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The Guild of Undergraduates—University of Birmingham

IT ISN'T CRICKET

It is impossible to separate the students demonstrating at the Edgbaston cricket ground from the injustices they were protesting about; for whilst it may be very amusing to see a few odd people with placards proclaiming the end of the world when placards bid us to have a regard for human rights derision must give way to respect, or for those of us who see nothing to respect in a slightly bedraggled band sometimes less numerous than the policemen designed to keep them under control at least let us find some pathos in a few sensitive human beings whose hearts are in the right places, but whose methods appear to lack finesse or whose efforts seem to be concentrated on false trail.

Fortunately few Birmingham University students have publicly declared themselves to be in favour of the policy of the South African Government, but a few who very definitely oppose apartheid have also found it necessary to oppose any of the practical means designed to bring it to an end.

Thus there is no need to justify the cause of the demonstrators. As a radical student body we are adamantly opposed to any form of racial prejudice.

It's just that some of us can find little sympathy for the way the demonstrators are voicing their opposition. I have heard quite a few of the arguments against this particular protest march.

"It's no use blaming the cricketers." "If we were in South Africa we would also support apartheid." "Politics and sport should be kept separate." "Having once invited a cricket team

it is the rules of hospitality not to shout embarrassing slogans at them." Each of these has been produced by sportsmen, clergymen and newspapers—serious and popular.

As for the first objection, the more that public figures can be made to feel the fruitlessness and injustice of the path that their country is following the more chance there is of averting final disaster.

Secondly, there are liberals in South Africa who risk jail or even worse in exchange for publicising their opposition to government and though our students may not have been so vociferous against racial segregation had they lived in South Africa this objection cannot be voiced in this University since most of us have not been to South Africa and can only be guided by our imagination in this matter.

Finally those who seek to separate sport and racial prejudice are either insufficiently imaginative to feel what it is like to be a member of an oppressed racial group or are so insensitive that they believe that life can be divided into separate compartments each one unaffected by what is going on elsewhere.

The truth is that there are some matters of such fundamental importance that they transcend into every corner of our daily lives; there are some freedoms so deeply ingrained into the meaning of goodness and truth that anything undertaken in their absence becomes an empty farce.

I don't care if the best teams in the most exciting sport are competing under perfect conditions purely for the sake of the game it will be no more than a mockery if there seems to be a voice crying "No lager! No sherries!"

For the sake of our own consciences, for the sake of our belief in the equality of human beings, for the sake of our faith in the eventual liberation and education of the whole world let us look kindly upon these people who have had the courage to risk physical discomfort and social condemnation for something they believe to be important.

D.Z.

Knighthood for Vice-Chancellor

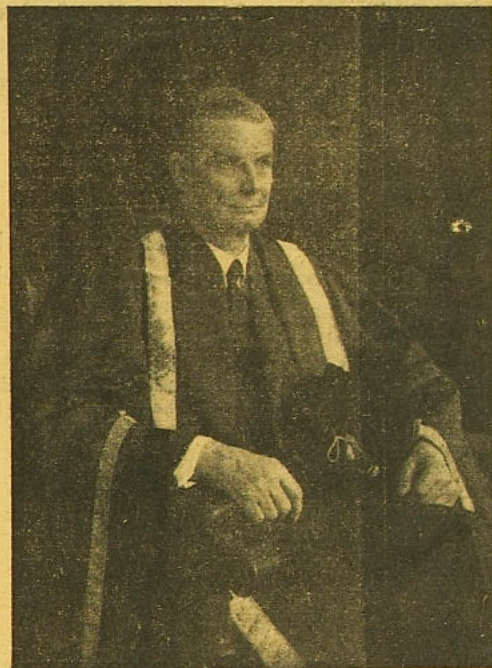
It was no surprise to many when Dr. Aitken's name appeared with several other famous Midland names in the Queen's Birthday Honours list last week.

Dr. Aitken came to this University in 1953 when he succeeded Sir Raymond Priestley as its Vice-Chancellor.

He was born at Wyndham in New Zealand and educated at Otago and Oxford. Since then his distinguished career has taken him to Aberdeen as Regius Professor of Medicine from 1939 to 1948, and then back to New Zealand as Vice-Chancellor of Otago University, a position which he held until 1953 when he came to Birmingham.

Dr. Aitken has had many important problems to deal with since he has been with us, not least has been that of the University's continued expansion. But in spite of this he has always taken a great interest in the student body and has been a sympathetic listener to its many difficulties.

We are sure that the whole student body would like to join with us in offering him our sincere best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of this distinguished award.



DR. ROBERT AITKEN

STICKY WICKET...

FOR most people the exams are over and the end-of-season festivities are getting under way. Festivities, that is, for most normal people but not, alas, for that strange breed which spends its life waving banners and signing petitions. For them, the slack period after the exams is like Manna sent from heaven, when they can pursue their nefarious activities without let or hindrance.

These strange beings are truly gregarious creatures whose whole existence depends on their being able to hold regular meetings which are preferably held in large squares containing statues

of Nelson, outside missile bases or outside cricket matches.

At these meetings the participants (or "demonstrators" to give them their technical name) undergo several sacred rites.

The most important ritual is

the "Grand Parade" when the demonstrators form up in pseudo-military fashion, bedecked in their regalia to parade past the target of their affections.

It is not generally realised that the demonstrators who attend any one meeting are the same people who attend every demonstration whether it be against H-bombs or Test Cricketers. These people are professionals: they wander around from meeting to meeting shouting their slogans and distributing their leaflets.

This calls to mind the story of the two demonstrations being held at different times on the same afternoon, when the demonstrators did their banner waving for one cause then turned their reversible banners round and started demonstrating for the second cause!

I had the singular misfortune recently of being present (quite by accident of course) at a demonstration outside the Test Match at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground.

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WORLD REFUGEE YEAR UNIVERSITY APPEAL

WORLD Refugee Year is nearly over. Britain has doubled its total and has raised £8 million. Here in Birmingham the Lord Mayor's Appeal has extracted several thousands from the pockets of Brummies. And what about the University?

A small group of about a hundred students has taken part in Bread & Cheese lunches to raise a sum of over £200 which, on a per capita basis, rates as a worthy effort. The other 3,900 students have perhaps donated a few shillings in the city collections, but have not contributed as a body.

During the post-examination period there will be an opportunity for those of us who have so far had little opportunity to contribute, to make a final donation:

FIRSTLY by coming to the World Refugee Year Dance on Friday, 17th June, in the Union. Tickets cost 4/- single, 7/6 double. Bar open till 12 midnight.

SECONDLY by giving generously during the World Refugee Year collection. Collecting tins

will be posted throughout the University from Monday, 20th June until the end of term. Just 2/6 from each student (a little more than the cost of 10 cigarettes!) would raise another £500 and bring the final total in the area of £1,000. How about it?

D.M.

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editorial

THOSE last exams, are over: the final session has dwindled for many of us to the final weeks; and all that remains is the long (why so long?) period of anguished waiting for results.

We should like to take the opportunity to wish all those taking exams, and particularly those taking Finals, the best of luck—and hope that the same will come our way.

At the same time we should like to turn our attention to a class of people who on the face of it seem to be ultra-successful, with not a care in the world, the people who will get Firsts and Upper Seconds, and be offered Research Studentships. Everyone will congratulate them; few will appreciate the vital decision they have to take.

We should like to offer the successful a humble word of advice: in the first intoxicating moment of success, it will seem natural to take the chances offered and to let yourselves in for perhaps three years research. But think well before you accept.

Have you felt lately the urge to become truly independent, to get out into the world and earn an honest living? Have you met the life-partner you sought and felt you'd like to settle down? Have you considered that research can be and often is, a lonely way, with all your contemporaries gone? Are you really in love with the work you will be doing? All these things will weigh still more heavily in your research years than in your undergraduate life. Think seriously about them now and save yourself possible anguish later.

Don't go away with the wrong idea. We're not trying to put anyone off from doing research; for the right person, it can be a fine and enjoyable undertaking, and we wish all those who follow it every success. No, all we are saying is "Make sure that you make the right decision, that you are the right person to tread the lonely way of research!"

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE

SIR,—If I may once again be allowed to use your columns to fan the flames of wrath of some somnolent section of the Guild, I would indeed be much obliged.

Politics within the Guild seem somewhat lacking . . . a complete list would be far too long, but I would point to one sphere where a semi void now exists.

The published political opinions of our members, particularly those in the know, I would agree that the Political Societies do make available a considerable amount of party literature, and do invite many notable political personalities to speak to meetings in the Union and these speeches being later reported in full in "Guild News."

However, our own political writers are few and far between. Occasionally an article finds its way into "Guild News"; a new semi-political magazine — "Ad

Lib," with a very turgid background history, has made its appearance—but what else?

I would suggest that serious consideration be given to launching a fully fledged political magazine, subsidised by the Guild which should be in a position to take such a step with "Mermaid" now practically fully solvent. Such a magazine, published at least twice a term, would I believe give far more scope to our potential political kings, and a higher standard of writing be achieved by there being more opportunity for such.

I await, in hiding, the respective views of the political societies on this suggestion of this "coalition of journalistic convenience."

I am, Yours, etc.,

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PRESS POST

NODDY Wanted

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Sir,—It would seem that the University has recently opened a Kindergarten Department. This is the conclusion that I can draw from the exhibition of childish humour on the Edmund Street notice-board last week. A petition, signed by members of the academic staff and our own President, had been adorned with such pearls of juvenile wit as "Dr. Verwoerd" and "Colin Cowdrey."

Is it too much to expect that students, with a presumably high mental capacity, should take a serious interest in a moral issue such as Apartheid, or is our much-vaunted superiority of intellect a mere sham? Even West Indian dock-labourers, who can probably neither read nor write, have sufficient moral fibre to boycott South African shipping, while we, with all the advantages of higher education, can treat a mere petition on the same subject as an object of derision.

Isn't it time some of our members grew up?

Yours, etc.,
MAUREEN P. JONES,
Department of English.

POLICE STATE?

Sir,—Some little time ago "Wall" carried out a facetious investigation into the so-called "University security police." We had humbly hoped to make the activities of this body appear ridiculous, however it would seem that we were unsuccessful.

We now believe that it is time to approach the question of policing the University through what may be less ridiculous channels, namely "Guild News."

Is it really necessary to employ and supply with uniforms half a dozen men whose occupations are restricted in off-peak hours to picking up broken glass from the University lawns and watching the sports field (no doubt in case anyone should try to steal it)?

Do the University authorities really think it necessary to create work for these men when it is obvious that because of the lack of any real "crime," they are forced into adopting an officious and pompous attitude towards students riding bicycles or endeavouring to park cars?

Perhaps the money spent on employing these men (whose work will be even lighter when the extensions are finished) could have been diverted into the Refectory. On the other hand it may not be lack of money that this latter institution suffers from, but chronic bad planning.

To indicate the seriousness of feeling on both the "security police" and the Refectory within the University, be it sufficient to say that "Wall" has been stirred from post-exam lethargy to write this letter.

Yours sincerely,
"WALL NEWS" EDITOR
& STAFF.

sident of the African National Congress, and the Bishop of Johannesburg.

The President's South African Society of Birmingham University is collecting books for the scheme. Because of the high cost of transportation only those books specifically requested can be sent to South Africa. A book list and a collection box have been placed in the Union Foyer.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,
ART CONNING.

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RUMBLING TUMMY

Sir,—I was very annoyed to find that after I had had two exams on Whit-Monday and with the prospect of another on Tuesday, the University casually refused to serve me and many other students in a similar position with an evening meal.

As a result I had to choose between a roll in the bar and an expensive meal in the Vernon Club, neither of which was suitable.

Therefore I had to go outside the campus into the town to get a meal, thereby wasting an hour before coming back to work in the Library—which I found had closed at 5 p.m.

If the University finds it difficult to staff the Refectory and keep the Library open till the usual hour on Whit-Monday, are students forced to have exams on that day? It cannot be too difficult to arrange that there are no exams on Whit-Monday, a move which would only involve having one day free of exams in the period. This would save a great deal of inconvenience both for the University and the Staff. It is surely time that some suitable arrangement was made and that the University had a little thought and consideration for the hungry exam-ridden students.

Yours faithfully,
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OUR CURRENT DILEMMA

by Brian Piper

IV.—STATUS QUO AND QUO STATUS

WE come now to the final stage of summing-up and pointing morals and conclusions: None but the most naive would try to maintain "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." I believe God's in His Heaven all right, but such is the use we make of our freedom that His world is rapidly getting itself into one Dickens of a mess.

The trouble is that too few of us get the opportunity to examine the international and domestic problems now silting up the smooth flow of human progress.

My first suggestion, as I hinted previously, is a great easing off in the pressure of academic work and a frank recognition that you won't learn it all while you're here, so the best thing to do is to grasp the fundamentals and learn how to apply your mind and love your subjects. You cannot do this in isolation, but only through the inter-communion of personalities across the boundaries of the various disciplines. Then perhaps, too, we can pursue truth with more honesty and less exclusiveness.

I would think the broadening of the syllabus of secondary importance to letting the student seek his own alternatives. But would he not devote more spare time to swotting? After all, he's been under this pressure from the 5th form and didn't he do exactly the same with "minority time" in the 6th, in order to ensure his 'A' levels and a place at Birmingham University?

Maybe he did and maybe he would not, if we accept the need for this broader education, someone must put the brake on somewhere and yell out the right directions. If universities are to be the gathering-ground of the country's brain-power, they must be prepared to take the initiative and their present attitude is the cause of most of the 6th-form cramming (vide Crowther Report).

At the other end we are paying the price for lack of social conscience by giving graduates no sense of purpose other than justification of status by a good job. Industry needs men with ideas and trained minds and also men who not only understand the mechanics of a capstan lathe but also the needs of a capstan operator; not only the rough geographical location of their export orders but the needs and aspirations of the people there too.

I know one of the basic problems is in being non-residential, but I know many people who could give and take far more in Union life if only they dare. As I have said already, staff-student

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Road to Reading Gaol

TO portray a brilliant artist is a difficult task for any actor, but to play a brilliant artist who is also accused of homosexual crimes and still reveal the sympathetic traits in his character is a part that requires rare sensibility and understanding.

Surprisingly enough, it is Peter Finch, an actor known mainly for action parts, who rises magnificently to the title part in the "Trials of Oscar Wilde."

Finch, aided by the verbal wit of Wilde himself, gives a moving portrayal of an intellectually brilliant man tormented by an unnatural passion which he sees leading to inevitable ruin, but which nevertheless he cannot control.

Perhaps the impression most clearly left by the film is one of desolation at the cruelty of society to an individual who refuses to conform to its standards.

With terrifying hypocrisy Victorian society swings from adulation for Wilde, the successful

playwright, to ostracism and persecution for Wilde, the alleged homosexual.

Even his brother refuses to shelter him while he is on bail and his wife shows a surprising lack of sympathy once he has been arrested.

Naturally the film raises important moral issues both on the question of homosexuality itself, and also on Wilde's impassioned plea that beauty is the only justification that art needs in reply to a charge that his work advocates "depraved" conduct.

Moral questions, however, are secondary to the portrayal of Wilde's personal agony, first as he tries to resist the fatal attraction of Lord Alfred Douglas, and then as he faces the prolonged torture of three trials. At the end we see Wilde, a pitifully broken man as he is hustled out of the country after his release from prison.

Whether Wilde was guilty or not is largely irrelevant. The greatness of Peter Finch's performance lies in his understanding of Wilde's suffering as his world crumbles about him. Even the physical torment inflicted by the Marquess of Queensbury is secondary to the torment which he inflicts upon himself.

Whatever your opinion of homosexuality and the law as it stood in Wilde's day, and as it still stands, this film remains a brilliantly acted indictment of man's inhumanity to man.

MAUREEN JONES.

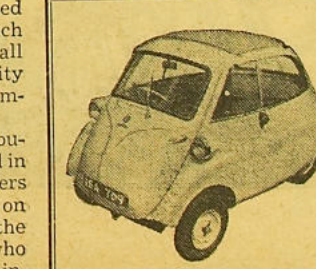
CHANGE OF OFFICERS DEBATE

ON Thursday, June 23rd, the dust of the Debating Hall will once again be stirred. At 1.15 p.m. upon the aforementioned day, the Debating Society will sit once more and be led into an indictment of the status quo by Messrs. Stanley and Betteridge speaking to the motion: "Fings Ain't Bot They Used T'Be." The motion will be opposed by Messrs. Goss and Large.

The proposed situation has been described by one authority as being a modified form of National Service, an investment for which the national economy should pay; this is, one feels, a fairly happy metaphor, giving the estate of the student a new respect.

The standardisation of arrangements for independent students which as proposed will meet with general approval among the "late starters" at university.

Certain administrative details which one would like to see receive attention fell outside the terms of reference of the Committee. These include some sort of standardisation of entrance qualifications at the universities; and the establishment of a "clearing house" to avoid the present wastage of university places and suitable students caused by lack of co-ordination.



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"CHAD HILL COTTAGE" is well known in the University as a students' centre where residents and non-residents, for the past two and a half years, have shared and enjoyed many activities together.

Sad though it is for some of us who have lived there, the house is closing at the end of the session and the centre is moving into fine new premises close at hand in Richmond Hill Road, nearer the University and more in keeping with the plan for an Anglican centre as it was originally conceived.

"Latimer House" is the name proposed for the new premises at 34 Richmond Hill Road, a grand house in large and pleasant grounds.

The lower ground floor includes a large recreation room, a chapel and a coffee bar, all of which will be open to both residents and non-residents. On the ground floor are a library and an oak-panelled dining-hall.

Facilities are provided for at least 23 resident students in shared study-bedrooms, individual cubicles, and a spacious dormitory for six students. Already there has been a considerable demand for places, and all vacancies for next session have been filled.

A Company of Friends of this new branch of the Anglican

chaplaincy has been formed consisting mainly of University staff, and it is shortly to be extended to graduates of the University and local business and professional people who are interested in the well-being of the Centre.

The secretary of the Company of Friends is Dr. J. S. M. Bottrell and the treasurer, Dr. N. Blakebrough, both of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

The Warden of the new house will be the Rev. Robert Turnbull (EDG 1719), who for the past year has been Warden of "Chad Hill Cottage".

Further news of this venture will be published as soon as possible.

M.J.H.

Marriage preparation course

IN response to requests from members of the Guild, the Chaplain has arranged a series of informal talks and discussions on "Preparation for Marriage" with the Birmingham Marriage Guidance Council.

These will be held in the afternoons of June 20th, 23rd, 27th and 30th in the Library of St. Francis Hall. The discussions will be led by Mrs. Peggy Bamford, a Birmingham graduate, and a mother of four children, who is the Education Secretary of the Council, and by the Rev. Keith Wilkes.

People who would like to join the group, and who are engaged to be married, should get in touch with the Chaplain in St. Francis Hall.

Education for us!

IN an attempt to provide its students with a little intellectual stimulus, and possibly a little amusement thrown in for good measure, the University authorities are this year again arranging an extensive programme of "post-examination lectures and other activities which are thought to be of general interest and to which all students are invited."

From the start, let us get this in a true perspective. This is a gallant attempt by the University to fill in what has tended to be a time of listlessness and stagnation which many students in the past have regarded as a waste of time.

It is refreshing to see that in this age of increasingly narrowness of curriculum and intense specialisation, and in increasing pressure of work, that the University realises that the student does want at times to be educated, in the sense that the scientist also wants to know a little of how the other half lives.

The idea of these post-examination activities has been fos-

tered in the past largely by the Physics Department, and gradually the scope has been widened to include all students.

Lecturers from many departments are taking part, and providing food for thought on their own specialist interests and on others under such intriguing titles as "French Wines" and "On being the Prime Minister".

Here it is impossible to give a preview of all the activities which are taking place, but a few might be mentioned. "Science and Statistics" is being given this morning in the Large Theatre (Physics Dept.), by Professor Daniels, Professor of Statistics in the Department of Pure Mathematics. Professor Frazer Mackenzie is speaking on "French Wines" next Monday morning in the Union Debating Hall. Something like a capacity crowd is expected.

The Vice-Principal, Professor G. W. H. Lampe, is delivering two lectures on "The Bible and Revelation". These will possibly be the last two lectures he will give in Birmingham before leaving for Cambridge.

J. M. Allegro, who has done a good deal of work on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and has published a popular book in the Pelican series on the subject, is coming to lecture next Wednesday on his researches.

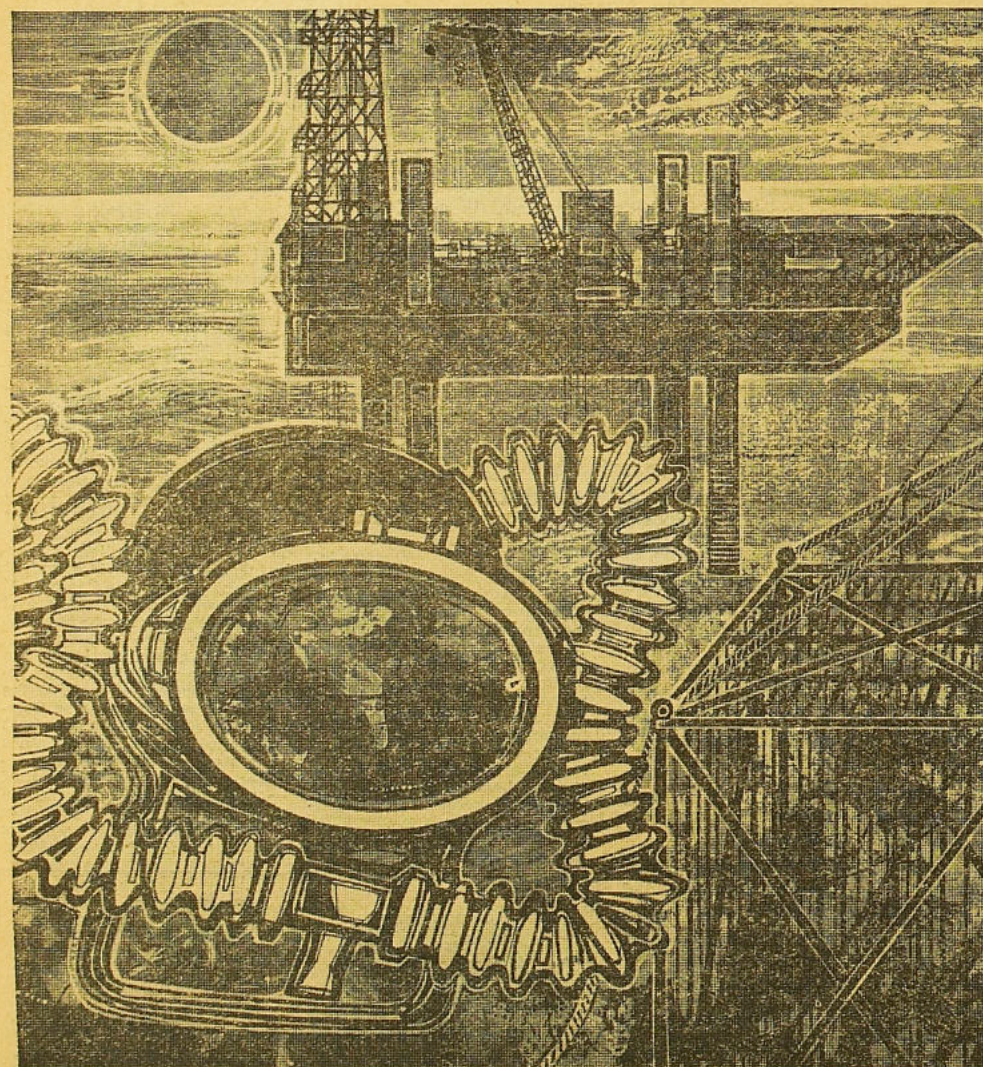
In the programme drama is well catered for and includes "Theatre History and Theatre Practice" by the Deputy Director of the Department of Drama at Bristol University, and "Shakespeare Comedies" by the Director of the Shakespeare Institute.

One could go on adding to this list. On the other hand, perhaps one criticism at least should be made. No doubt many would welcome lectures on general historical topics, particularly those which might be related to topical problems; for example, Parliamentary Movements in the 19th century and the background to the American Presidential Election. The programme might also benefit from an injection of some local history.

Next year, when Carnival is held in the summer months, further development of these mind-broadening processes will undoubtedly further incentive to students to employ themselves usefully in the post-examination period.

Full details of this year's programme can be found at the steward's office in the Union, at Guild Club in the University.

M.J.H.



Divers helmets, a reflection of

THIS YEAR THE WORLD will use over 1,000 million tons of oil. In 1970, international petroleum economists reckon at least 1,800 million tons will be needed.

To meet such a demand it is necessary to find new sources of crude oil. To meet such a demand, in full and in time, it was necessary to start looking for these sources long before 1960. It was also considered prudent to look beyond the limits of the land.

This is why, since February, 1954, a British Petroleum team, in association with French interests, has been probing the oil-bearing potentialities of the rock beneath the waters of the Persian Gulf—first by underwater survey and later from the mobile drilling barge "ADMA Enterprise".

In 1958 their first test well struck oil. Since then two further wells have been completed and BP is preparing to produce crude oil commercially from the new field. This means that, when a 20 mile submarine pipeline to a tanker loading jetty on Das Island has been completed, BP will have, for the world, a new source of oil.

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

BRITISH PETROLEUM



Rowing Club

MORE PROMISING PERFORMERS

from our Rowing Correspondent

SPURRED on by the promising performances in the early part of the season, the various crews have continued to increase the fame of the University Rowing Club. After the success of the First Crew at Burton, the "record" crew demonstrated its pace at Nottingham Regatta on the 28th May by winning the Berrey Cup for Maiden Fours.

In a series of hard and exciting races the crew defeated Met. Vickers R.C. (1 length), Bedford Trent R.C. (1 length), Bedford School R.C. (2 lengths) and Derby School R.C. (2 lengths) and thereby qualified for the final.

To win the event they had to beat Nottingham Britannia R.C. twice, as the umpire awarded a re-row after a clash in the first race. Thus the members of the second crew have become Junior oarsmen.

The first crew also competed at Nottingham, but failed to retain their usual pace and lost to Nottingham and Union R.C. by 3 feet in a close race.

As a result of the examination timetable neither of the first two crews could compete at Worcester or Hereford Regattas. However a pair-oar and

two maiden scullers raced with some success at Hereford on Whit-Monday.

The pair beat Barry R.C., Llandaff R.C. and Derwent R.C. but lost to Monmouth R.C. in the final. They provided a fine example of the spirit prevalent in the club as this pair had never rowed together before and yet won three races against stiff opposition.

In the sculling event R. T. Whitehead lost to a semi-finalist in the first round, and B. J. Vierl beat scullers from Nottingham Britannia R.C. and Ariel R.C., but lost in the semi-final to the winner from Vesta R.C.

For the remainder of the term full crews will be able to race, and it is hoped that, in spite of the lack of training

facilities, their names will be inscribed on many more trophies.

CREWS:

Junior-Senior—

B. G. Payne (Bow).
I. C. Canadine.
A. N. F. Bellamy.
B. J. Vierl (Stroke).
J. M. Sadler (Cox).

Junior—

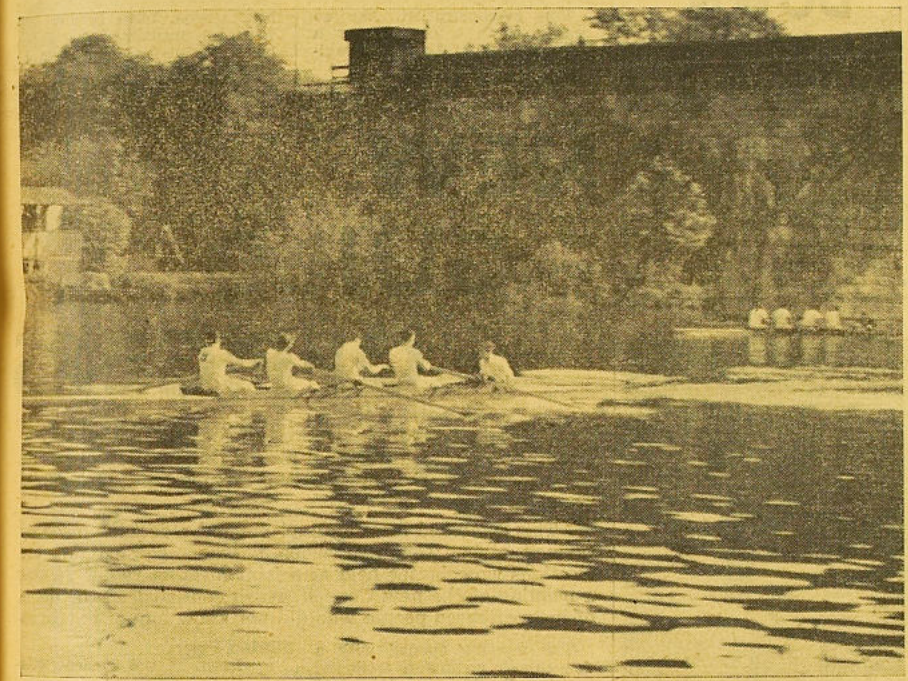
W. D. Bow (Bow).
P. G. Davey.
J. D. Macartney-Filgate.
J. N. Firth (Stroke).
B. G. Beattie (Cox).

Pair-Oar—

B. G. Payne (Bow).
J. N. Firth (Stroke).
T. A. Betts (Cox).

Scullers—

R. T. Whitehead.
B. J. Vierl.



The Junior-Senior Four winning the Burton Regatta.



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THE TEST MATCH DEMONSTRATIONS

DEAR SIR,—The presence of the South African cricketers in Birmingham for the first Test Match gave plenty of opportunity for anti-apartheid types and those advocates of anti-discrimination in sport to make their views known.

An ad hoc committee of interested people in the Guild worked in conjunction with the Birmingham Anti-Apartheid Committee to demonstrate outside the ground and distribute pamphlets.

There were about fifty demonstrators on the Thursday when the Press were there, and about seventy-five were there on the Saturday.

The student committee put in a lot of work in a short time, all the more commendable considering the pressure of exams, but they chose the rather unfortunate title of "Student Committee Against Racism in Sport"; unfortunately because the capital letters, S.C.A.R.S., happen to be the title for the newly-formed Student Campaign Against Racial Segregation, which has nothing to do with this effort. It had been hoped to make the demonstration more constructive by collecting for the Treason Trial dependents and getting every aspect of South African life like sand in desert tea and where the line is drawn in protest is purely arbitrary. If only one member of the team goes back and says he will not play again until the situation changes, our efforts will have been worthwhile.

This petition seems to have caused some resentment in the University, especially among those who only read the heading and not the text. To avoid further ill-feeling and misunderstanding the full text is printed below:—

Dear Sirs,—You must by now be well aware of the weight of opinion in this country against racial discrimination in sport. Whilst we realise that you personally cannot be held responsible for this situation in the Union of South Africa, we ask you to do all you can to remove this blot from the sporting conscience of your country.

We ask you to help because you are people held in high regard who can do much to influence the moulding of public opinion, and lest by your silence you seem to condone this lamentable state of affairs.

The sponsors included several members of the staff as well as the Guild Chaplain, Mike Stanley, Fred Blader, Guy Rastall and Sadru Jivani.

Whatever may be your opinions about the rights and wrongs of flag-wagging at matches, it would be a pity if people rejected all forms of protest because of those who take it further. Apartheid permeates every aspect of South African life like sand in desert tea and where the line is drawn in protest is purely arbitrary. If only one member of the team goes back and says he will not play again until the situation changes, our efforts will have been worthwhile.

Yours etc.,
BRIAN PIPER.

BRIDGE COLUMN

NORTH

S. A, K, 8, 5, 4
H. Q, J, 10, 9, 8
D.
C. A, K, Q.

WEST

S. Q, 10, 9, 7, 6
H. K, 4
D. J, 8, 7, 6, 2
C. J

EAST

S. 3, 2
H. 7, 6, 2
D. 10, 9, 5, 4
C. 10, 8, 7, 6

SOUTH

S. J
H. A, 5, 3
D. A, K, Q, 3
C. 9, 5, 4, 3, 2

South is declarer in 6 clubs and the Jack of Clubs is led. How is the contract made? P.S.—If anyone thinks that South will make the Jack of Spades, I advise him to give up bridge.

A. NURK-BID.

the reality of life and truth. We hope that in this and future issues *Moment* will provide a platform for open discussion, with articles from outside and inside the towers of Edgbaston. ... neither of the Establishment

nor of Dissent... it is for believer and non-believer, artist and scientist, staff and students, and even for those who labour in the limbo of research."

D.M.
B.P.



It's

Marvellous Beer

PROFILE: BOB WREFORD



SETTING—the coffee bar.
Time—one month after the beginning of the Session.
Character—one still bewildered fresher too fresh to realise that the ever-changing mass of unfamiliar faces surrounding him, were merely the same few faces arranged around geometrically different but socially identical tables.

This is how I met the honourable gentleman above. Suddenly there was a mass of arms, legs and energy, not to mention an apparently sharp tongue, all exuding self-confidence. Imme-

diately it was: "Call me Wreck" and even in the Fresh chaos this bloke stuck out and formed an impression to be remembered.

Bob Wreford came here four years ago from the Army, Civil Service, and, way back, from a Public school in Bristol. In three years he shook his critics and himself by graduating from the Honours German School with an Upper Second. During this time and his Dip-Ed this year, he has devoted his energies to Deb. Soc., "Guild News," S.F.H., G.T.G., and, though you wouldn't think it to look at him now, Rugby for Chancellor's Hall. However diverse and numerous Bob's activities have been he devotes an enthusiasm to each in turn, which is single-minded and almost overwhelming.

It was through debating that I really picked up Bob's trail. During the N.U.S. Debating Tournament he was inspiring to a very apprehensive partner, and with his calm exterior and imbibing potential most off-putting to his opponents.

To complete his past: Bob's character continues to show through outside of student activity. In the Vacations Bob has oscillated between mushroom-growing, car-washing in Hamburg, Side-show operating and bus (mis)conducting.

Verbally Bob settles me with the comment that Wales was made because Hell was needed, but the good Lord found it wasn't good enough.

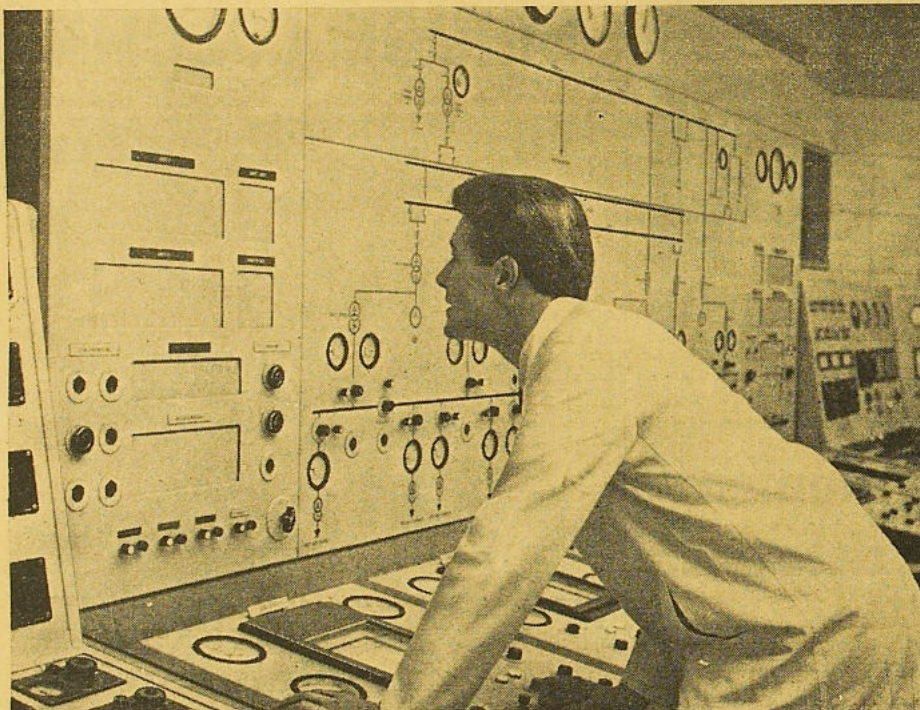
So to return to the plot.

Setting: research scholarship at Birmingham. **Time:** next session; **Character:** Mr. R. J. Wreford; **Theme:** German Radio Plays, a recently-acquired fiancée; and Stone me, I wish him well!

A. R. W. LARGE.

ED. ST. CLOSES DOWN

Our final edition of "Guild News" will be devoted to Edmund Street. The Editor would welcome suitable contributions (e.g., memoirs, impressions, etc.) from both the student body and the academic staff for this unique occasion. Copy date for this edition will be Mon., 27th June.



POWER IN HIS HANDS

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Young men get on, in Electricity

STICKY WICKET PERSONAL COLUMN

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This was a tremendously interesting experience—mainly because I was privileged actually to speak with some of the demonstrators.

They were on this occasion, a mixture of students and intellectual staff from the Commerce Faculty together with an outside organisation the name of which I cannot quite remember (it may have been a Committee against Cruel Sports—but I am by no means sure).

Although this was not a large demonstration by normal standards and it did not attract a large crowd, it was blatantly obvious that it aroused some small curiosity among the local constabulary.

This was evident from the impression one had that the police could bring in reinforcements much faster than the demonstrators could.

It is rumoured that at one stage of the proceedings things took a dramatic turn when a certain lady from the academic staff was nearly arrested for trying to force leaflets on to passers-by.

Whatever will the staff of the University be up to next!—University Knights riding down New Street on their chargers?

This demonstration, like so many others before it, was a flop—who can take these tragicomic figures seriously?

WORLD REFUGEE YEAR DANCE TODAY from 8.00 to 1.00 in the Debating Hall. Open to the public. All proceeds in aid of World Refugee Year.

SUMMER CONGRESS of Universities Federation for Animal Welfare will be held at Culham College, Abingdon, Berks, from 16th to 22nd September, 1960. Reduced rates for students. Further details may be obtained from Mark R. D. Seaward via "Guild News" pigeon hole.

GUILD SERVICES: 6.30 p.m. Sunday, June 19th, The Church's Mission; The Rev. John Grimwade (Vicar of St. Mark's, Smithwick); Tuesday, June 21st, Holy Communion, 7.45 a.m.; Thursday, June 23rd, Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m. and Daily Prayers at 9.30 a.m. and 5.10 p.m.

"FINGS AINT WOT THEY USED 'BE"—Change of Officers Debate on Thursday, 23rd June, at 1.15 p.m., in the Debating Hall.

TWO GAY YOUNG SOCIALITES offer a free invitation to all their parties to anyone suggesting a suitably close flat/flatlet available next session. Ideas by any conventional medium, e.g., pigeon holes, to Miss Gillian Acres or Miss Gillian Stribley.

NEW GUILD OFFICERS

FOR the first time the elections of the new Executive and other officers of the Guild for the coming year were held at a combined meeting of the retiring and new Guild Councils.

This combined meeting implemented a decision made by Council earlier this year when it was suggested that the elections were better held at a joint meeting rather than at a meeting of the new Council which consisted, in the main, of inexperienced people who did not know any of the candi-

The meeting opened with a few caustic comments from the retiring President on the state of the Union and the third-rate journalism of "Guild News". Mr. Stanley then handed the regalia and chairmanship of the meeting over to the new President, Tony Goss, and the meeting then proceeded to the more serious business.

The elections then proceeded and the following people were elected to the offices indicated—

David Mallion:
External Affairs Chairman;
R. E. ("Spud") Taylor:
Internal Affairs Chairman;

Fred Blader:
Executive Officer;

Jane Gilding:
Executive Officer;

Sadru Jivani:
Executive Officer;

Guy Rastall:
Executive Officer;

Mike Rowney:
Executive Officer;

John O'Connor:
Executive Officer;

J. Petherbridge:
House Member;

Ian Ellis:
House Member;

Miss L. M. Baglin:
House Member;

Miss G. Stribley:
House Member;

Andy Bennett:
N.U.S. Secretary;

Barry Faulkner:
Grants and Welfare Secy.;

Brian Piper:
International Student Relations Secretary;

Miss C. Biraben:
World University Service Representative;

Mike Freeman:
Travel Secretary;

M. Berry:
Entertainments Committee Secretary;

Ian Todd:
Stage Equipment Manager.

M. Chowan:
Representative on University Refectory Committee.

The remaining elections of Committee members may be found on the notice-boards.

Vice-Presidential Results

MISS MARGARET RIGHTON was elected Vice-President for next session by a comfortable margin over her worthy rival, Miss Juliet Humphries.

Miss M. Righton 479
Miss J. M. Humphries ... 322

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