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SPACE HERO'S 'NIET' TO RAG DAY

Reds refuse invitation

YURI GAGARIN, Hero of the Soviet Union, First Man into space, darling of several million Russian 'teenagers', has turned down an invitation by Carnival Committee to review the procession of floats on Carnival day.

In an interview with "Guild News," Pat Whitehead, Chairman of the Committee revealed that the following letter had been sent to the Soviet Embassy in London:

The First Secretary,
The Soviet Embassy.

Dear Sir,
I understand from the national Press that Major Yuri Gagarin, the first cosmonaut, will be visiting Britain during the month of June. On June 24th the University of Birmingham holds its annual carnival in the city raising funds for local charities. The Committee and I, and I am sure, the people of Birmingham would consider it a great honour if Major Gagarin could review the Carnival which takes place at 3 p.m. If it is at all possible for Major Gagarin to grace this event with his presence, I should be most grateful if you would reply at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM R. DIXON,
Director of Processions.

A "Guild News" phone call to London in an attempt to discover the fate of this letter was met only with monosyllabic Russian grunts.

Major Gagarin will not come to Birmingham; indeed he may even have been put off coming to England because of this student request. Once more Russia has replied "Niet."



NEW EXEC

AT the joint Council meeting held on Friday, 19th May, elections were held for most of the Guild committees and organisations.

The following were elected to the Executive:
Sam Hirons (Chemistry)
External Affairs.
Mike Berry (Elec. Eng.)
Internal Affairs.
Ken Huddleston (Chem. Eng.)
Maureen Jones (English)
Rodney Klevan (Law)
Sadru Jivani (Medicine)
Ahmed Qidwai (Chem. Eng.)
John Gunn (Maths.-Physics).

COME EARLY—GET YOUR TINS ON FRIDAY

COLLECTING TINS will be issued on **FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd** from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the Reading Room.

Tins will be issued and received from both the Union, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Guild Club, Gt. Charles Street, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Carnival Day.

HAVE A MEAL IN THE OLD GUILD PREMISES

IN GREAT CHARLES STREET
WHILE IN TOWN ON CARNIVAL DAY.

Free bus rides on Saturday



EDITOR Maureen Jones
ASSISTANT EDITOR Bob Bootle
BUSINESS MANAGER Steve Goddard

Between appearance and reality . . .

MADAM.—Although agreeing in the main with the last article in your "Talking Point" series, I feel that the argument was not carried to its natural conclusion; Mr. Abrahams, in fact, after attacking emotionally inspired ideals merely substituted his own irrational terminology. I refer to his plea for "clinical analysis and examination of indisputable facts."

Let us consider the method of the most exacting of human pursuits—namely, physics. Here would seem to be a certain pathway to true knowledge—as envisaged by the great age of Bacon, Galileo, Kepler, Huygens and culminating in Newton.

The latter visualised an orderly universe analogous with the machine; absolute time and space. Reasoned with experience was to be the guide to truth. Hume pointed out the fallacy, however—that induction and empiricism cannot be justified by induction and empiricism; it is circular reasoning.

I have heard mathematicians say that calculus was justified because it produces the right answer—irrespective of the probable soundness of the method used. Biologists are similarly at disagreement over the mechanism of evolution, yet accepting the fact.

Unnatural

Again, consider the histologist, who must subject the tissues under observation to unnatural conditions—inevitably by killing and staining the cells. How can he be sure that the inert coloured mass on the slide is identical with the stuff that was once called "Life"? Clearly "between the Appearance and the Reality, falls the shadow..."

I have very briefly shown that the search for certainty is, even in science, a futile one—there are only degrees of likelihood. Each discovery throws light on older theories and new doubts

BOGGED DOWN

MADAM.—It is high time a complaint was made against the generally apathetic attitude of "Guild News".

Some time last January an article of mine was printed giving my impressions of the U.S.S.R. These the "Daily Mirror" has recently seen fit to call prejudiced. The prejudice is due to the editors of this paper.

The original was, I admit, both uninspired and too long, but I thought it still the duty of a university newspaper editor to keep the original sense of my opinions when editing them. Instead my article was mutilated (by-passing the praise I lavished on two or three Soviet institutions) which made me look a biased ass. As I may be, but I resented this inference.

Our respectable "Guild News" is half fulfilling its duties. It ought to be a field on which we can champion our enlightened, controversial opinions.

At present the paper seems only suitable for the stupefied inhabitants of a hideous, fuming Lethean bog. Perhaps, however, this is a fair description for a university electing Presidents mainly on the strength of their declared intention to leave well alone in the Union.

Yours faithfully,
IAN K. REID.

WET TOO SOON

Protest at President's ducking

DEAR MADAM.—A recent report appeared in the "Birmingham Post" that the newly-elected President of the Guild of Undergraduates was thrown into the Mermaid Fountain.

This baptismal proceeding should not have taken place as the fountain is incomplete and not handed over to any University

authority. It is hoped that this will be done by the end of the month when the mermaid statue will be in position, the fountain working, and the pool full of water.

It is therefore suggested that in order to confirm the election

of this distinguished official the traditional procedure shall take place then.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,
HOLLAND W. HOBBISS
Life member of the
Students' Union

FIGURING TROUBLE

DEAR MADAM.—From a statistical point of view the figures of the St. Francis Hall Survey published in the last issue of "Guild News" leave much to be desired. The implication that this was an accurate poll, we suspect, was unfounded.

As the undersigned, with the Faculty of Medicine and the Institute of Education, were not questioned, we must assume that the Survey was a sample. How big was the sample? How was it constructed? The answers to these questions are necessary for a better interpretation of the data.

Finally, the Commerce and Social Science "Department" is a Faculty.

Yours faithfully,
V. POWELL-SMITH
R. M. HUMPHREYS
I. A. AMER
S. DANTOWITZ

Editor's Note: The SFH figures were obtained as a result of sending out 900 questionnaires of which half were returned. In no part of our report was the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science referred to as a "Department."

PETER BROWNBRIDGE.

AWKWARD CASE

DEAR MADAM.—In every community there are always the dishonest few who indulge in "petty stealing," but in this establishment "petty" is too trivial a word to describe the extent of the thefts afterwards.

If we exercise for a moment Mr. Abrahams' plea for self-analysis, how many of us must admit to ourselves the disconcerting possibility of Mrs. Knight's words!

The best test of whether a belief is rational or emotional in origin is our attitude if it is challenged. If the belief is rational we are usually willing to re-examine the evidence: if it is emotional the usual reaction is one of contempt, disapproval or condemnation.

PETER BROWNBRIDGE.

PRESS POST

BY ANY OTHER NAME?

DEAR MADAM.—After the pornographic obscenities, during the Vice-Presidential hustings, of certain male students (who may as well remain nameless—there is no need to boost their ego or their notoriety), it seems necessary to register almost as publicly—or should the Tammy system be used to do so?—strong disapproval, at, and disapproval of, their proceedings.

No doubt it would be too much to expect an apology?

Yours etc.,
D. M. GOODWIN.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

MADAM.—One of the main grievances of students at this university, is the amount of time wasted in waiting for meals. The Vernon Grill is no exception in this respect. However, on one recent visit, we were privileged to witness a deviation from this general rule; namely V.I.P. treatment received by the President and ex-Vice-President of the Guild.

We do not wish this to be taken as an attack on these two people whom we recognise as senior members of the Guild,

but one can hardly expect them to be aware of the difficulties faced by students when they themselves are served, personally and immediately by the "first lady of the Vernon."

Yours faithfully,
R. J. TELLWY, Gerald Corbett.

JILL WATSON.

Booking trouble

LIBRARY CHECK PLEA

SEVERAL letters have been written to "Guild News" complaining of the inconvenience caused by the Annual Inspection of the books of the Main Library.

This entails a virtual closing of the Library for eleven days, an obvious source of annoyance to those who wish to continue extra- and intra-curricular studies. Most of our correspondents realise the necessity of such an inspection but wonder whether or not it could be done as efficiently during the Long Vacation.

Reply

In reply to these queries Mr. Humphreys, the Librarian, said that previous experiences had shown that the post-examination period was the best of all for this inspection. The suggestion of so many people was entirely unsuitable, for approximately two thousand books would be on loan at that time and the time required for the recall of one book is four or five times greater than that required during the Session. However, most of the inspection time is spent in retrieving migratory books of the English stack from the Science Reading Room.

The maximum figure quoted is £15 pa—about 10/- per week. The proposed increase follows a substantial rise over last year's rate for the present session, and many students in residence feel that a guarantee should be given that no further increases will occur within the next few years.

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Some of the long, bare walls in the Union are to be improved by a gift of pictures from friends of the University in the city, notably Lady Joan Zuckerman and Mr. Holland Hobbiss.

A committee of senior members of the Guild is considering the problem of framing and siting the pictures.

PICTURES

DEAR MADAM.—I am intrigued by the appearance of the mermaid in your banner heading.

Her intrauterine origin is adequately confirmed by the presence of an umbilicus, but does the absence of nipples indicate a piscine lack of interest in any future offspring?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. CUMMINGS

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IT is not widely known that this University regularly sponsors, and gives financial backing to, those of its members who wish to organise scientific expeditions in Britain or abroad. This summer biologists, geographers and geologists have arranged such expeditions.

GREENLAND

The Birmingham South Greenland Expedition, consisting of three research students from the Geology Dept., left England on May 13th for a fifteen week stay on Tasermiut fjord, a 40-mile long inlet of S. W. Greenland.

They will study glacial and geological features over an area of 200 sq. miles around the inlet.

All types of Alpine scenery are found here for mountains rise sharply from the shore to 7,000 feet.

We are informed that the initial difficulties of acquiring and licensing a bus have been successfully overcome. Mr. T. J. McMahon, who is organising the tour, estimates that the cost of the journey will be about £25 per head if thirty people undertake to go. On return the bus will be sold and the proceeds redistributed.

My opinion is as follows. So entered the world as a result of man's disobedience to God. Man made the community corrupt. We as its heirs, live in an environment of sin which is no worse and no better than in any other age, only far more populous.

At the moment the attendant cannot tell whether someone who takes a coat off a peg is the real owner or not. Breaking into a locker is quite a different matter, and cannot remain undetected so easily!

The most shocking part of this stealing business concerns the library cloakroom.

We are forced to leave our coats and bags down there because, I understand, the temptation to steal books is thereby diminished. This is absolute rubbish!

It is just as easy to smuggle books out of the library under one's arm, as in a case. What is more, the library doesn't even declare its items responsible for articles left in the cloakroom, even though they may be stolen, so we have to suffer.

It is high time something was done about this.

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MIRROR OF THE TIMES

Lively debate on the Press

GRACED by the presence of Professor Hood Phillips, of the Law Faculty; and Mr. Kenneth Harris, of the "Observer," last Wednesday the Guild debated the duty of the Press—whether it should lead or reflect public opinion.

Professor Hood Phillips, proposing, said that publications could be divided into two kinds, the good, which he read, and the bad. Good papers led public opinion, bad papers merely reflected it.

Duty

Quoting the as yet unpublished Phillips law—the larger the group, the lower the standard of behaviour—the professor continued by showing how the "bad" newspapers had a correspondingly bad effect upon society by their sex and sensationalism.

The duty of the press was to lead, because even if this entailed a loss of business profits, it had an obligation to society which had to be fulfilled.

Casuistry

Mr. Harris, having paid the habitual compliments to the Guild, warned us against the casuistry of the proposition. He asked Professor Hood Phillips if he had never watched any of his lady friends in front of a mirror—they did not consider the image there distorted, but looked for something new every time.

A newspaper which did not reflect public opinion could last no longer than a propagandist pamphlet, and the lower the aim of the newspaper, the larger the circulation. If the gap between the paper and its public grows, then the sales will drop. In voting for the motion, the house would be condemning the press to suicide.

Even Lord Beaverbrook, who was foremost in trying to lead public opinion through the medium of the "Daily Express," admitted that it cannot be done unless there is a sound financial basis.

Literacy

Seconding the proposition Mr. Wreford considered it essential to view the press in the context of its society. Whereas in the seventeenth century 10 per cent.



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Midland Bank—

SAMPLING IN SUBURBIA

PROFESSOR of Political Science, Professor H. S. Ferns, is hoping that a political and social research unit will be established at Birmingham University. It would be used to obtain unbiased facts on such questions as racial integration, local government administration, and changes in political attitudes.

Professor Ferns said, "I believe that detailed information on subjects like these is very necessary in a multi-racial community like Birmingham. Such investigations are important guides for social and Government action." The foundations have already been set by completing a detailed survey of sources of information on the political, social and economic life of the area.

Random sample
A dozen or so students under

Dr. G. N. Ostergaard have interviewed a random sample of young people in the Selly Oak constituency, who have come to the electoral roll each year for five years.

Besides showing the limitations of survey techniques, the following facts emerged. Approximately 10 per cent. of the 42 new voters in 1959 were interviewed, showing that all the Labour supporters and more than half the Conservative supporters left school at 15.

Similarly, more than half the Labour supporters and one third of the Conservatives earned less than £7-10 per week. All the Labour voters thought their party best for the working class, but only half for the country as a whole. Whilst 83 per cent. considered themselves as belonging to a social class, only 61 per cent. of the Conservatives considered themselves as in a social class.

Comparison
To give the facts more relevance, interviews with another 50 Selly Oak young people have just been concluded and will be compared with those with fifty university students, carried out for the first time this year.

Dr. Ostergaard added, "One difficulty in interpreting this sort of information is that young people have often not thought very much about political problems—after answering all our questions one man decided he had voted for the wrong party. It was the first time he had thought about the matter at that length."

The effect of the inquiry on the students who did the interviewing has also been interesting. Some of them were very disillusioned."

The type of information amassed by a research unit in the West Midlands could be extended to similar industrial communities throughout the country.



Left to right: Kenneth Harris, Bunny Reed, Professor Hood Phillips, Gill Stribley and Bob Wreford.

HALL CHANGE

THE percentage of public school boys in Chancellor's Hall is twice as high as that in the University generally. This is the most striking result of a survey whose results were announced at the last Council meeting of last term.

The survey, undertaken at the request of Council members, interested to discover if the reputation of Chancellor's for being full of public school boys was well-founded, yielded the following results (figures based on people from Headmasters' Conference Schools):—

In the University	21.0%
In Manor House	18.0%
In University House	20.0%
In Chancellor's Hall	42.5%

ROUGH LIFE

WOULD you like to lead a rough, sporting life in the Lake District for 10 days? The University Physical Education Department gives you just this opportunity at one of its two Summer Camps which it is organizing by the side of Lake Coniston in the near future.

The First Camp will be held from Monday, June 26th to Thursday, July 6th, but students should obtain permission from the Head of their Department before attending this camp. The Second Camp lasts from Monday, July 10th until Friday, July 21st.

INSTRUCTIONAL

During both camps, an instructional programme will be carried out in Fell Walking, Sailing, Canoeing, Underwater Diving, and Lightweight Camping.

Basic foods and accommodation will be provided at both camps, although meals will be provided for the first four days of the second Camp. The respective costs of the Camps are £5 5s. and £9 15s., whilst the return rail fare from Birmingham to Ulverston is £2 17s., and the bus fare from Ulverston to Torver is 3 6s.

Application forms and further information about the Camps may be obtained from the Physical Education Department of the University.

HUMAN AERIALS

THE new television set installed in the recently-opened television room, has exhibited some unusual characteristics. On one night last month the reception of sound was extremely bad except when a viewer rose to adjust the set. The sound then came on loud and clear until the viewer was re-seated when it once more died away.

Various theories have been put forward about this phenomenon, ranging from the human aerial hypothesis to the loose floorboards and faulty connection suggestion.

Meanwhile the question remains unresolved.

STATION IN SIGHT

IN the survey recently conducted by the University concerning the opening of a station near the Med. School, 2150 forms were returned from the University, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the King Edward Schools.

Almost 1,300 people were prepared to use the station for journeys from the city centre and further afield.

The matter is now in the hands of British Railways who state that they are preparing to open stations at the University and Five Ways when financially possible.

Not his coin

A COUNTERFEIT half-crown was discovered in his change by Ian Cheetham of Chemistry recently. The coin, which Mr. Cheetham thinks he acquired in the Refectory, has been handed to the police.

"It was an extremely bad forgery," said Mr. Cheetham. "It was too light, too shiny and the milling marks were too far apart. The taste of the metal was different to that of a normal half-crown."

The police refused to comment. The coin has been handed to the C.I.D.

A HORSE OF MANY COLOURS

HAVING been out of town when "No Love for Johnnie" first arrived, I wouldn't miss the opportunity which the Oak provided of seeing a film, albeit too late to recommend.

In the absence, this week, of any other films commanding attention, in so far as one can pre-judge, I hope I may be forgiven for reviving what to many may be old stuff.

I gathered from earlier reviews that Johnnie Byrne (Peter Finch) was a sort of intellectual Albert Finney in reverse, whose love affairs were as hot as the outside pubs on the road to political ambition and to hell with the Highway Code. Perhaps the M.P.'s code, as presented by Stanley Holloway, who move, however transitory, from monologues and musicals, is to be applauded, gets a little forgotten, but let us not lose sight of the truth that Westminster politics are just a game played with the vigour and mock seriousness of all-in wrestling.

Successful

Peter Finch confirms the im-

pression he made as Oscar Wilde. Mary Peach is no less than her name suggests. Her performance was beautifully effortless. In Stevens, the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Keen and his script effected a penetrating study and as usual, Donald Pleasance, as the arch-splitter of the group, was a pleasure to watch.

This film presents no violence, no lurid sex, no spluttering attempts at so-called method acting, no searching close-ups, no passionate speeches or sweet nothings of poetic tenderness. In fact, it is one of the few films I have seen to have made a successful attempt at realism.

Harvey Jervis.

Bilk has a Ball FROM "BRUM" TO HULL

THE citizens of "Brum" are not the only ones to be driven out of their wits by a Carnival this week, for this is also the Hull's Rag Week. One would expect that there would be endless opportunity for raids and so on, but as far as we know the only one capitalising on the situation is Mr. Acker Bilk.

After finishing playing at our Jazz Band Ball in the early hours of this morning, he turned up to Yorkshire where he is due at eight o'clock tonight to play in the Hull Jazz Ball and to crown their Jazz Queen. Hard work, yes, but profitable.

Scandal

Hull is, of course, the place where they recently had all the trouble over necking in the lounges. This seems to have been started by a column in the University paper, "Torch-

Bumping

Other Universities have finished their Summer Terms, packed their bags and gone home. Notable amongst these is Cambridge, where they celebrated June by holding the May bumping races. The bumping provided the sensation of the year with the first post-war double overbump. This astounding feat being performed by the Vth eight one of the lesser-known colleges.

(No, lady, we don't know what a double overbump is, either.)

New Universities

Since the last issue of "Guild News," the Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced that there are to be three more new Universities, at Colchester, Coventry and Canterbury. Already building are Universities at Norwich, Brighton and York; making a total of at least six completely new centres of learning to be opened in the next few years, all intended as relatively small establishments.

The question arises, will these new colleges follow the example of Keele in offering a broader education more fitting to a University? Meanwhile, the older Northern Universities, such as "Brum," Manchester and Leeds, are expanding to astronomical sizes and show signs of becoming mere factories churning out thousands of scientists. In view of this it seems that the educational centre of England is due to return to the south where it was until the beginning of this century.

Pearls before swine?

ACADEMIC FESTIVAL LECTURES

WITH the Vice-Chancellor and the President on the platform, the June Academic Festival was opened in the Debating Chamber of the Union last Tuesday. Deputising for Christopher Shawcross was Professor Griffith, another lawyer who chose to provide us with a defence of the career politician.

"Politician, particularly career politician," said the professor "is a term seldom used in other than a derogatory sense." He went on to deplore the fact that politicians, indeed politicos, was being taken out of government. More and yet more Select Committees and Royal Commissions were taking on the functions of the politician. He said that this was the heyday of the expert, the specialist and the amateur politician; the admirals and the generals, the vice-chancellors of Universities, the lawyers and the scientists who make up these independent committees, were together with the larger-than-life television personalities, the people who really held power in this country today.

Benefits

The speaker said that there were those who called for scientists in government, but

THE LAST GAME OF CROQUET



THE erection of the fountain marks the completion of the new Union Extension. Two years ago a final, ceremonial game of croquet was played on the lawn where the extension now stands.

Crossword solution

Across	Down
7 All out.	1 Passage.
8 Andrew.	2 Clausal.
10 Stutter.	3 Quoth.
11 Rites.	4 Entrail.
12 Goat.	5 Irate.
13 Stain.	6 Twist.
17 State.	9 Prototype.
18 Siam.	14 Stables.
22 Crumb.	15 Nic Boy.
23 Present.	16 Empties.
24 Edited.	19 Aches.
25 Denote.	20 Turin.
	21 Defer.

WATER SPORTS HOLIDAY ORGANISATION requires Girls who can cook; 4-8 weeks' employment. Also Sailing and Canoeing Instructors required.—Details: Box V.E. 102.

T.A.S.

DEGREE DAY PORTRAITURE (Attendance at all congregations)

by

STANLEY DOLPHIN
AT THE UNION

Where the money goes



Money has been given from Carnival funds in recent years to the Dodford Children's Farm, a holiday home for children from the Birmingham area. The money has been used for a number of purposes including additions to the farm buildings in the photograph. The £300 given last year was used for converting a cowhouse into a wet-weather playroom—the roof was retiled, a sound-deadening ceiling installed and the room refloored. The caretaker's bungalow was also built with money given by Carnival.

Chairman's message

THE University Carnival this year has much more to it than collecting as many thousands of pounds for charity as possible. As if that wasn't enough in itself, this year we face the added challenge of firmly establishing the Carnival in its new position in June, and making it as successful as it used to be in October.

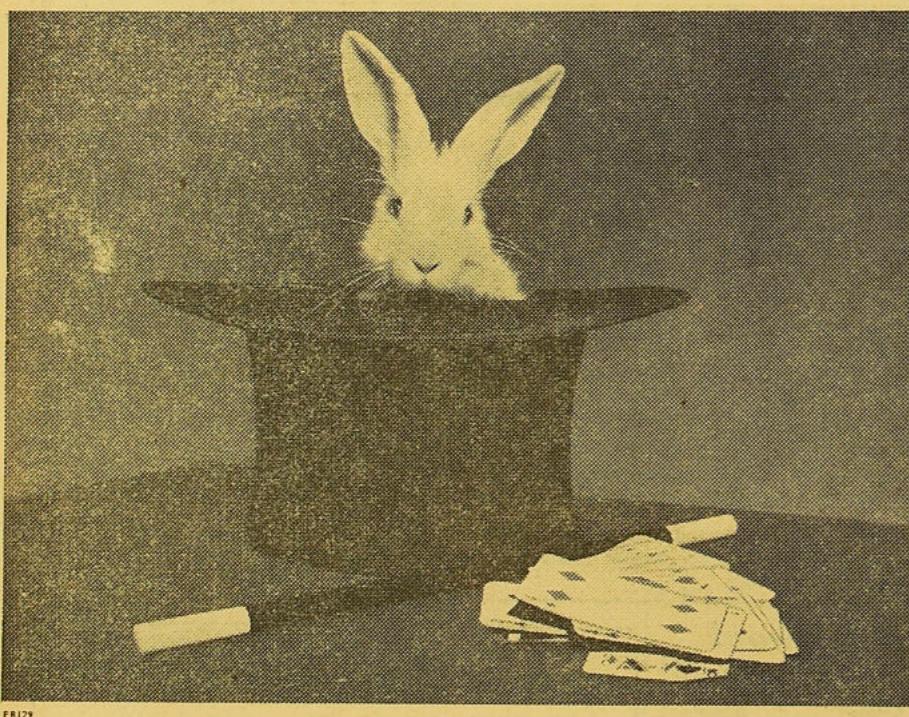
What better way of ensuring an annual University Carnival in June in the future than by not only making the first June Carnival a success, but a record! Simply by giving up a few hours of your time on Carnival Day to collect money in tins and sell car tickets and mags you will make this possible.

However, the Carnival must not only be a financial success but also a social success. Remember that the ability to hold a University Carnival is wholly dependent on our maintaining the goodwill of the people of Birmingham. Please use, not abuse, this privilege to make the University's first June Carnival as big a success as possible in every way.

P. H. WHITEHEAD.

Rabbits out of hats, ladies sawn in half—they continue to amuse and intrigue us, even though we know that we do not really see what we think we see. I.C.I.'s scientific and technological conjurers do not deal in illusion, yet there is often something quite magical about their work. Take the manufacture of silicones, for example—the most versatile chemical family ever evolved by man. I.C.I. silicones are equally at home in Antarctic cold and blast-furnace heat; on buildings, on shoes, on fabrics, they shed water like a duck's back; troublesome foams melt away in their presence; and virtually nothing will stick to them—from motor tyres and molten toffee to new-baked buns and moulded plastics. These remarkable fluids, rubbers and resins—built out of an element and a gas by the magic of I.C.I. chemistry—are daily meeting a new need or solving an old problem in almost every industry in the world.

LIFE
HAS
ITS MAGIC



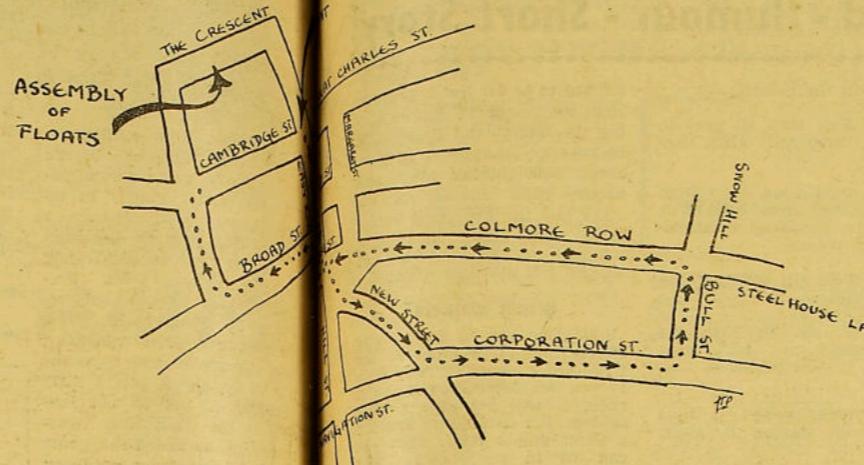
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Stewards for processions.
Students for office work,
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counting money and
making tea.

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STAND AND DELIVER



ROUTE 3pm and 7pm
* Mags received and distributed here 800am to 800pm
and coffee

CARRY
ON

THE backbone of Carnival proceeds is the Car Competition. Last year £8,000 was raised by this means alone, so it is of fundamental importance to sell as many thousands of car tickets as possible.

This year with a brand new Ford Consul Classic as first prize, car tickets will sell like hot cakes on Carnival day. Each student on Saturday will want at least 10 books of car tickets if he or she isn't to run short.

Torture

Don't forget the University Carnival Car Competition is as much part of the University to the Brummies as "Joe" is to you. They expect to be pestered, persuaded and badgered into buying tickets—and they love it!

Some, in fact, insist on means just falling short of torture, or feel that they have not had value for money. Politeness with forcefulness is the order of the day where selling tickets and mags is concerned.

If the Brummies can win a car you at least can earn one of these grand prizes which will be given to those students selling the most car tickets and mags.

FIRST PRIZE—Transistorised Portable Radio (to that person selling the most car tickets and mags).

SECOND PRIZE—£5 Record Voucher.

THIRD PRIZE—Three Guineas.

FOURTH PRIZE—1 Bottle of Whisky.

FIFTH PRIZE—100 Cigarettes. Plus five separate £1 notes as a further five prizes.

Also, two firkins of beer will be given to those Societies selling the most car tickets and magazines per head.

Procession Order

FLOAT	SOCIETY
1. KRAZY KOPS	
2. SCOOTER ESCORT	
3. THE BAND OF THE CREAM GUARDS	
4. QUEEN'S FLOAT	
5. THE KISS IN A CHAN	Law Society
6. VENUS SPACE PRO	Mathematics
7. MAMMOTH	Medical 2.
8. HARP	Arabian Society
9. MISSISSIPPI STEAMBO	Biochemistry
10. OLYMPIC GAMES	Classics
11. MERMAID FISHERM	Geology
12. BIRMINGHAM SCOTT	Geography
13. DINOSAUR	English
14. SPUTNIK	Russian
15. GALLEON	Electrical Engineering
16. STREET LAMP	Iranian
17. FLOGGLE TOGGLE	Civil Engineering
18. KASHMIRD HOUSE	Indian
19. BABY	Stage Staff
20. SHIRLEY SILVER BA	Medical 3.
21. BACK TERR BACTERI	German
22. VIKING SHIP	Mining
23. CATERPILLAR	Medical 2.
24. "BUG"	Commerce
25. "CHAMBER OF COM	Chemistry 1.
26. THINGS TO COME	Medical 1.
27. PHYSICAL JERKS	French
28. BIRMINGHAM IRISH	Chemical Engineering
29. MOULIN ROUGE	General Degree
30. MODERN LADY GOD	Freedom Group
31. LADY CHATTERLY	Welsh
32. CASTLE	Physics
33. BLUE STREAK	Mechanical Eng.
34. ROMAN CATAPULT	Chemistry 2.
35. CUCKOO CLOCK	Geography
36. BRITISH LEGION SIL	History
37. DETERRENT DYSPE	Metallurgy
38. 20,000 YEARS OF PRO	Spanish
39. BOADICEA	S.C.M.
40. ANDY CAPP	
41. SPANISH PATIO	
42. CAMEL THRO' A NE	
43. FORD CONSUL CLASS	



The Band of the Coldstream Guards (by permission of the Commanding Officer), led by Lt. Col. D. A. Pope, A.R.C.M. psm, will head this year's processions.

Go out and enjoy yourselves and bring back the money.

MR. BILK PLAYS

Around
the city

THE procession will be going round the city centre at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Carnival Day. The big attraction will be the Band of the Coldstream Guards leading the procession on one of their rare appearances outside London.

Record crowds are anticipated. Only a proportion of the students will actually be travelling on the floats, which means that the majority will be around the route collecting and selling.

In past years the front of the crowds have been "fleeced" very well but the people at the back, who are just as willing to pay up if properly coerced, have got off scot-free. This must not happen again if we are to take full advantage of the 24 hours allotted to us to collect.

ON CARNIVAL DAY YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY. MAKE USE OF IT TO GET THE MONEY, AND, ABOVE ALL, ENJOY YOURSELFES.

Combs or Pyjamas

THIS year the weather will be too warm to wear the old faithful scarf to advertise the fact that you are a University student. On Carnival Day no-one will be surprised to see you dressed up in the landlady's pink combs or pyjamas, figure solemnly fishing down a street drain.

Stunted growth

A great deal of the character of Carnival is built up by small groups of students doing their own small stunts and making a personal contribution to Carnival.

Although it is always a thrill to perform a big stunt, what will stick in people's memories is the small stunt—the sight of a student sitting on top of a signpost playing a violin, or the lonely

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FROM August 26th to September 3rd the World Student Games are being held in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Russians and many other of the Eastern-bloc countries will be devoting some of their state funds to sending their strongest available teams to the games.

British University sportsmen and women will be in Sofia too. We hope to have a first-class team of athletes, fencers and swimmers there. The standards are high but we have the talent—what is badly in need at the moment is more money to transport the team to Sofia!

Cost of Trip

The British Universities Sports Board intends to send 36 representatives. This will cost some £2,500 and so far about £1,000 has been raised from University clubs and Unions and various other donations. The competitors and officials themselves will all contribute to the cost of the trip. But an additional £1,000 is needed urgently and it is to be hoped that members of the University will respond to this appeal.

These Student Games attract teams from all over Europe: from the Soviet bloc, the "Six," the "Seven," and even the "Five," which is a law unto itself. Teams will also come from Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Moreover, the standards are high. Two of the winners at the last games in Turin went on to gain gold medals in Rome. Some members of the British team were in the 1960 Olympic games.

Keen Competition

Competition is keen and the only way the British contingent can put up a fair show is if the strongest possible team is sent to Sofia. This can only be done by your help.

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'Guild News' reporter at the Test Match IN THE PRESS BOX

DID you go to the Test match? To most people a day spent watching cricket is a day away from the bothers and boredoms of a humdrum, mundane existence, a day in the sun to be relished and remembered.

But for others, play means work. To the gentlemen of the press, this is just part of life's routine. Last week "Guild News" sent a sports reporter to see what it is like in a press box on a big occasion.

Sports journalists are very privileged people. The press box is situated in the best of positions, looking right down the wicket. Extensive windows give an uninterrupted view of the pitch, and every convenience is provided to make the journalists' job as easy as possible.

There is a loudspeaker system connected to the score box, and information of every variety is given with speed and efficiency, statistics such as bowling figures, run rates, etc. Any additional facts required by a reporter can be supplied on request.

Box full

There are 112 seats in the press box, most of which were occupied; each paper has a desk specially allocated to it. Jack Barnwell, the press box controller, said that for a county championship game there were seldom as many as a dozen reporters present. On Saturday, however, the box was full to overflowing with the added influx of Sunday-paper journalists.

Every daily newspaper, morning and evening, national and regional, was represented. The national dailies usually have three or four reporters for a match of this importance, but one or two of them will be little more than "copy" boys. There were also representatives from most of the Australian papers and from the larger press agencies.

Amongst the journalists there were a number of ex-sportsmen, literally cashing in on their names. Dotted around the Press Box from time to time were the familiar forms of Keith Miller; Ray Lindwall; Sir Leonard Hutton; Jim Laker; Lindsay Hassett; Godfrey Evans, and Frank Worrell.

Ghosting

Despite what the public is led to believe, few of these great names actually do a stroke of



An incident during the First Test Match—Subba Row is caught off a bump ball.

(Photo: "Post and Mail")

writing. They pass on their thoughts to a "ghost" who transforms the nebulous comment into a coherent whole.

A corridor at the back of the box is lined with telephone kiosks, each with the name of a newspaper on the door. Just outside the Press Box is a G.P.O. van which is used for the transmission of cables, mostly to Australia. The daily bill for telephone calls and cables during the Test match was in the region of £1,000.

Compared with the studied lethargy of the spectators, the Press Box is a regular hive of industry. Every run, each maiden over, any outstanding fielding, all incidents of note are greeted with the greedy applause of typewriters.

Never still

The Press Box is never still. The evening paper writers are continually jumping up and running out to one of the phones. Shouts of "Cable" are answered by the hurried entrance of a telegraph boy who takes the yellow sheet and quickly disappears again. One journalist gets up to go and speak to a colleague, while another rushes in to announce some snippet of news.

An advert for Carnival. Three students parading with a banner during the lunch interval at the Test Match.

TENNIS COURTS

DEAR Sports Editor,

Although I do not expect that you personally can do anything, I feel I must air what is a common grievance about the tennis courts.

That there are far too few is obvious to anyone who plays, or tries to play. One is either forced to play at most inconvenient times, or wait for often as long as two hours before a court is free.

Farcical

Also, the condition of the courts leaves much to be desired. The courts behind the Union are

satisfactory in themselves, but the wire netting at the back is farcically inadequate, and no game is complete without losing at least one tennis ball.

The Pritchett's Road and Barber courts need regular rolling—the same treatment, in fact, as the tennis club courts get—but they do not receive it. Every time the ball bounces it kicks up a cloud of dust and usually performs the most ridiculous antics.

Before the situation gets out of hand something must be done.

Yours sincerely,
F. MEADOWES.

SPORT

EDITORIAL TOP TEN

THE following is the Sports Editor's "Top Ten" sportsmen for this session. The list has been compiled on the basis of outstanding performance and/or service. The names are given in alphabetical order.

ALAIN BODET — for his all-round service in Athletics, Tennis and particularly Volleyball. Without him the University could not possibly have fielded as strong a Volleyball team as they did in the Brussels Sports Festival.

Outstanding

THE outstanding batsman is undoubtedly Ian Powell, the skipper, whose total number of runs is just under four hundred at an average of 30. His innings of 80 not out is the best performance of the season, though his 45 not out (out of a total of 85) against Bristol was a far more accomplished piece of batting.

WILLIAM COUTTS — for gaining an international trial in Rugby Football, though not representing the University team.

SUSAN HARRISON

— for winning the U.A.U. Individual Squash Rackets Championship.

UNIT IMRE

— for his precision shooting in Basketball, which helped Birmingham win the U.A.U. Championship.

ALAN MCINTOSH

— for collecting yet another Welsh Amateur International cap.

BARBARA PARISH

— for winning the British Universities Individual Badminton Championship.

HOWARD PAYNE

— for representing Great Britain again in Athletics, for winning the U.A.U. Hammer Championship, and also for becoming British Universities Heavyweight Weight-lifting Champion.

IAN POWELL

— for his outstanding batting for the Cricket team, of which he is captain.

CAROL THOMAS

— for winning the U.A.U. Hurdles Championship, and for her other fine performances in Athletics, as well as her contribution to the successes of the Women's Hockey Club.

MARTIN WARNER

— for winning British Universities Fencing Championship.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Naturally many difficult decisions had to be made, and it was thought only fair to name a few others, who are accorded "honourable mentions."

SUSAN ANDREWS, who has represented the British Universities in Lacrosse for several seasons; DICK FLOOD, U.A.U. and County goalkeeper in Hockey; RICHARD JAMES, whose Canoeing achievements have passed almost unnoticed; JIM JARVIS, as ever, one of the main forces in Rugby and Athletics, who has gained U.A.U. representation in the latter; DAVE SPENCE, who has represented the British Universities at Cross-Country and the U.A.U. at Athletics; KEITH WYLIE (see photograph), and finally all the other members of the Basketball team, none of whom can be omitted.

N.B.—Unfortunately a full account of the performances of those mentioned above has not been possible.

Depleted Team

Simarily, a depleted team did well to hold Cambridge in check, losing by only 138 points to 131. Best individual performances were put up by Robin Humphreys in the 440 yards and Alain Boret in the high jump. Unfortunately, Jim Jarvis and Howard Payne were absent from this match, and their presence might well have tipped the scales in our favour.

Unsettled

Particularly prominent for the University was M. J. Clarke, who won all three of his contests in a brilliant and conclusive fashion. Had it not been for his superb foil work there is little doubt that the University would have gone down to a heavy defeat.

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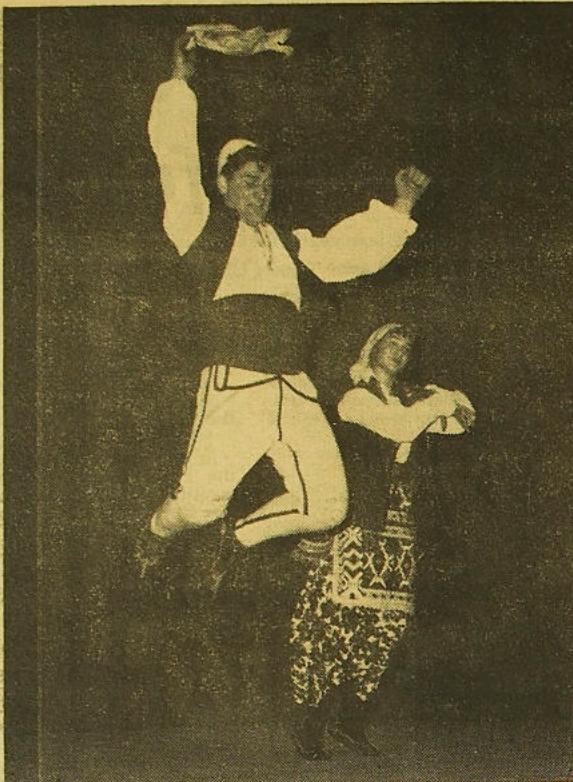
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Colourful Dances! Exotic Songs! — such are the phrases which have already been echoed round the Union. Items representing Spain, Great Britain, Poland, Israel, Yugoslavia and Malaya, will be included.

Brodec and Peter, with accordion and guitar, will bring music from many parts of the world, whilst Hugh Gentleman, broadcaster, will bring songs

from different parts of the world.

Fire-eating thrills will be provided by our own fire-eating chemist—Steve St. Cyr, and the Sumadia Folklore Group from Yugoslavia will present dances rarely seen in this country. The photograph above shows a scene from the famous "Wedding Dance" of Serbia.



Not all who read The Times are gentlemen

THE NOTION that The Times is an article of gentlemen's furnishings, like a hat or umbrella, is not quite apt, as our picture shows. For this young woman, in any case, The Times is a professional necessity as well as a personal pleasure.

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THE success of Carnival Day depends upon students covering the whole of the Birmingham area collecting money in tins for the full 24 hours on Saturday. Because of this, free travel in both Birmingham City Transport and Midland Red buses is allowed to students CARRYING TINS on Carnival Day.

Free tickets

Remember, more than 1,000,000 people travel on a bus of some sort every day; if everyone gives a penny to Carnival we make an estimated £15,000.

Free Carnival Dance tickets will be given to those students returning two full tins to either the Union or the old Guild Club premises in Great Charles Street (see map centre pages), before 8.30 p.m. It's quite simple to fill half-a-dozen tins by travelling on the buses during the morning rush hours.

TINS WILL BE ISSUED ALL DAY FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd FROM 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. IN THE READING ROOM. THEY WILL ALSO BE ISSUED AND RECEIVED ALL DAY BOTH AT THE UNION AND THE OLD GUILD CLUB PREMISES IN EDMUND STREET ON CARNIVAL DAY.

Talent and wit

ONCE again the wheels of the Opera Group are being oiled ready for the annual race to produce a full-scale opera in two and a half weeks flat. We don't know how, we don't why, but every summer it happens; while the rest of you are dutifully attending the Academic Festival, Opera Group, in the hands of Anthony Pither (musical director) and Neil Smith (producer), will be working against time to put on Gilbert and Sullivan's "Princess Ida" in the final week of term.

Probably behind the safety curtain in the Deb. Hall Stage Staff will be rapidly erecting their set—bear with them when they drop things in the middle of lectures; they haven't much time!

For the opera itself—well, it may not be the best known and most popular from the Gilbert and Sullivan stable, but you can be sure that the talent and wit of the writers and the carefree spirit of post-examination students will create a fine entertainment. The fact that many of the tried and trusted members of Opera Group will be having their final fling can only add to this.

New members

Apart from the experienced soloists — Jo Barstow, Chris Evans, Mary Loo Baker, Mike Pilling, Chris Bradley and Neville Holmes — there are several members — Dick Macaulay, Philip Bruce, Bob Wreford and David Revitt — promoted from the ranks of the chorus for the first time; and of course the chorus itself is a blend of old and new voices and faces.

Of this you can be sure: despite the rivalry of a group known as the D'Oyly Carte in Birmingham the same week, Opera Group will provide you with an entertaining production from July 3rd to July 8th. Don't miss it!

Exam post-mortem NO GOOD FOR SLEEP

A GREATER number of students than ever before took the examinations at Edgbaston this year. For a fortnight between 700 and 1,000 students were being examined morning and afternoon. As the Great Hall only holds 400 and the other main examination centre the Arthur Thomson Hall 200, the Registry had difficulty in accommodating all students. A number of additional rooms, such as the Mech Eng Drawing Room had to be taken into use.

In spite of difficulties of supervision in lecture theatres and of increased numbers in examination halls, no suspicious circumstances were reported. It does not appear that any greater number of students than in previous years left exams early and reasons for non-attendance are still being investigated.

As well as mistakes made on exam papers, rumour has it that there was some confusion in their selection. One first year sociologist is said to have completed a finals paper in record time.

COMPLAINTS

The use of additional rooms, in particular the Mech. Eng. Drawing Room, gave rise to a number

of complaints of excessive discomfort from candidates. It is said that any student falling asleep during an exam in the Mech. Eng. Dept. is in danger of a painful fall from his stool.

The smell of cooking pervading the Great Hall was as usual distasteful to most candidates while others complain of shaky desks, a feeling of insecurity under flags which might fall and envelop candidates and papers in their dusty folds, and of being disconcerted by the gaze of the portraits on the walls.

As far as can be ascertained there has been no increase in the number of cases of pre-examination strain requiring medical treatment, and the majority do not appear to be serious.

Counting the hand

THE hallmark of a good player is his ability to count the hand. Only a small percentage of our large collection of players attempt to count in suits other than trumps. An example will soon convince you of the value of counting.

Sitting West, I was playing 4S on the following cards:

W.
S. A, J, 8, x, x, x.
H. A, J, x.
D. x, x, x.
C. x.

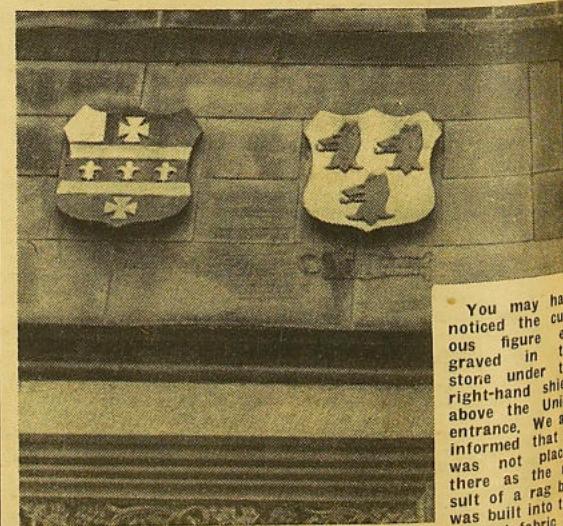
E.
S. K, 9, x.
H. K, 10, x.
D. A, Q, J.
C. x, x, x, x.

I had lost three tricks and must find the QH to make. To help towards this I needed a perfect count of the hand. To settle the Clubs, I ruffed one in hand and South showed out. So North held originally S.Q. 10, x, x and H-A, K, 10, x, x, x and had so far shown two diamonds. So he has, at the most, one heart.

I then spread the hand; on a lead of a small heart towards the king, if North dropped the queen, the hearts were good and if he showed out or dropped a small heart the finesse through South is proven.

So many hands of this type can be made without guessing if only one takes the trouble to count the opponents' cards.

WHO'S THAT MAN?



Does anyone know what it is there for?