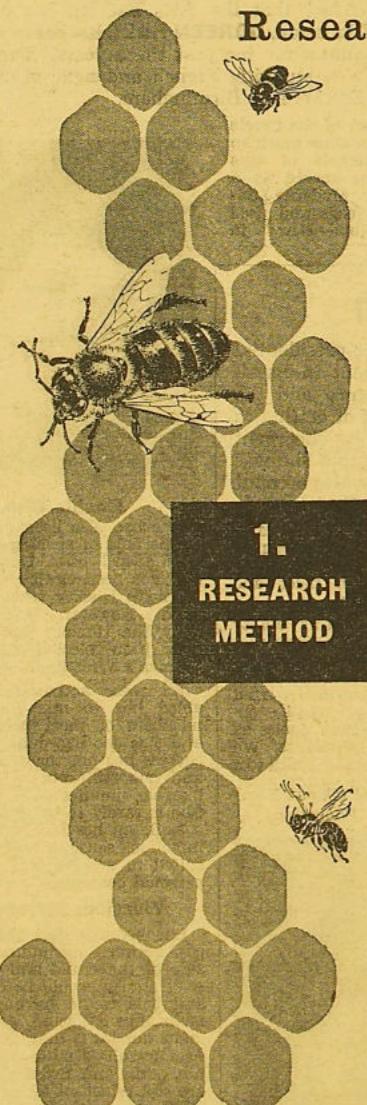
wind profiles. Vertical soundings will be made using balloons up to nine feet diameter. Radio telephone equipment has been installed to pick up information from all over the world. All students will make use of these new facilities during their courses.

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



## 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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## 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.

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—or 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 the word.

James Robertson Justice is admirably suited to a well-entitled role. Stanley Baxter's hat trick as Everett, the Scot, the German Commander Stampfli, 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.

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 tasting the waters in the Wiesbaden casino; these many and varied experiences gave all who went vivid recollections of an unforgettable holiday.

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## 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.

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## BIRCHFIELD MAKE THE RUNNING

## Many personal bests—Payne outstanding

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

## Fine showing

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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 may keep him off the track for a couple of weeks, could not match the pace of a young Olympic star, Barry Jackson, a Lozelle, 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

## SPORT

## SPORTS DAY OVERHAUL

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

## Brilliant

Brilliant junior Bob Ixon 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.

Apartment

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.

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 clinked IV invitation events 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.

## 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  
Physics ..... 19.0  
Chem. 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. & Min.; 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—Seven-a-side 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".

**Canoing**

**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 excused 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.

**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.

# 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 résistance**

The Wednesday programme promises to be the pièce de résistance 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.

— by —

**Dr. Jasper McKee**  
Chairman,  
Festival Sub-Committee

The name of C. A. Lejeune is a byword in the world of film journalism, and both Miss Lejeune and the films which follow her talk on Thursday afternoon (thanks to the Entertainments Committee) should bring the second week of the Festival to a notable conclusion.

The name of Sir Edward Bullard is well known to scientists in general and geophysicists in particular. His talk on Tuesday, June 27th on "The Floor of the Ocean" will have the form of an Open Lecture and will be of interest to artist and scientist alike.

Wednesday finds the Festival removed for the day from its residence in the Students' Union to the neighbouring Barber Institute. Here Alec Robertson will give an illustrated talk on the subject "Music as a Language." As the illustrations are pianistic

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

**Open rehearsal**

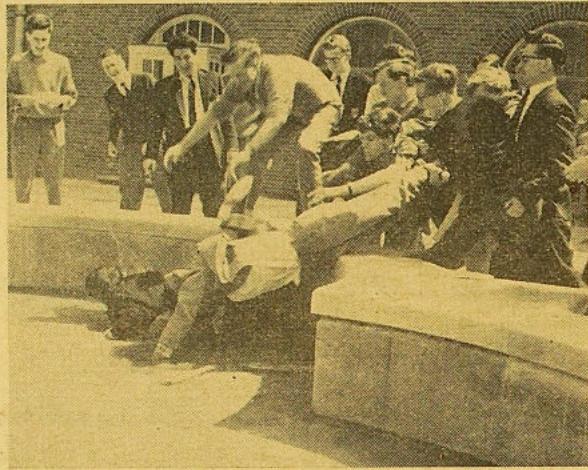
The June Festival is brought to a close on Thursday, June 29th by Bernard Hepton, who is Director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. He is a man of progressive ideas and his talk on "The Progressive Theatre" should be of interest to anyone who appreciates or condemns contemporary trends in drama.

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.



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 agreed 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.

Having seen so much suffering, so many die, one's own problems, one's own emotions seem without point and relevance. And with them religion.

**TABES.**

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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.

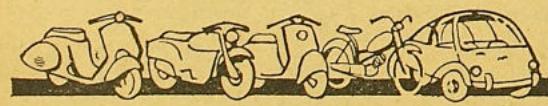
Speaking to our reporter in the bar a few seconds after receiving the good news, Mr. Large said, "Thank heavens it's all over. I was never so frightened in all my life as I was at the hustings. I was certain Rodney had got it." During his year of office Mr. Large intends to try to be a President about 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 Hirons were in the Union to congratulate the victor. "I don't think you were disgraced" said Mr. Large, shaking Mr. Hirons' hand. Both Mr. Hirons 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 HIRONS** ..... 344  
**SADRU JIVANI** ..... 181



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